

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 24, 2025

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Absent: Commissioner Brummer

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 A LOCAL STATE CHAMPION

Honoring local state champion: The commissioners honored Winlock High School 2B track and field state champion Victoria Sancho, who won the 2025 title in the 200-meter dash. She also placed in the 100-meter dash and the triple jump while at state.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Ethan Brunton shared support for the proposed non-sanctuary county resolution and requested the commissioners return the proposal for a full vote.

Rob Maricle said his Board of Equalization (BOE) appeal was denied. He shared concerns about the appeal process and expressed dismay regarding proposed regulations on short-term rentals.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the June 10, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-167. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-168 through 25-175. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 25-168: Reappoint Kendra Meek and Jerry Elliot to the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Board.

Fair and Events Manager Fionna Velazquez discussed the resolution. Fionna said Kendra Meek and Jerry Elliot have agreed to continue serving on the fair board.

Resolution 25-169: Authorize the Director of Community Development to sign an agreement with the Washington State Conservation Commission for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the agreement is for the 2025-27 biennium and that Community Development has delegated administration and billing to the Lewis County Conservation District.

Resolution 25-170: Authorize the Director of Community Development to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Lewis Conservation District for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the Lewis Conservation District will serve as the designated Technical Service Provider and will be responsible for administration and billing associated with the program, while Community Development will retain oversight and submit reports to the Washington State Conservation Commission.

Resolution 25-171: Ratify a contract with the Department of Commerce for LED lighting upgrades at the Law and Justice Center.

Administrative Assistant Senior Kate Chatterton discussed the resolution. Kate said it ratifies a Commerce grant providing funding for LED upgrades at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center.

Resolution 25-172: Approve addendum to .09 (Distressed Counties) grant awarded to City of Centralia for Alder Street project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the addendum extends the timeline during which the city can request reimbursements for its Alder Street project.

Resolution 25-173: Declaration of Surplus Real Property at 2025 NE Kresky Ave., Chehalis, WA.

Capital Projects Manager Doug Carey discussed the resolution. Doug said the resolution declares the property surplus in preparation for its sale.

Resolution 25-174: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for the Jones Road Culvert Replacement at MP 1.71.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the culvert in the Centralia area sustained damage during flooding and right of way is needed for the upcoming repairs.

Resolution 25-175: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Van Ornum Creek @ Bunker Creek Road MP 2.681 Culvert Removal, F.A. PROTECT-21AD(001), CMP-1610.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution awards the Van Ornum Creek bid to Midway Underground LLC in the amount of \$2,108,853.75.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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