

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

January 6, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-001 through 26-003. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-001: Establishment of 2026 county road construction projects by County Forces.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the list of projects is being shared as required by RCW 36.77.070.

Resolution 26-002: Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to provide 2026 Annual Structural Engineering Services for public works projects.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the notice item is for structural engineering services for a one-year agreement.

Resolution 26-003: Request for qualifications (RFQ) for engineering and design services for "Friendlyville Accessibility and Improvements" project at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the county is seeking engineering and design services for its Friendlyville project at the Fairgrounds.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the December 23, 2025, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-004. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-005 through 26-012. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-005: Appoint Arthur Smith to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board as the Representative for Weed District 3.

Noxious Weed Control Program Coordinator Charles Edmonson discussed the resolution. Charles said the Noxious Weed Control Board processed its vacancy announcement in accordance with RCW 17.10.050(2) and that the resolution appoints Arthur Smith to serve on the Weed Control Board.

Resolution 26-006: Approve contract #V02-0270-25 with Veterans Memorial Museum.

Social Services Supervisor Caroline Garibay discussed the resolution. Caroline said the resolution approves a contract with the Veterans Memorial Museum to provide funding for a Veterans Service Officer (VSO), who will deliver services to veterans and their eligible family members.

Resolution 26-007: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Ceres Hill MP 0.79 Bridge Retrofit project, CRP 2204, F.A. Project No. BHOS-2021(079).

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the resolution allows Public Works to contract with Stellar J Corporation, which provided the lowest responsive bid quote of \$1,394,103.00 for the Ceres Hill MP 0.79 Bridge Retrofit project.

Resolution 26-008: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County 2026 Liquid Asphalt Proposal.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the resolution authorizes Public Works to contract with Blue Line Transportation Co., which submitted a bid of \$1,484,476.95 - including material, delivery and sales tax - for the Lewis County 2026 Liquid Asphalt Proposal.

Resolution 26-009: Reject all bids for the 2026 Traffic Paint Proposal.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county received four bids and found it's in the county's best interest to purchase from the state directly.

Resolution 26-010: Establish medical insurance premium contribution rates for non-represented employees effective Jan. 1, 2026.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution establishes medical insurance premium contribution rates for 2026.

Resolution 26-011: Approve contract with Elite Mechanical Services LLC for Law and Justice Boiler Replacement Project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution ratifies the county's \$345,685.65 contract with Elite Mechanical Services for the Law and Justice Boiler Replacement project.

Resolution 26-012: Set Lewis County's 2026 mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution establishes the county's 2026 mileage rate to match the rate set by the IRS. Rieva said the new rate represents a 2.5-cent-per-mile increase over the previous year's rate.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 26-013: Approve a franchise renewal to Witel Communications LLC to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster gave the staff report. Kimberly said the resolution approves the renewal of a franchise agreement with Witel Communications for telecommunications facilities within Lewis County right of way.

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

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

Kimberly 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 approve Resolution 26-013. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Brummer invited the public to a meeting later in the day regarding the draft EIS proposal for the proposed flow-through dam.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

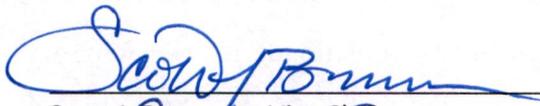
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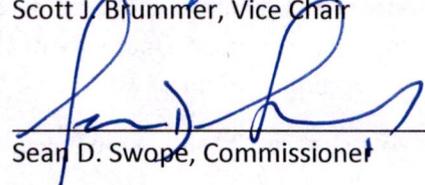
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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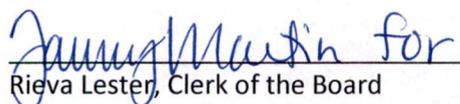
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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board