

# LEWIS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

May 14, 2025

**Present:** Candi Faupell, Kevin Ryan, Donald Clevinger, Kevin Engelbertson, Kevin Dickey, Rick VanWyck, Gabe Frase, Chris Sweet, Jeff Godbey, Sherri Guenther, Linda Bailey

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:27 am by Commissioner Faupell. Minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting were approved as written.

**Secretarial Report:** Linda Bailey

The budget was reviewed. There is \$16,000 budgeted for PST and advertising. Of that, approximately \$4,000 is spent on annual PST fees and \$400 for advertising. This will leave enough to cover the assessment center cost of approximately \$8,300. There is \$2,000 budgeted for lunches for the assessment center. There is \$174.27 budgeted for the annual Microsoft subscription and other supplies as needed.

The Board was provided waiver requests and heard from three deputies who request to attend the upcoming Corrections Sergeant Assessment Center; Kaysha Montgomery, Andrew Corey, and RJ Wheeler. At 11:37 Commissioner Faupell announced the board would be in executive session to discuss the waivers and expected to resume the regular session at 11.45. Commissioner Faupell closed the executive session at 11:39 and reopened the regular session. The candidates were brought back in. The Board unanimously accepted all waivers and the candidates were informed of the decision.

All board members were emailed a copy of the PST Corrections Sergeant testing contract on April 1st. The reason for the request was due to the fact the April meeting was cancelled, and approval was needed prior to the May meeting. It was confirmed there was money in the budget to cover this expense. Commissioner Faupell and Commissioner Ryan emailed their approval on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A PDR was received today requesting all civil service meeting agendas, minutes and public documents supplied at the meetings. A date of May 30<sup>th</sup> was given for having the request fulfilled.

**Employee Status Report:** Linda Bailey

Corrections Deputy Bradley Garnas resigned effective April 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Corrections Deputy Knut Larsen retired effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Corrections Deputy Elijah Marchesano received probationary appointment effective June 1st.

Deputy Jessie Sanchez was terminated effective May 3rd.  
Deputy Scott Ferguson's probationary Sergeant promotion was rescinded effective May 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Deputy Blaine Copenhefer was promoted to permanent status effective May 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Deputy Josie Ahrens received probationary appointment effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Support Technician 1 Ashley Werner was promoted to permanent status effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Administrative Report:** Kevin Engelbertson

Corrections Bureau – We currently have one corrections lieutenant vacancy and eight corrections deputy vacancies. Five corrections deputy positions will not be funded due to budgetary constraints. Corrections Deputy Bradley Garnas resigned effective April 16<sup>th</sup>. Corrections Deputy Knut Larsen retired effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Corrections Deputy applicant Elijah Marchesano was given a condition offer and will start on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Corrections Sergeants Assessment Center through PST is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Church of the Nazarene, 1119 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Centralia. Seven

Corrections Deputies have submitted their letters of interest and resumes, three of which are asking for waivers from the Board. A project was assigned to the applicants and is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Operations Bureau – We currently have three vacancies. At least one of these positions will not be filled due to budget constraints. Deputy Jessy Sanchez' probationary employment was terminated effective May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scott Ferguson's probationary sergeant promotion was rescinded effective May 16<sup>th</sup>. He will return to the Civil Service rank of deputy. Deputy Blaine Copenhefer is being promoted to permanent rank effective May 16<sup>th</sup>. Deputy applicant Josie Ahrens was given a conditional offer of Deputy Sheriff Trainee with a start date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Four deputy interviews are scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Services Bureau – Support Technician Ashley Werner was promoted to permanent rank effective May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other Business:**

At 11:55 Commissioner Faupell announced the board would be in executive session to discuss personnel and expected to resume the regular session at 12:10. Commissioner Faupell closed the executive session at 12:05 and reopened the regular session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07.

**Future Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11:30 am in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Training Room

Minutes Prepared by: Linda Bailey, Secretary