

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

March 25, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, 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.

GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST / COWLITZ VALLEY RANGER DISTRICT

Gifford Pinchot National Forest Supervisor Johanna Kovarik, Public Affairs Officer Chuck (Charles) Lassiter and Cowlitz Valley District Ranger Theresa Tanner provided updates on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. They discussed the fire forecast, an environmental assessment, developments regarding the East Fork Lewis Area near Kalama, Spirit Lake's outflow, upcoming timber sales and repairs and replacements along Forest Service roads.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment.

Rob Maricle of Packwood shared concerns regarding the market values the Assessor's Office used to value his property.

Commissioner Swope asked clarifying questions regarding Rob Maricle's property.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-081 and 25-082. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-081: The proposed vacation of Lindley Road No. 407. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. April 22, 2025.

Public Works Right of Way Agent II Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly noted that the Engineer's Report regarding the proposed vacation was filed with the BOCC on March 12.

Resolution 25-082: The extended closure of Oppelt Road to all through traffic between Milepost 0.00 and Milepost 1.72. The section will be closed from April 1 to July 31, 2025.

Assistant County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the area will be closed to complete the Centralia Alpha Road realignment project.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 18, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-083. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to recess until the April 1, 2025, Business Meeting Resolution 25-069, which would approve a lease agreement for Central Transfer Station and East Lewis County Transfer Station between County of Lewis and Solid Waste Disposal District No. 1. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-084 through 25-088. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-084: Approve interlocal agreement between Lewis County Coroner's Office and Mason County Coroner's Office for the use of the Lewis County Coroner's Office autopsy facility.

Coroner Warren McLeod discussed the resolution. Warren said the agreement would allow Mason County to use Lewis County's facilities for exams at a cost of \$350 per exam. Warren noted that Mason County will provide its own staff and pathologists when using Lewis County's facilities.

Resolution 25-085: List the bids received and contractor selected for the 2025 Chip Seal Rock Proposal.

Assistant Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county received two bids for 2025 Chip Seal Rock. He said that when factored in with the county's costs to haul materials, Good Crushing Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder with a bid of \$282,975.00.

Resolution 25-086: Amend contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH) Governmental Affairs for lobbying services.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the amendment assigns all of GTH's rights as the county's contractor to Columbia Policy Advisors.

Resolution 25-087: Provide department heads authority to execute certain contracts.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the county is updating its guidance regarding contract authority in an effort to streamline the process and eliminate redundancies.

Resolution 25-088: Update the Lewis County Procurement Policy.

Deputy Auditor Graham Gowing discussed the resolution. Graham said the county is updating its Procurement Policy to reflect the contract authority changes solidified in Resolution 25.087.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

None.

ADJOURNMENT

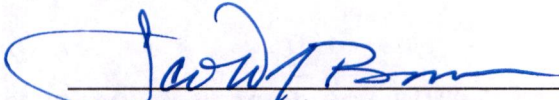
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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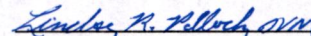


Scott J. Brummer, Chair

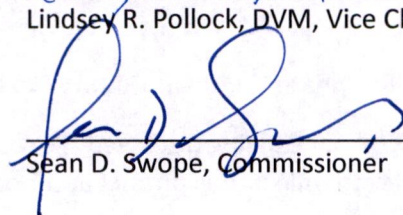
ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner