

## LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

### Business Meeting minutes

October 21, 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.

#### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The commissioners honored employees for going above and beyond in their duties.

##### Individual employees:

- Juvenile Court employee Dulce Cabrera
- Public Works employee Wes Anderson
- Solid Waste employee Rocky Lyon
- Coroner's Office employee Chelsie Niemczek
- Budget Department employee Rudy Rodriguez
- Assessor's Office employee Chris Lanegan
- Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) employee Kendra Garrison
- PHSS employee Bryan Hall
- HR employee Rachel Lester
- Sheriff's Office employee Michael Mohr
- Public Works employee Kai Fleming
- BOCC employee Rieva Lester

##### Teams:

- **Fair and Events employees** Fionna Velazquez, Ashley Hamilton, Elizabeth Hill, Holland Ray, Violet Barboza and Abigail Churchill.
- **911 employees** Lisa Brockmueller, Liz Casteel, Micaela Cloutier, Eric Connor, Katie Cosgrove, Candi Danielson, Abby Guenther, Doug Hammer, Christin Joner, Ashlee Jones, Jasmine Lopez, Lindy Munoz, Jordan Pass, Morgan Pudelko, Michelle Schlecht, Kaylea Smith and Jeanetta Yund.
- **Chipseal crew members** Justin DeWitt, Luke Olsen, Colton Brown, Josh Rogers, Jared Rogers, Luke Lennox, Tim Boyer, Colby Mitchell, Todd Weaver, Cody Husser, Brandon Gallagher, Darson Balsemer, Matt Wichert, Brandon Barnes, Tyson Drevniak, Carter Stennick, Dominic Winters, Paul Hodel, Andrew Shedd, Lyle Metzenberg, Wayne Chase, Scott Hicks, Steve Pendleton, Kai Fleming, Tylar Barr and John Link.

The commissioners also honored employees who've met five-year employment milestones, including:

**Five years:** Facilities employee Thomas Dembinski, Auditor's Office employees Ronda Dahl and Michelle Sabin, Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) employees Imelda Franks and Marylynne Kostick, Sheriff's Office Deputies Michael Anderson and Isaac Ingle, and Public Works employees Benjamin Sabin and Matthew Hinderlie.

**10 years:** Jail employee Rj Wheeler, Public Works employee Colton Brown, PHSS employee Alisha Griffith, and Superior Court employees Dakota Harmanson and Stacey Werner.

**20 years:** BOCC employee Becky Butler, Auditor's Office employee Tom Stanton, and Public Works employees Seth Lackie and Ryan Kelso.

**25 years:** Public Works employees Rodney McAleny, Michelle Steepy, Timothy McCoy and Joseph Byers.

**30 years:** Sheriff Rob Snaza and Public Works employee Rod Lakey.

**40 years:** Public Works employee Gary Hurley and Sheriff's Office employee Kathleen Rowe.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written comment for the record.

#### **NOTICE ITEMS**

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-289 and 25-290. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-289:** Lewis County 2025 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds, a notice of hearing thereon. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 4.

**Budget Services Director Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky outlined the changes reflected in the year's fourth budget amendment.

**Resolution 25-290:** A notice of public hearing to consider Ordinance 1369 to amend Lewis County Code Chapter 2.11, Planning Commission, and 2.50, Advisory Groups. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 4.

**Community Development Director Mindy Brooks** discussed the resolution. Mindy said the ordinance will create a standardized process for advisory groups.

*Motion passed 3-0.*



## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve minutes from the October 14, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-291. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-292 through 25-296. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 25-292: Declaration of surplus personal property.**

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said the attachment outlines personal property – computers, phones, etc. – that no longer are of use to county business and will be disposed of.

**Resolution 25-293: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.**

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said several vehicles are no longer needed – including a work van, four patrol cars, pickups, etc. – and will be disposed of.

**Resolution 25-294: Approve \$240,000 in .09 (“Distressed Counties”) grant funding to Lewis County Public Works for its Middle Fork Water System Plan update.**

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the agreement provides grant funding for Public Works’ Middle Fork project.

**Resolution 25-295: Amend Pacific Mountain Workforce interlocal agreement with Thurston, Pacific, Mason and Grays Harbor counties.**

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the amendment updates the county’s multi-jurisdictional agreement for the Pacific Mountain Workforce.

**Resolution 25-296: Accept Claquato Cemetery Association proposal for purchase and transfer of surplus property.**

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution completes the sale of the Claquato Cemetery to the Claquato Cemetery Association.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 28, 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/>.

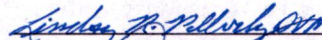


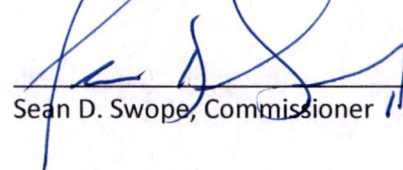
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Scott J. Brummer, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

  
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Vice Chair

  
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner