

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 2, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joy Promise of the Eagles mobile food pantry discussed her efforts to battle food insecurities in Lewis County. She asked what can be done to secure funding to help with her efforts.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-242 and 25-243. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-242: Notice of hearing for Lewis County 2025 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Sept. 16, 2025.

Budget Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the notice is for the third budget amendment for the year. She said the amendment may be updated but currently reflects expenditure increases totaling \$10,154,745 offset with revenue increases totaling \$6,678,076 with a decrease in estimated ending fund balance of \$3,476,669.

Resolution 25-243: Notice of public hearing for Ordinance 1367 to adopt the Lewis County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Sept. 23, 2025.

Community Development Office Manager Sarah Hensley discussed the resolution. Sarah noted that public comment related to the Comprehensive Plan must be sent Mindy Brooks by 4 p.m. Sept. 22.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the August 26, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-244. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-245 through 25-249. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 25-245: Approve Amendment No. 1 to WSAC agreement for energy audits in the Law & Justice Center and the Historic Courthouse.

Administrative Assistant Senior Kate Chatterton discussed the resolution. Kate said the agreement amends contracts for tier 1 and tier 2 buildings.

Resolution 25-246: Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH32057 Amendment #6 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Deputy Director John Abplanalp discussed the resolution. John said the amendment increases funding by \$2 million.

Resolution 25-247: Approve an agreement between the Lewis County Sheriff and Correctional Health Partners Inc. (CHP).

Chief Chris Sweet discussed the resolution. Chief Sweet said Naphcare's looming price increases have led the county to look elsewhere for prisoner medical care. He said the resolution approves signing a five-year jail medical contract with CHP, with an additional five-year extension possible.

Resolution 25-248: Approve Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the federally funded Ceres Hill Road (CRP-2204) bridge project.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement is for the federally funded Ceres Hill Road bridge project construction phase.

Resolution 25-249: Approve 2025 Public Defender contract with Albert Didcock for Juvenile Court.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the contract with Albert Didcock for Juvenile Court indigent defense extends through the end of the year. Becky said the county continues to search for additional public defenders.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

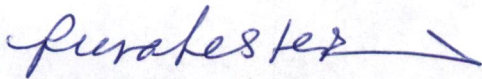
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 9, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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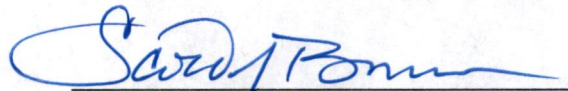


ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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