

**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**May 6, 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.

Lewis Mason Thurston Area on Aging (LMTAAA) members Heidi Buswell and Debbie Aust discussed the Older Americans Act.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Ray Chapman Wilson decried Commissioner Swope's Facebook post about regarding the parental bill of rights. He also said Social Security will no longer provide paper checks in upcoming months.

Commissioner Swope discussed his concerns with the parental bill of rights that was passed by the Legislature.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-123. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-123:** Notice of a Public Hearing for Ordinance 1364, which would amend Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, of Lewis County Code. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. May 13, 2025.

**Budget Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the bulk of the amendment updates the authority listed in county code to the County Manager.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the April 22, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-124. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-125 through 25-130. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-125:** Ratify a contract between Lewis County Solid Waste and Puget Sound Environmental, PLLC, to support the County in completing the tasks necessary to meet compliance requirements recently promulgated by the State Legislature to implement the Landfill-Methane Emission Reduction requirements of 70A.540 RCW and WAC 173-408.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon Director discussed the resolution. Rocky said the agreement will help the county get in compliance with regulations for municipal solid waste landfills.

**Resolution 25-126:** Approve SRFB grant agreement No. 24-1236P with the RCO for the SF Newaukum Trib at Clark Fish Passage Design project, CMP 2336.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement is for a design-only grant through RCO.

**Resolution 25-127:** Approve a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus with WSDOT for the Berwick Creek at Labree Fish Passage MP (0.359-0.559) Project, County Maintenance Project (CMP) 2001.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement is a requirement for federal funding for the county's Berwick Creek project.

**Resolution 25-128:** Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal between Lewis County and the County Road Administration Board for the Bunker Creek Road 3R Construction Project – CRP 2209.

County Engineer Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement provides the additional funding for the Bunker Creek project to make it fully funded.

**Resolution 25-129:** Approve additional 2025 Public Defender contracts for Superior and Juvenile Courts.



**Budget Administrator Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution ratifies agreements with two additional public defenders.

**Resolution 25-130:** Amend .09 loan agreement with the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA).

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution and attached agreement amend terms of the county's .09 loan to the ELCPDA, removing interest and charging only interest.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## HEARING

**Ordinance 1362:** Amend portions of Chapter 15 of Lewis County Code and adopt the 2021 edition of the International Code.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

**Lewis County Building Official / Fire Marshal Doyle Sanford** gave the staff report. Doyle said the updates to county code are beneficial to builders and property owners. Doyle said the changes also allow the use of natural gas.

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

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

Doyle asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Ordinance 1362. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Swope said a meeting regarding safe parking is planned for 5:30 p.m. May 7 at the Episcopal Church in Chehalis.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

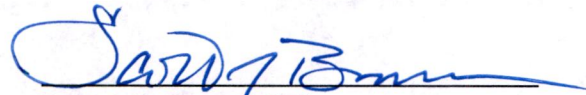
No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT


The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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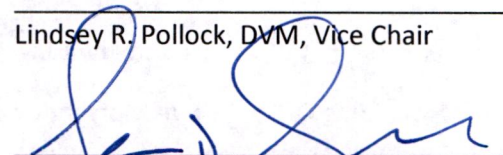
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