

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

March 10, 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.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The commissioners and staff honored local Special Olympics athletes who recently competed at the state level and presented the Special Olympics group a check for \$11,907, proceeds from the county's recent Polar Plunge fundraiser.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cynthia Mudge invited the public to a slew of upcoming ribbon-cutting events and other activities.

Bob Russell encouraged the county to allow cannabis sales, stressing the need for safety and fairness.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-081. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-081: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1374, which would update Chapters 3.15.040, 3.45.040 and 3.55.060 of Lewis County Code to allow greater flexibility regarding interest earned within the Lodging tax, Mental Health tax and Noxious Weed Containment Real Property Tax funds.

Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the notice. Becky said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. March 24, and she outlined the process for submitting written public comment.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the March 3, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-082. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-083 through 26-085. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-083: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Solid Waste Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said the county will sell its surplus vehicles and equipment during the Ritchie Brothers auction planned for March 19 and 20.

Resolution 26-084: Amend the bylaws of the Short Term Rental Advisory Group.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution updates recently adopted bylaws for the Short Term Rental Advisory Group.

Resolution 26-085: Appoint inaugural members of the Short Term Rental Advisory Group.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution appoints Peggy Rath, Chris Murphy, Greg Cole, Jenn Kattz, Briston Meidinger, Nick Neville and Steve Mayer as the inaugural members of the advisory group.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 26-086: Approve a franchise renewal to Olympic Pipeline Company, LLC, for a pipeline for purposes of transmission of petroleum and petroleum products within 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 five-year renewal of an existing non-exclusive franchise.

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 26-086. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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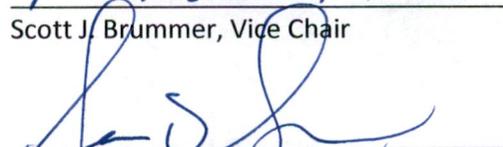
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