

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 1, 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.

BROADBAND PROJECT

ToledoTel presenter Senior Engineer Aaron Nelson provided an update on the county's Broadband Project partnership with ToledoTel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Greg Cole of Chehalis shared concerns about water that has diverted onto his property. Greg also shared concerns regarding the stability of a large cottonwood tree on the county's neighboring property.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-089. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-089: Notice of hearing regarding the Lewis County 2025 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the hearing is for the first budget amendment for 2025 and reflects expenditure increases totaling \$2,565,216 offset by revenue increases totaling \$2,215,922 with a decrease in estimated ending fund balance of \$349,294, with all totals subject to change. Becky reviewed parameters for written testimony.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the March 25, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-090. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-069 as well as Resolutions 25-091 through 25-099. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-069: 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. (Recessed during BOCC Business Meetings held on March 11 and 25, 2025.)

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the agreement is for a two-year lease expiring in 2026.

Resolution 25-091: Approve Lewis County Sheriff's Office Animal Fee Schedule.

Chief Gabe Frase discussed the resolution. Chief Frase said the resolution would approve fees associated with animal control duties outlined in proposed Ordinance 1361.

Resolution 25-092: Approve an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Cowlitz 911 Public Authority for Cooperative Governmental Purchasing.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution and agreement would allow Cowlitz 911 to piggyback on Lewis County 911 contracts for radio equipment and services, as allowed per RCW.

Resolution 25-093: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Interim Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution allows the county to sell a chemical spray truck to the city of Chehalis and to list a sedan, a cargo van and an SUV on GovDeals.com.

Resolution 25-094: Accept a bid on tax title property off of Airport Road in Chehalis.

Interim Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution accepts an \$11,000 bid for a tax title property near the Chehalis River. Geoff noted that the property is subject to a restrictive covenant.

Resolution 25-095: Appoint members to the Lewis County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said the resolution establishes membership on the LEPC, as required per WAC 118-40-150.

Resolution 25-096: Approve the interlocal agreement (ILA) for emergency management services between Lewis County Emergency Management and the municipalities of Vader, Toledo, Winlock, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, and Pe Ell.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said the county is entering into emergency management interlocal agreements for emergency preparedness, response and recovery efforts within Lewis County.

Resolution 25-097: Appoint DEM Deputy Director Erika Katt as the Lewis County Community Emergency Coordinator and William Teitzel as the Alternate Community Emergency Coordinator for 2025 and 2026 for hazardous material incidents.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said she will serve as Emergency Coordinator and William Teitzel will serve as Alternate Community Emergency Coordinator for 2025 and 2026 for hazardous material incidents.

Resolution 25-098: List the bids received and newspaper selected for Lewis County legal printing for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the county received three bids for its newspaper of record for July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026. She said the resolution selects The Chronicle, which was the low apparent bidder, for legal printing.

Resolution 25-099: Protect access to natural gas for homes and businesses to comply with Initiative 2066 - Public Services Building and Fire Safety.

Commissioner Sean Swope discussed the resolution. Commissioner Swope said the resolution incorporates energy efficiency provisions from Chapter 11 of the 2021 International Residential Code and the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code, protecting access to natural gas for homes and businesses in Lewis County. He said the resolution supports I-2066, which voters approved in November.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1361: 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.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Chief Gabe Frase gave the staff report. Chief Frase said the ordinance rescinds and replaces Chapters 5.25, 6.05 and 6.15 of Lewis County Code to transfer Animal Control duties from Public Health and Social Services to the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Brummer then closed the question-and-answer portion of the hearing.

Chief Frase asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Brummer asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the ordinance.

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Ordinance 1361. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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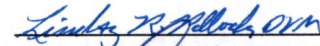


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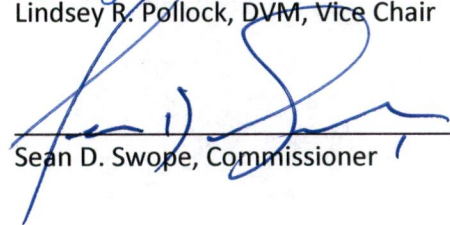
ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner