

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 7, 2025

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Absent: Commissioner Brummer

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 25-275. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 25-275: Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to AT&T to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said a hearing regarding AT&T's request for a franchise renewal will take place Oct. 28.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the September 23, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-276. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-277 through 25-282. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 25-277: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Rosebrook Road at MP 0.49-0.56.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the Rosebrook Road slide repair project is funded through FEMA and requires the acquisition of right of way from two property owners.

Resolution 25-278: Proposed changes to adopted right of way acquisition procedures.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution, which updates the county's procedures for right of way acquisitions. Kimberly said the changes will be sent to WSDOT for approval.

Resolution 25-279: Approve extension of a lease with Centralia School District No. 401 for use of a radio communication site on Crego Hill.

Interim 911 Director Liz Casteel discussed the resolution. Liz said the agreement extends the county's Crego Hill lease with the school district through October 31, 2032.

Resolution 25-280: List the proposals received and vendor selected for fiber replacement and installation in the Jail and Law & Justice buildings.

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe noted the disparities between the highest and low bids for the fiber replacement project at the Jail and Law and Justice buildings. Gabe said the apparent low bidder, Skyline, has assured the county it provided an accurate bid and understands that change orders will not be allowed.

Resolution 25-281: Approve Public Defense contract for Albert Didcock for Superior Court.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution approves a contract with Albert Didcock for Superior Court public defense contract services.

Resolution 25-282: Appoint Ryan Thode to the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Ryan Thode of Onalaska to succeed Joe Balmelli on the Open Space Advisory Committee – a committee that helps the Lewis County Assessor implement guidelines as established by the state Department of Revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands, and timberlands under RCW 84.34.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Traffic Ordinance No. 224: 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 Pollock introduced the hearing.

County Engineer Wes Anderson gave the staff report. Wes said county staff evaluated the speed limit of Ajlune Road, which runs from the intersection of Mossyrock Road E. and Swofford Road to Mossyrock Park Lane near Riffe Lake. Wes said Public Works recommends reducing the speed limit on Ajlune Road to 35 mph due to the skewed angle of the Ajlune / Swofford intersection and the high volume of recreational traffic during tourist season. Wes said the change would create corridor continuity with surrounding roads in the area, such as Young Road and Swofford Road, both of which are posted 35 mph, and would allow vehicles additional distance to lower their speed and make the transition into Mossyrock Park, which has a speed limit of 15 mph.

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

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

Wes asked that his comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Traffic Ordinance 224. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rieva Lester discussed the day's Breast Cancer Poker Run / Walk and invited the public to join and to bid on the more than \$6,000 in raffle prizes.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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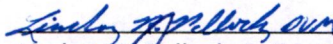
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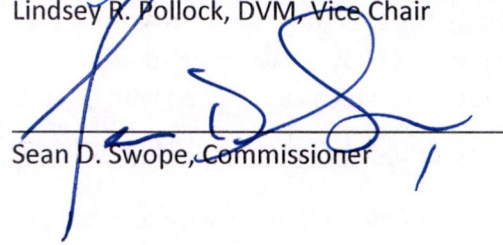

Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:



Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board


Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair


Sean D. Swope, Commissioner