

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

March 18, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Absent: Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE PRESENTATION

Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (GRBH-ASO) Chief Executive Director Trinidad Medina, GRBH-ASO Assisted Outpatient Treatment Coordinator Amanda Moore, Columbia Wellness CEO Drew McDaniel and Olympic Health and Recovery Services Executive Director Joe Avalos discussed the 988 crisis line. The group encouraged the commissioners to sign a letter of support to urge the state to choose Olympic Health and Recovery Services as the state's 988 provider to ensure the region continues to receive local care.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Chapman-Wilson of Centralia encouraged the commissioners to urge Sen. Braun and Rep. Abbarno to support Senate Bill 5375, which would make members of the clergy mandatory reporters of abuse, similar to standards for doctors, teachers and other people who work with kids. Under the proposed law, religious leaders would be required to tell law enforcement or the Department of Children, Youth and Families if they suspect any harm has been done to a child.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-076. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 25-076: Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1361, which would rescind and replace Chapters 5.25, 6.05 and 6.15 of county code to transfer animal control duties from Public Health to the Sheriff's Office.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. April 1.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 11, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-077. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-078 through 25-080. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-078: Approve a memorandum of agreement between Lewis County and Washington State University (WSU) Extension.

WSU Interim Director Gary Fredricks discussed the resolution. Gary said the agreement extends the county's contract with WSU and identifies funding sources.

Resolution 25-079: Approve a contract with American Power Systems for the Lewis County Public Safety Radio Battery Backup System.

911 Communications Director Jenn Libby-Jones discussed the resolution. Jenn said the resolution approves a \$769,292.00, plus applicable taxes, contract with American Power Systems for backup systems and operations during power outages.

Resolution 25-080: Temporarily reduce the adoption fees for adult dogs at the Lewis County Animal Shelter.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution reduces adoption fees to \$100 from March 18 to 22.

Motion passed 2-0.

BID OPENING

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester opened bids for the 2025-2026 newspaper of record. Bids were received as follows:

BIDDER NAME	PRICE PER 1.20 COLUMN INCH AT 8-POINT TYPE	SAMPLE BID PRICE
The Chronicle	\$3.80	\$30.40
The East County Journal	\$4.10	\$32.80
The Lewis County News	\$4.00*	\$29.00*

*The Lewis County News submitted a bid for 7.5-point type

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

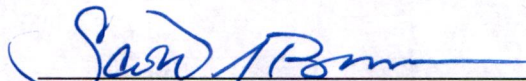
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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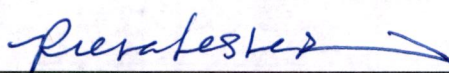


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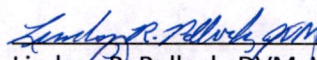


Scott J. Brummer, Chair

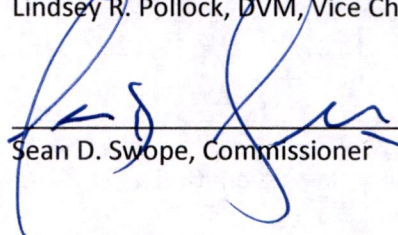
ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner