

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 15, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

2025 SPECIAL OLYMPICS LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons honored the countless volunteers and participants who make the Special Olympics torch run possible. She and the commissioners honored the athletes and volunteers, and many of those in attendance shared stories about the positive impacts the Special Olympics program has on the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeremy "Mo" Moen shared concerns regarding safety along Enchanted Valley Drive and Olequa Drive in Vader.

Salvation Army Captain Gin Pack shared concerns regarding recent public statements county officials have made regarding funding for homeless services.

Peter Lahmann welcomed the public to the July 26 annual pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Historical Museum. He also invited businesses to reach out regarding hiring veterans for internships or permanent roles.

Rex Bakel shared concerns regarding the county's plan to transfer ownership of the Claquato Church.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-192 and 25-193. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-192: Issue call for bids for one or more new pursuit-rated SUVs. Bids are due in person or via OpenGov.com by 12:15 p.m. July 30.

Public Works Fleet Manager Tim Mixer discussed the resolution. Tim said the county is looking to purchase up to six SUVs.

Resolution 25-193: Issue call for bids / proposals for Claquato Church property - parcel No. 018520000000. Proposals must be received by 3 p.m. July 31.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan outlined the requirements for proposals and noted that the county is striving to keep the church's historical integrity in tact.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 8, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-194. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-195 through 25-203. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-195: Approve interlocal agreement (ILA) with City of Centralia for Drug Court services.

Drug Court Manager Stephanie Miller discussed the resolution. Stephanie said the interlocal agreement paves the way for Centralia's police officers serving as Drug Court Compliance Officers.

Resolution 25-196: Approve 2025 Public Defender contract with Rachael Tiller for Juvenile Court.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the contract is for public defense services.

Resolution 25-197: Approve agreement with Medix Ambulance Services for technology services.

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said the agreement allows the county to provide Medix Ambulance with infrastructure and support for its mobile and office computers.

Resolution 25-198: Appoint two regular members and two alternates to the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Veterans Benefits Specialist George Dodd discussed the resolution. George said the resolution appoints Grant Kistler as a regular voting member, appoints Jeff Elder and Scott Salkovics as alternate voting members and reappoints Kenneth Norwood a regular voting member.

Resolution 25-199: Approve Agreement #2563-63336 between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the resolution. Sara said the state will provide funding totaling \$973,988 for the county to administer funding for developmental disabilities services, including supported employment, community inclusion, child development services, county administration, training and community education activities.

Resolution 25-200: Approve Contract #R01-0249-25 between Reliable Enterprises and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Health Services & Contract Coordinator Sara Sons discussed the resolution. Sara said the subcontract provides funding for Reliable Enterprises to provide Child Development, Community Information, and Education and Recreation services to eligible persons who reside in Lewis County.

Resolution 25-201: Approve an amendment to the agreement with Antiquity Consulting LLC for consulting services related to the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds project.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the amendment expands services provided by Antiquity Consulting.

Resolution 25-202: Approve commitment of financial resources for a specific purpose to Capital Maintenance and Repair Fund No. 3010.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace discussed the resolution, which commits \$2,000,000 of the General Fund's unassigned fund balance for future capital projects, subject to BOCC approval.

Resolution 25-203: Declare Claquato Church property - parcel No. 018520000000 - as surplus real property.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution declares the Claquato Church property surplus real property.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 25-204: Lewis County 2025 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler gave the staff report. Becky said the notice regarding the hearing was published in The Chronicle on July 1 and 8, 2025. Becky said the amendment reflects expenditure increases totaling \$6,325,245 and revenue increases totaling \$3,299,894, resulting in a decrease in the estimated ending fund balance in the amount of \$3,025,351.

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

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

Becky 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 Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-204. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 22, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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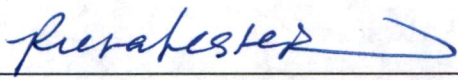


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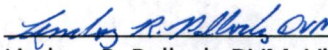


Scott J. Brummer, Chair

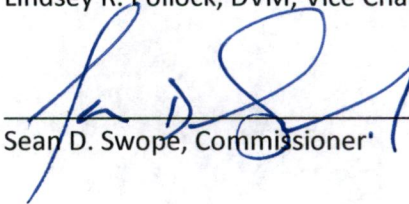
ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board



Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair



Sean D. Swope, Commissioner*