

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**June 10, 2025**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer (remote attendance)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

**HONORING LOCAL STATE CHAMPIONS**

The commissioners honored Onalaska High School 2B track and field state champs Luke Barrick (pole vault) and Ethan Thayer (discus) as well as Adna High School 2B golf state champ Trevin Salme and the three-peat 2B state championship-winning Adna Pirates Softball team.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim McCully invited the public to attend the Juneteenth event planned for 9:30 a.m. June 19 at Centralia's George Washington Park.

Several individuals spoke against Resolution 25-158. Those included:

- Usha Sahadeva-Brooks
- Linda Warren
- Tracy Lynn
- Luyan Rodriguez
- Brenda Pulido
- Richard Brisco
- Zach Langhauser

Three individuals spoke in favor of Resolution 25-158. Those included:

- David delaVega
- Jeannie Crocker
- Ethan Brunton

At 10:45 a.m., Commissioner Pollock recessed the meeting until 10:50 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:52 a.m.

Several individuals spoke against Resolution 25-158. Those included:

- Ray Chapman-Wilson
- Don Watt
- Laura Noreau
- Gillian Davis
- Sarah Zinger
- Liz Oxford

Two individuals spoke in favor of Resolution 25-158. Those included:

- Elizabeth Rohr
- Mitchel Townsend

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that several individuals had submitted written public comment.

Candy Warren expressed concerns regarding the Senior Center's plan to host a pancake breakfast during which attendees will paint anti-Trump signs over the weekend.

Rieva Lester read the following comment from Commissioner Brummer into the record at 11:20 a.m. (and Commissioner Brummer left around that time): "I'm sincerely sorry, but I am not able to stay connected to the meeting and cannot clearly hear the public testimony and will likely not be able to address any of the comments made. If the commissioners choose to vote on (Resolution) 25-158, that is their choice and I support that decision. If however they would prefer to table this decision until I return for a full BOCC decision, I would support that as well. Again my apologies."

Public comment resumed thereafter.

Several individuals spoke against Resolution 25-158. Those included:

- Liz Oxford
- Arianna Garibay
- Cindy Garibay
- Cecelia Callison
- Stephanie Gleason
- Dianna Torres
- Sarita Loya
- Frida Gurrola
- Catherine Wilson
- Desiree Toliver
- Barb Moeller
- Angelica Martinez
- Tara Stiles-Kessler
- Ruth De Gennaro
- Mandy Garrison
- Jollette Nunez Navarro
- Cisco Tamayo

Two additional individuals spoke in favor of Resolution 25-158. They included:

- Vanessa Kupietz
- Debbie Aust

During her public comment, Vanessa Kupietz also discussed a need to address the hours of operation for Goods Quarry.

#### CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the June 3, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-156. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

#### DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 25-157. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 25-157:** Reappoint Ross Petersen to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution reappoints Ross Petersen to the PFD Board of Directors to serve a four-year term expiring August 31, 2029.

The motion to approve Resolution 25-157 passed 2-0.

*Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 25-158. The motion died for a lack of a second.*

**Resolution 25-158:** Declare Lewis County a non-sanctuary county and affirm the rule of law.

*Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-160 through 25-166. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 25-160:** Approve Contract #T01-0221-24 Amendment A between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment increases funding to The Salvation Army to provide night-by-night shelter operations, street outreach efforts, and rapid re-housing services to community members.

**Resolution 25-161:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Amendment A between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and Lewis County Superior Court.



**Community Health Services Contract Coordinator Caroline Garibay** discussed the resolution. Caroline said the amendment increases funding for treatment and recovery support services for individuals in the criminal justice system.

**Resolution 25-162: Approve an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between City of Centralia and Lewis County.**

**Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen** discussed the resolution. Meja said the interlocal agreement provides the mechanism through which Lewis County is providing funding for the groundwater nitrate field investigation in the Ford's Prairie area along and near Mayberry Road.

**Resolution 25-163: Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Amendment A between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and Lewis County Drug Court.**

**Community Health Services Contract Coordinator Caroline Garibay** discussed the resolution. Caroline said the amendment increases funding for Lewis County Drug Court to provide housing support services, substance use disorder assessments, behavioral health services, and outpatient treatment services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

**Resolution 25-164: Approve Grant Amendment C for Grant No, FY22-90006-001, Historic Courthouse Grant.**

**Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey** discussed the resolution. Doug said the amendment extends to June 30, 2026, grant funding provided to the county by the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

**Resolution 25-165: Establish covenant for Claquato Church property.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution establishes a covenant to protect the Claquato Church, which is located on Lewis County-owned property, parcel No. 018520000000.

**Resolution 25-166: Amend the Categorized Fee Schedule.**

**Community Development Director Mindy Brooks** discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution updates the county's Categorized Fee Schedule to conform with RCW 70.77.55(1), which establishes a limit on fireworks stand fees.

***Motion to approve Resolutions 25-160 through 25-166 passed 2-0.***



## HEARING

**Ordinance 1365:** Amend Chapter 3.02 -- Emergency Management and Operations -- of Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

County Manager Ryan Barrett gave the staff report. Ryan said the ordinance updates county code to (1) reflect that emergency management is a department, not a division; and (2) add a chapter to designate a BOCC spokesperson during emergencies or disasters.

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

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

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

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Ordinance 1365. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meja Handlen discussed the Special Olympics Torch Run making its way to Borst Park.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:

*Rieva Lester*

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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

*Lindsey R. Pollock DVM*

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

*Sean D. Swope*

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Sean D. Swope, Commissioner