**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**December 9, 2025**

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

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

County Manager Ryan Barrett provided an update on recent flooding events.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to add to the agenda Resolution 25-361: Declare Emergency in Lewis County. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## NOTICE ITEMS

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-352 and 25-353. Commissioner Brummer seconded.***

**Resolution 25-352: Issue a request for proposals (RFP) for water lab renovation.**

**Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana** discussed the resolution. Matt said proposals are due electronically through OpenGov.

**Resolution 25-353: Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to Wiltel Communications LLC to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County rights of way.**

**Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminister** discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the franchise renewal hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. Jan. 6, 2026.

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

## CONSENT ITEMS

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the December 2, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 25-354. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 25-356 through 25-361. Commissioner Brummer seconded.***

**Resolution 25-356: Ratify agreement between Lewis County 911 Communications and Medix Ambulance Service Inc. for emergency dispatch services.**

**E911 representative Liz Casteel** discussed the resolution. Liz said the resolution approves a contract with Medix for 24-hour telephone and radio call answering for ambulance dispatch services.

**Resolution 25-357: Revise the Lewis County Public Works Department Organization Chart.**

**County Engineer Wes Anderson** discussed the resolution. Wes said the org chart has been updated to reflect current staffing.

**Resolution 25-358: Approve a collective bargaining agreement between Lewis County and the Lewis County Deputies Guild effective December 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027.**

**County Manager Ryan Barrett** discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution approves a two-year CBA with the Lewis County Deputies Guild.

**Resolution 25-359: Ratify a contract with Columbia Policy Advisors LLC for lobbying services.**

**County Manager Ryan Barrett** discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution approves the continuation of the county's contract with its legislative liaison, Columbia Policy Advisors.

**Resolution 25-360: Establish the Chair and Vice Chair for the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners for 2026.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, as BOCC Chair and Scott J. Brummer as Vice Chair for 2026.

**Resolution 25-361: Declare emergency in Lewis County.**

**County Manager Ryan Barrett** discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution declares an emergency in Lewis County in response to recent storms and flooding.

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

## HEARINGS

**Ordinance 1370: Adopt Ordinance 1370 to amend Chapter 17.10, Definitions and Chapter 17.38, Critical Areas of the Lewis County Code.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Long-Range Planner Natalie Kamieniecki gave the staff report.

Commissioner Brummer said he feels the proposal to increase the stream buffer width from 75 feet to 100 feet is not in the best interest of people and resources. Commissioner Pollock echoed those sentiments.

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

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

Natalie asked that her previous 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 Brummer made a motion to amend Ordinance 1370, section 17.38.430, to revert to the 75-foot buffers for NP and NS streams. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

***Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Ordinance 1370 as amended. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Ordinance 1371: Adopt Ordinance 1371 to amend Chapter 2.40, Standards for Public Defense Services, of the Lewis County Code.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler gave the staff report.

Becky discussed a recent Supreme Court order regarding caseload standards that has prompted the need to update county code for case-weighting.

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

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

Becky asked that her previous 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 Ordinance 1371. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 1371.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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