

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

January 27, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

The commissioners honored Lewis County employees who have met five-year employment milestones:

- **Five years:** Sheriff's Office employee Deputy Aaron Parypa, Community Development employee Jordan Panteleeff, Facilities employee Steve Hunt, Prosecutor's Office employee Luis Garcia-Flores and Auditor's Office employee Sherri Dokken
- **10 years:** Clerk's Office employee Marni Larson and Public Works employee Andrew Shedd
- **15 years:** Coroner Warren McLeod
- **20 years:** Public Works employee Paul Hodel
- **25 years:** Sheriff's Office employee Captain Christopher Tawes

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS

The commissioners honored several individual employees and teams for outstanding efforts:

Individuals:

- Nikki Seifert, District Court
- Rylie Blair, Coroner's Office
- Charles Edmonson, Noxious Weeds
- Fionna Valezquez, Facilities
- Jared Larson, Facilities
- Brad Clark, Community Development
- Blake Teitzel, Sheriff's Office
- Tyson Brown, Sheriff's Office
- Zac Zuber, Juvenile Detention

Teams:

- Risk Management: Sam Allen and Nathaniel Barr
- Auditor's Office: Michelle Sabin and Vanessa Ruelas
- Public Works Traffic Control and Paint Striping Crew: Lisa Larsen, Jeff Vanasse, Rory Gall, Pete Holmstedt, Brett Potter, Kayleena Bushnell, Carson White, Caleb Perz-Stewart, Avery Manning, Beth Bowen, Kage Holman

The commissioners honored several employees for their outstanding flood response efforts:

- Ann Weckback, Public Works
- Anthony Kinswa, Public Works
- Kai Fleming, Public Works
- Dan Anderson, Public Works
- Gary Hurley, Public Works
- Kevin Korpi, Public Works
- LeeAnn Frank, Public Works
- Kayla Low, Public Works
- Kristen Buckman, Public Works
- Karen Hirte, Public Works
- Marissa Briggs, Public Works
- Lisa Pratt, Public Works
- Melanie Case, Public Works
- Kallan Kersavage, Public Works
- Bill Norwood, Public Works
- Brian Levine, Public Works
- Tyrone Musselman, Public Works
- Jerry Wallace, Public Works
- Jason Ford, Public Works
- William Potter, Public Works
- Collin Wolbert, Public Works
- Geoff Soderquist, Public Works
- Erika Katt, Department of Emergency Management
- Justin Bushnell, Department of Emergency Management
- Amy Daker, Department of Emergency Management

The commissioners also honored three community partners for their flood response efforts:

- Cory Moses, CERT Team Member
- Fire Chief Brad Flexhaug, Onalaska Fire Department
- Annie Merritt, Washington State Emergency Management Division Continuity Program Manager

AGENDA CHANGE

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add to the agenda Resolution 26-036: Reappoint Hal Blanton to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Mudge commended Cory Moses for her work. Cynthia invited the public to tune in for Legislative District 20 update on Thursday, Feb. 26. She also invited the public to the Chamber of Commerce's Feb. 19 Business After Hours event.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-027. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-027: Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1372, which would repeal Ordinance 1354 and remove from Lewis County Code Chapter 8.80, which regulated sterile needle and syringe exchanges operating in Lewis County and made violations of the chapter a civil infraction or a misdemeanor.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Feb. 10.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the January 20, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-028. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-030 through 26-036. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-030: Approve a Maintenance Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) regarding work by WSDOT crews.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the resolution approves repairs to a pile cap beneath Garrad Creek Road Bridge at milepost 4.35.

Resolution 26-031: Accept grant funds from the Department of Agriculture for Friendlyville improvements at the SWW Fairgrounds.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution approves the acceptance of funding totaling \$250,000, with a \$15,000 skilled trade labor match.

Resolution 26-032: Appoint Joe Mano to the Civil Service Commission.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said Joe Mano will fill the remainder of the late Donald Clevenger's unexpired term.

Resolution 26-033: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said the resolution allows for the disposal of monitors and computers for which the county no longer has a need.

Resolution 26-034: Amend the 2026-2027 collective bargaining agreement between Lewis County and AFSCME Council 2, Local 1341, effective January 1, 2026.

HR Director Angie Hodge discussed the resolution. Angie said the resolution approves corrections to the CBA with AFSCME regarding the pay grade and experience requirements for the Road Maintenance Technician 3 position.

Resolution 26-035: Halt the free disposal of flood-damaged debris resulting from the December 2025 flood event.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the resolution ends to free voucher program for flood debris.

Resolution 26-036: Reappoint Hal Blanton to the Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution reappoints Hal Blanton to the TRL Board of Trustees for a full seven-year term.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

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absent

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

Scott J. Brummer

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Sean D. Swope

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board