

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 16, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peter Lahamann welcomed the public to attend two upcoming events: A "Hire our Heroes" event Sept. 18 at McChord Airforce Base and a Veterans Resource Fair event Sept. 24 at the Randle Fire Station. He also discussed the WorkEX internship program available through Veteran Affairs.

Linda Warren of Winlock discussed the values for which Jesus stood.

Brandon Tucker discussed political rifts and challenged Commissioner Swope to a debate.

Dan Meekhof of Packwood expressed concerns regarding Lewis County's non-sanctuary county designation and funding for the homeless.

**NOTICE ITEM**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolution 25-260. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-260:** Notice of public hearing to consider adoption of interlocal agreement between City of Chehalis and Lewis County for annexation by Chehalis within its urban growth area. The meeting will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.

**Community Development Director Mindy Brooks** discussed the resolution. She said the notice will be published in The Chronicle later in the week.

Chehalis City Manager Stacey Denham said the Chehalis City Council voted the previous night to move forward with the joint hearing.

*Motion passed 3-0.*



## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the September 9, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-261. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-262 through 25-268. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-262:** Approve contract #T01-0262-25 between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract, which provides funds to help The Salvation Army prevent evictions, is a stop-gap agreement covering July 1 to Sept. 30, 2025.

**Resolution 25-263:** Approve contract #C15-0256-25 between Coastal Community Action Program (CAP) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the agreement provides CAP funding for the time period of July 1 to Sept. 30, 2025.

**Resolution 25-264:** Approve agreement with Lions World Vision Institute.

Coroner Warren McLeod discussed the resolution. Warren said the agreement allows Lions World Vision to harvest corneas on site at the fee amount of \$100.

**Resolution 25-265:** Approve contract with Pacific Northwest Pathologists for postmortem examinations.

Coroner Warren McLeod discussed the resolution. Warren said Dr. Emmanuel Lacsina of Pacific Northwest Pathologists has agreed to provide postmortem services for Lewis County.

**Resolution 25-266:** Approve contract with Dr. Allison Hunt for postmortem examinations.

Coroner Warren McLeod discussed the resolution. Warren said Dr. Allison Hunt has agreed to provide post-mortem services for Lewis County.

**Resolution 25-267:** Appoint Shawn Kyes and Martha Hunt to the Board of Equalization (BOE).



**Administrative Assistant Sr. Tammy Martin** discussed the resolution. Tammy said the resolution appoints Shawn Kyes as a regular member and Martha Hunt as an alternate on the Board of Equalization.

**Resolution 25-268: Appoint Sandra Wing to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Sandra Wing to fill the remainder of the late Tom Crowson's unexpired term.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## HEARING

**Resolution 25-269: Lewis County 2025 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.**

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler gave the staff report. Becky said notice of the hearing was published in The Chronicle Sept. 4 and 11. She said the resolution reflects expenditure increases totaling \$11,220,630 and revenue increases totaling \$6,926,476, resulting in a \$4,294,154 decrease in the estimated ending fund balance.

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 25-269. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock shared compliments she had received about Community Development's permit process.



## PRESS CONFERENCE

Chronicle reporter Jacob Moore asked the commissioners to share their thoughts on the City of Centralia's recently – and abruptly – passed moratorium on large warehouses and distribution centers.

Commissioner Pollock said the move came as quite a surprise to the county – and the Port of Centralia. She said the county would like to meet with both parties.

Brummer said the county is reaching out to the city and the port to schedule further discussions regarding the moratorium.

Commissioner Swope said he feels the emergency provision under which the moratorium was approved was misused and circumvented transparency.

Col. Ron Averill shared appreciation for the commissioners' action regarding the PFD appointment.

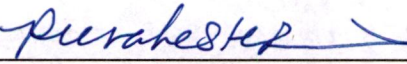
## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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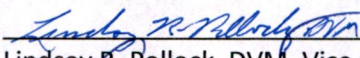


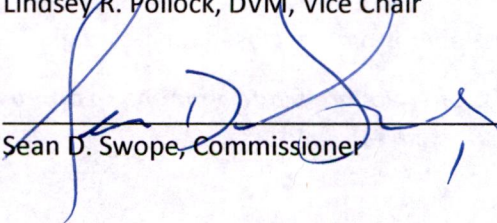
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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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