

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

February 17, 2026

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Absent: Commissioner Pollock

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Brummer 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 26-057. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 26-057: Notice of joint hearing to adopt new Lewis County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the joint hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room March 3.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the February 10, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-058. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-059 through 26-061. Commissioner Brummer seconded.

Resolution 26-059: Appoint Joshua Pickett as an alternate member on the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) and ratify the appointments of Jeff Elder and Scott Salkovics as regular members.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the resolution appoints one new member as an alternate and ratifies the appointments of Jeff Elder and Scott Salkovics as regular members. Joshua Pickett shared his work and personal history.

Resolution 26-060: Approve a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local #252, representing Lewis County Sheriff's Support Staff (Sheriff Support Staff), effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

HR Generalist Rachel Lester discussed the resolution. Rachel said the resolution approves a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters Local #252, representing Lewis County Sheriff's Support Staff.

Resolution 26-061: Appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints one representative each from the BOCC, the ports of Chehalis and Centralia, the East Lewis County Public Development Authority, the county's large and small cities, the Industrial Commission, the Economic Alliance and one at-large position, with terms running through the end of the year.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Resolution 26-062: Approve a franchise renewal to Public Utilities District No. 1 of Thurston County to install, construct, operate and maintain water system facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Brummer introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster gave the staff report. Kimberly said the resolution approves a five-year franchise renewal, allowing Thurston County PUD to install, construct, operate and maintain water system facilities within Lewis County road rights of way.

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

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

Kimberly asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

Commissioner Brummer closed the hearing.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolution 26-062. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brummer noted there would be no Business Meeting on Feb. 24.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board