

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 9, 2025

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock

Absent: 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**

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler, Ann Hutchinson and Carol Kearns had submitted written public comment for the record.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the September 2, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-250. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

**DELIBERATION ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-251 through 25-259. Commissioner Brummer seconded.*

**Resolution 25-251:** Ratify a contract and change order with Taycon LLC for Lewis County Shelter frontage improvements.

Consultant Eric Eisenberg discussed the resolution. Eric said the agreement ratifies a \$193,400 contract and \$15,814.93 change order for the shelter project.

**Resolution 25-252:** Authorize Director of Community Development to commence negotiations with the City of Vader for an interlocal agreement to annex territory within the urban growth area.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution directs her to begin annexation negotiations with the City of Vader.



**Resolution 25-253:** Authorize legal defense and indemnity for Brandon Vossen, Samuel R. Schouten, Kelton Wheeldon, Tyler W. Trainer, Erin Willey, Blake W. Teitzel, Cameron Steepy, Colin Mackenzie and Jeff Martin, and their marital communities, if any, regarding a lawsuit brought by the Estate of Brandon Blurton - Action No. 3:25-cv-05654.

**Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution indicates the county will provide legal defense and indemnity for the employees and former employees listed about for qualifying work performed on behalf of the county. She noted she is still waiting to hear back from one additional former employee named in the lawsuit.

**Resolution 25-254:** Ratify a contract between Lewis County Solid Waste and Cabbros Cleaning Service LLC for Transfer Station Cleanup and Support Services.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution approves a contract with Cabbros for grounds maintenance and cleanup, site support and cleanup, and special cleanup.

**Resolution 25-255:** Ratify a Community Litter Cleanup Program Grant agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Lewis County Solid Waste Utility.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution covers litter pickup on public lands and roadways.

**Resolution 25-256:** Ratify Agreement No. SWMLSWFA-2025-LECSWU-00270 with the State of Washington Department of Ecology for Moderate-Risk-Waste, Recycling, and other cleanup programs.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said Ecology will allocate \$319,775.00 and Solid Waste Fund 4010 will allocate \$106,591.67 toward cleanup programs covered in the contract.

**Resolution 25-257:** Ratify Supplement No. 1 with Northwest Heritage Consultants LLC, dba Cultural Resource Consultants (CRC), for the 2025 Annual Cultural Resource Services contract, ACCR2025.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution ratifies the contract in the amount of up to \$250,000.

**Resolution 25-258:** Initiate a county road construction project and assign County Road Project (CRP) number.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution establishes a County Road Project (CRP) number to authorize the preliminary engineering, right of way purchase, and construction of projects in Exhibit A.



**Resolution 25-259:** Establish a Relocation Appeals Process and Relocation Review Board for compliance with WSDOT and federal relocation requirements.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Kim Edminister discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the resolution establishes a Relocation Review Board to hear appeals from displaced persons who disagree with relocation assistance decisions made by the county's contracted relocation consultant.

***Motion passed 2-0.***

**Executive session:** At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:29 a.m. to discuss an employee investigation and the Thode litigation.

- At 10:29 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:32 a.m.
- At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:35 a.m.
- At 10:35 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:40 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Brummer noted there will be no Business Meeting Sept. 30.

#### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

No questions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

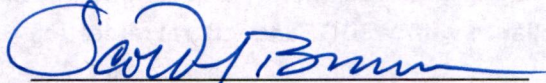
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

*Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured>). Video footage also is available at no charge at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/>.*

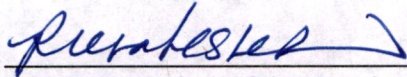


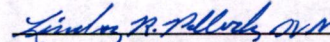


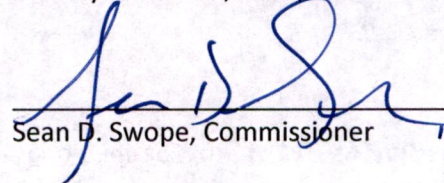
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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

  
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

  
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner