

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**March 3, 2026**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. She noted that it was a joint meeting of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners and the Solid Waste Disposal District. Commissioner Pollock determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

**HONORING STUDENT ATHLETES**

The commissioners honored several student athletes who recently secured state championship titles:

- **Adna wrestler Olivia Chapman**, who claimed the 1B/2B/1A state title in the 190-pound division at Mat Classic XXXVII as a freshman.
- **WF West wrestler Race Scalici**, who claimed the 2A state title in the 157-pound division at Mat Classic XXXVII as a senior.
- **WF West Cheer Team**, which secured two state championships – non-tumbling medium category and 2A/3A gameday large crown – following its state crown last year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:16 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:26 a.m. to discuss three topics: Onalaska 508 Shop Phase I / Phase II proposal, 2026 pending litigation for Assessor's Office and Landfill mediation / Restorical Research.

- At 10:26 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:28 a.m.
- At 10:28 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:32 a.m.
- At 10:32 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:35 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with the Phase II proposal regarding the Onalaska property as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to authorize the Centralia landfill settlements as discussed during executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester noted that Kyle Wheeler had submitted written public comment.

## NOTICE ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-064 through 26-066. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-064:** The temporary closure of Ceres Hill Road MP 0.79 to all through traffic. The roadway will be closed beginning March 23.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the section of roadway will be closed beginning March 23. He noted that staff has notified the nearby school about the closure.

**Resolution 26-065:** Notice of Public Hearing for a Traffic Ordinance fixing the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated over certain roads in Lewis County, Washington: defining offenses and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the Sheriff's Office has requested the change and that the hearing will take place March 17. Commissioner Swope said he'd like staff to post information regarding the proposal on the commissioners' Facebook page.

**Resolution 26-066:** Notice of hearing regarding Ordinance 1373, which would amend Lewis County Code Chapter 2.25, Hearing Examiner.

Long-range Planner Natalie Kamieniecki discussed the resolution. Natalie said the hearing will take place March 24. She and Mindy Brooks said the language echoes that of state law regarding standings.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the February 17, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-067. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-068 through 26-077. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-068:** Rescind Resolution 14-134 and increase the petty cash fund established for Vader Water Utility.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace said the resolution increases the petty cash for Vader Water from \$300 to \$600.

**Resolution 26-069:** Approve contract #C15-0272-26 with Coastal Community Action Program.

Public Health and Social Services Housing Program Coordinator Joshua Curry-Bascome discussed the resolution. Joshua said CAP will oversee the Consolidated Homeless Grant on behalf of Lewis County.

**Resolution 26-070:** Ratify a Ramp Litter Cleanup Program Grant Agreement between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Lewis County Solid Waste Utility.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said grant funds cover the entirety of the \$60,000 contract.

**Resolution 26-071:** The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for the Wildwood Road MP 10.14 Bridge Scour Project, CRP 2159S.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the resolution directs the County Engineer to proceed with acquiring right of way from two property owners for the Wildwood Road bridge project.

**Resolution 26-072:** Adopt 2026 Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) rates for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution sets ER and R rates as required by state statute.

**Resolution 26-073:** Confirm for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation Division that Lewis County commits to providing matching funds for the WSDOT Aviation Aid Grant for design and construction of an automated weather observation system (AWOS) at the South Lewis County Airport.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the planned AWOS will give pilots real-time weather updates.

**Resolution 26-074:** Approve Indigent Defense contract with Eric Post for District Court through July 31, 2026.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution.

**Resolution 26-075:** Approve Indigent Defense contracts with Chris Baum, Albert Didcock and Sarah McFadden for District Court through December 31, 2026, to provide representation on cases for Greenhill students.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the county pays lawyers to provide representation for Greenhill inmates facing conflict cases. She noted that the state reimburses the county very little for providing indigent defense for Greenhill inmates.

**Resolution 26-076:** Designate Lewis County representatives on the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution updates the county's representatives on the Risk Pool.

**Resolution 26-077:** Approve interlocal agreement with Thurston County Special Operations Rescue Team (SORT) to provide technical rescue services for permit-required confined spaces at the Lewis County Jail.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution approves an interlocal agreement for technical rescue services, coverage that's required for qualifying confined spaces.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## HEARINGS

**Resolution 26-078:** Approve a franchise renewal to PUD No. 1 of Cowlitz County to install, construct, operate and maintain electrical utility 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 five-year contract renewal allows Cowlitz County PUD to install, construct, operate and maintain electrical utility facilities in Lewis County road rights 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 spoke.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-078. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Resolution 26-079: Adopt Lewis County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan for Years 2025-2030. Commissioner Pollock noted that the hearing is a joint hearing of the BOCC and the Solid Waste Disposal District (SWDD).**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

**Solid Waste Manager Rocky Lyon and Sustainability Coordinator Melanie Case** gave the staff report. Melanie noted that the plan is required by state statute. She said Lewis County serves as the planning authority for all of the incorporated cities within the county. She said the cities and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee worked with a consultant to develop the draft plan. Melanie noted that all of the cities have approved the update via resolution. She said the next step is to send the report to the state Department of Ecology for approval.

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

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

Rocky and Melanie asked that their previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve BOCC Resolution 26-079. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Solid Waste Disposal District Resolution 002-026. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**The Solid Waste Disposal District meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.**

**Resolution 26-080: Lewis County 2026 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

**Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler** gave the staff report. Becky said the amendment reflects expenditure increases totaling \$2,937,383 and revenue increases totaling \$1,895,491, resulting in a decrease in the estimated ending fund balance in the amount of \$1,041,892.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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 spoke.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-080. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

No questions.

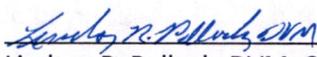
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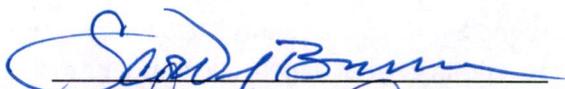
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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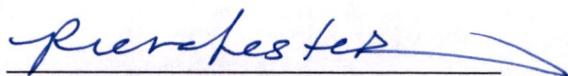


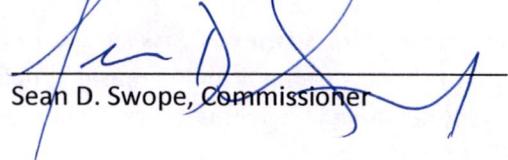
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