

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 5, 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.

RECOGNITIONS

Master Recycler Composter: The commissioners helped WSU Extension Program Educator Jason Abrams and PW Recycling Coordinator Melanie Case honor the following Lewis County Master Recycler Composter (MRC) volunteers for their work on Tool Library:

- Brad Ford
- Lynn Ford
- Steve Hakkola
- Bob Majoros
- Brooke Richardson
- Noel Beckford
- Mary Jean Marsh
- Jerry Durr
- Dick Morrison
- Paul & Val Rasku
- Windemere Centralia
- Catherine (Cat) Varner

Southwest Washington Fair: The commissioners and the Southwest Washington Fair Outreach Committee invited the public to the Southwest Washington Fair, which kicks off Aug. 12. They also spoke with Miss Lewis County Madeline Scalici, Miss Lewis County Teen Hailey Sturdevant, Dairy Ambassador Zeanna Zavodskyand, outgoing Little Miss Friendly Hadleigh Westover and the 2025 Little Miss Friendly finalists, one of whom will be crowned Little Miss Friendly on Aug. 12.

- Avery Mordick, 10, of Chehalis
- Harper Paulis, 9, of Chehalis
- Bentley Pitts, 10, of Centralia
- Kimber Serl, 10, of Chehalis
- Danielle Stahl, 9, of Napavine

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Rummerfield lambasted the commissioners for actions they took the previous month.

Margaret Barth urged the commissioners to accept the grant from Commerce.

Janet Fulton-Perkins urged the commissioners to show grace and get along with one another.

Jan Leth urged the commissioners to accept the full grant amount from Commerce.

George Dodd invited the public to a Veterans Town Hall planned for 6 p.m. Aug. 6.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-214 and 25-215. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-214: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1366, which would replace Lewis County Code Chapter 8.40, On-Site Sewage Systems. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Aug. 26.

Environmental Services Manager Kirsten Wecker discussed the resolution. Kirsten said the notice is being printed in The Chronicle and that the ordinance would update county code to align with state law.

Resolution 25-215: Issue request for proposals for fiber infrastructure upgrade in the Lewis County Law and Justice Building and Jail. Proposals are due in OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) by 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

IT Network Administrator Jared Stewart discussed the resolution. Jared said the change will increase capacity.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the July 22, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-216. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-217, Resolutions 25-219 through 25-223 and Resolution 25-225. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-217: Amend FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) grant agreement with Washington State Military Department.

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said the amendment extends the contract period and updates the work plan.

Resolution 25-219: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and the City of Centralia regarding work by county crews and authorize signatures thereon.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county will provide chip-seal work totaling \$45,277 on behalf of the city.

Resolution 25-220: Approve Contract #V02-0215-24 Amendment A between the Veterans Memorial Museum and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment increases the contract amount to \$116,250 and extends the contract to Dec. 31, 2025.

Resolution 25-221: Approve Contract #C15-0245-25 between Coastal Community Action Plan (CAP) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract totals up to \$165,000 and runs through June 30, 2026.

Resolution 25-222: Approve Contract #M01-0247-25 between Morningside and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract totals up to \$561,000 and runs through June 30, 2026.

Resolution 25-223: Establish the rate of pay for a non-union extra help Civil Service secretary.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution increases the per-hour rate of pay for the Civil Service secretary \$2, from \$26 to \$28 per hour.

Resolution 25-225: Reappoint Peter Lahmann to the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution reappoints Peter Lahmann for a term through June 30, 2027.

Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEM

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-224. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 25-224: Approve Interagency Agreement Contract #26-46108-18 between the Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution.

Commissioner Brummer said he believes the county should move the contract forward but with strict internal controls requested a meeting with Public Health and Social Services to review the contract line by line. Commissioner Pollock said she shares his sentiments.

Commissioner Swope expressed concerns about accountability.

Motion passed 2-1, with Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Brummer voting in favor and Commissioner Swope opposed.

HEARING

Ordinance Traffic Ord. 223: Traffic Ordinance No. 223 - An ordinance fixing the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated over certain roads in Lewis County, Washington: defining offenses, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

County Engineer Wes Anderson gave the staff report. Wes said the traffic ordinance adjusts the maximum speed limit to 35 miles per hour on the following county roads:

- **Labree Rd, No. 40024:** The entire road from its intersection with Bishop Road to its intersection with Rogers Rd for a distance of 1.227 miles.
- **Hamilton Rd, No. 40032:** The entire road from Napavine city limits to its intersection with Labree Rd for a distance of 1.595 miles.
- **Hamilton Rd N., No. 40034:** The entire road from its intersection with Hamilton Rd to its intersection with Labree Rd for a distance of 1.176 miles.

Commissioner Brummer asked if there were any questions. There

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

Wes asked that his 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 Traffic Ordinance 223. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

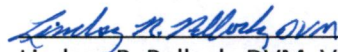
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