

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 7, 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.

**COORDINATED ENTRY**

Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) Housing and Community Services Director Daniel Hargrove provided an overview of CCAP's Coordinated Entry program.

**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 26-105 and 26-106. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-105:** Notice of hearing for Lewis County 2026 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds.

**Budget Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the hearing will take place April 21. She outlined the process for written public comment. Becky said the amendment currently reflects expenditure increases totaling \$1,824,660 and a \$13,455 decrease in revenues for a \$1,838,115 decrease in estimated ending fund balance.

**Resolution 26-106:** Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to Lewis County PUD No. 1 to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. May 5.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the March 24, 2026 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-107. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-108 through 26-114. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-108:** Authorize the County Manager to sign an addendum to the UGA Co-Management ILA with the City of Chehalis to extend the termination date.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the addendum extends the co-management ILA through Jan. 31, 2027, or until its current annexation process concludes, whichever occurs first.

**Resolution 26-109:** Accept the proposal for the purchase and transfer of surplus property for parcel No. 021650002002 at 2025 NE Kresky Ave.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution approves the sale of the Kresky building for \$1.2 million.

**Resolution 26-110:** Approve \$237,775.35 Distressed Counties (.09) grant to the Napavine School District for its Ag Building Infrastructure project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the \$237,775.35 grant will help cover infrastructure costs for the Agriculture Mechanics Building. She said the school district is expanding its apprenticeship offerings, and the new building will provide space for welding, CNC plasma, router, end mill, lathe, water jet, and laser training.

**Resolution 26-111:** Approve \$484,615.00 Distressed Counties (.09) grant to City of Chehalis Public Works for its Market Street Pinch Point project.

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the city will use the grant to add a new water main – and fire hydrants – to improve water distribution to the south end of its water system.

**Resolution 26-112: Appoint Gail Hakola to the Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) Advisory Board.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said Gail Hakola will fill the remainder of Ricardo Barrientes's unexpired term, which ends Dec. 31, 2026, and then serve a full three-year term through Dec. 31, 2029.

**Resolution 26-113: Appoint Todd Chaput to the Pacific Mountain Workforce Development Council.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said Todd Chaput will fill the remainder of Richard's term on PacMtn – through the end of June – and then begin a full three-year term expiring June 30, 2029.

**Resolution 26-114: List the bids received and newspaper selected for Lewis County legal printing for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution awards the newspaper of record contract to The Chronicle, which submitted a bid of \$3.80 per column inch.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## HEARING

**Resolution 26-115: Approve Open Space Land designation and assessed value reduction for parcel Nos. 014731009004 and 014731009006.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Assessor Ross Nielson gave the staff report. Ross said the county's Public Benefits Rating System Committee reviewed the property owners' application and recommends the county designate parcel Nos. 014731009004 and 014731009006 as Open Space Land. He said the application covers 9.06 acres.

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

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

Ross asked that his previous comments be adopted into the record.

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

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-115. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rieva Lester said The Chronicle’s bid for the newspaper contract was the same amount as its bid the previous year.

Commissioner Swope lauded the work of investors who have transformed local dilapidated hotels into apartments.

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

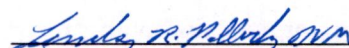
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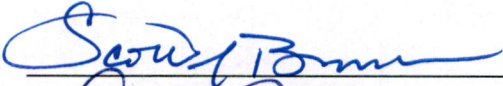
**ADJOURNMENT**

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board