

LEWIS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 10, 2025

Revised

Present: Candi Faupell, Kevin Ryan, Kevin Engelbertson, Rick VanWyck, Jeff Godbey, Chris Sweet, Chris Tawes, Gabriel Frase, Isabel Ulrich, Brandi Ferguson

Absent: Donald Clevinger, Sherri Guenther, Linda Bailey

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by Commissioner Faupell. Minutes of the July 9th meeting were approved as written.

Secretarial Report: Linda Bailey

BOCC approved the wage increase as discussed at the July 09, 2025, meeting.

Employee Status Report and Administrative Report: Kevin Engelbertson

Corrections Bureau:

Deputy Cameron Steepy is resigning effective 09/14/2025

Sergeant Ron Anderson is retiring in October

Corrections Deputy RJ Wheeler is resigning as a Corrections Deputy to accept a Community Services Officer position in the Special Services Bureau effective 10/01/2025.

After the resignations and retirement, we will have one corrections lieutenant vacancy and ten corrections deputy vacancies. (Five corrections deputy positions will not be funded due to budget constraints).

Operations Bureau:

With the resignation and two recent hires listed below, we have no vacancies in the Field Operations Bureau.

Lateral Deputy Joshua Brunstad was hired as a Probationary Deputy effective 09/01/2025.

Deputy Sheriff Trainee Chase "Austin" Gilbert was given a conditional offer with a start date of 10/01/2025.

Detective Matthew Schlecht resigned effective 08/16/2025.

Deputies Jaron Howell and Blaine Latimer were promoted to permanent status effective 08/16/2025.

Deputy Tarryn Carter will be promoted to permanent status effective 09/16/2025.

One Deputy Sheriff trainee is out on extended leave.

Deputy Sheriff Trainees Jose Ahrens and Isabella Holmes are progressing well at the BLEA in Vancouver. They are currently in week ten and have eight more weeks to go.

Services Bureau:

Support Technician 1 Amanda Bostwick resigned effective 09/01/2025. This position will be left vacant.

Support Technician 2 Tamira Shields is being promoted to permanent rank effective 09/16/2025.

Corrections Deputy RJ Wheeler has accepted the Probationary Community Services Officer position effective 10/01/2025.

Old Business:

Budget - no questions or clarification requested by the BOCC thus far. Status of budget to be updated at the October 2025 meeting. No action taken.

PDRs: no additional requests submitted. Review of any additional requests to be discussed at October 2025 meeting.

New Business:

Isabella Ulrich requested a waiver of the age requirement. She presented letters of recommendation along with her request. She will meet the age requirement in February 2026. Chief Sweet spoke in support of her request. After a few questions the Board approved her age waiver request.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 for a 15-minute Executive Session to discuss qualifications. The Executive Session was closed at 11:59 and the regular session opened back up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Future Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 11:30 am, in the Lewis County Sheriff's Training Room

Minutes Prepared by: Commissioner Faupell