

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

May 13, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Absent: Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-131 through 25-133. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 25-131: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1365, which would update Chapter 3.02 - Emergency Management Operations and Plan - of Lewis County Code. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. June 10.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika outlined the changes proposed in the ordinance, including the creation of a BOCC spokesperson for emergencies.

Resolution 25-132: The temporary closure of King Road to all through traffic. The closure will be in effect July 1 to October 30, 2025.

Assistant County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the closure allows for completion of a bridge scour project on King Road.

Resolution 25-133: The temporary closure of Labree Road to all through traffic. The closure will be in effect July 1 to October 30, 2025.

Assistant County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the closure allows for completion of a fish passage project on Labree Road.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the May 6, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-134. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-135 through 25-140. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 25-135: List the bids received and award the contract for Historic Courthouse Masonry Rehabilitation project, phase 2.

Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the resolution awards the bid for the project to D&R Masonry Restoration Inc., which submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$99,000.

Resolution 25-136: Approve an interlocal agreement (ILA) for emergency management services between Lewis County Emergency Management and the City of Chehalis.

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said the agreement formalizes a collaborative local emergency management organization to cover emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

Resolution 25-137: Approve Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the federally funded Ceres Hill Road (CRP-2204) bridge project.

Assistant County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the agreement provides the needed documentation for the federally funded retrofit project on Ceres Hill Road, for which 100 percent of the engineer's estimate is covered.

Resolution 25-138: Approve a consultant agreement with David Evans and Associates Inc. (DEA) for Structural Engineering Services - Preventative Maintenance, CRP 2199.

Assistant County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the consultant agreement covers work to be done on the county's Hining Road and Galvin Road projects, for which the federal government is providing 100 percent funding.

Resolution 25-139: Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Lewis County Public Safety Parties for the Operation, Maintenance and Participation in Lewis County 911.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution authorizes agreements with public safety parties for the operation, maintenance and participation in Lewis County 911. He offered accolades and appreciation for Jenn Libby-Jones' work on the project.

Resolution 25-140: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and the City of Chehalis Public Works for support of radio communications equipment and systems.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution and agreement authorize Lewis County Radio Services to provide support of user radio communications equipment and systems to the City of Chehalis' Public Works Department.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1363: Amend Chapter 1.20 - General Penalty and Fines, Civil Penalty and Notices of Violation - of county code.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks gave the staff report. Mindy said the proposed ordinance

chapter covers coordinating a property lien as a special assessment.

clarifies how code enforcement is carried out in Lewis County and summarizes the role of the person serving in the code compliance role. Mindy said she also would like the commissioners to consider recessing the hearing to provide staff time to draft language that would cover the process of attaching property liens as special assessments when needed.

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

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

Mindy asked that her 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 Swope made a motion to recess the hearing until at or after 10 a.m. May 20, 2025, and to leave the hearing open for public testimony. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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