

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 8, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER

Katrina Wulff provided an update on the Youth Advocacy Center's efforts in Lewis County.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 1, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-190. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-191. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-191: Ratify Amendment A to contract 25-92601-029 with the Washington State Department of Commerce for LED lighting upgrades at the Lewis County Jail.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the amendment extends the timeline for the LED project.

Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Though she did not announce it, Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester included for the record the several pieces of written public comment received.

Jim McCully spoke against proposed Resolution 25-158.

Commissioner Swope read a statement to the public, noting that the resolution would not change the county's politics but would merely ensure the county is removed from Homeland Security's list of sanctuary jurisdictions, protecting the county from funding risks associated with the list.

The following individuals spoke against proposed Resolution 25-158:

- Molly Carmody
- Liz Douglas
- Linda Warren
- Monique Farland
- Dan Meekhof
- Timothy Lewis
- Mary Jean Marsh
- Lujan Rodriguez
- Toni Lawrence
- Brenda Pulido
- Mike Rummerfield
- Dianna Torres
- Ed Carter
- Lorenzo Rodriguez Jr.
- Ray Chapman-Wilson
- Liz Oxford
- Paul Bromm
- Lyle Denton
- Stephanie Gleason
- Martin Christensen
- Barb Moeller
- Sarita Loia
- Jolette Nunez
- Angelica Martinez Aguilar
- Tracy Lynn
- Natalia Velazquez

The following individuals spoke in support of proposed Resolution 25-158:

- Gregg Cole
- Mark Merrill
- Julie Balmelli-Powe
- Ethan Brunton
- Ken Cavallon
- Debbie Aust

DELIBERATION ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-158. Commissioner Swope seconded.

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

Commissioner Pollock discussed the proposed resolution. She noted that she has not received a response from Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem's office as to why Lewis County was mistakenly listed as a sanctuary county. She noted that the attached exhibit for Resolution 25-158 outlines that the resolution affirms that the county will remain compliant with all state and federal laws.

Commissioner Brummer reiterated that the resolution does not change the due process of law or negate the judicial process.

Commissioner Swope noted that the resolution was drafted in response to the risk of losing public health funding due to the county's presence on Homeland Security's list of sanctuary jurisdictions.

Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

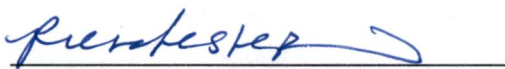
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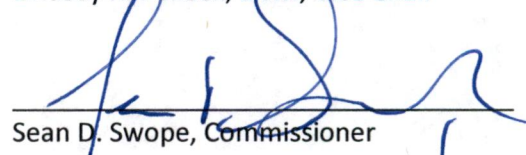
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Sean D. Swope, Commissioner