

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

April 14, 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.

Agenda change: Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add to the day's agenda Resolution 26-116: The temporary closure of Foron Road to all through traffic. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

FLOOD RECOVERY FUNDING

Emergency Management Deputy Director Erika Katt said Lewis County was alerted April 10 that the federal government has approved Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Assistance in response to the December 2025 storms. Erika said it's unclear how much funding Lewis County will receive.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-116 through 26-118. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-116: The temporary closure of Foron Road to all through traffic. The closure started April 13 and lasts until April 27.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county learned on April 9 that Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad planned to close its crossing April 13-27.

Resolution 26-117: Publication of 2025 County Forces road construction projects and costs.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county is publishing its county forces work as required.

Resolution 26-118: The proposed vacation of an undeveloped right of way, being a continuation of Washington Street in Mineral.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing will take place May 19.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the April 7, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-119. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-120 through 26-124. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-120: Approve Indigent Defense contract with Sarah McFadden for Juvenile Court through December 31, 2026, for conflict cases as needed.

Budget Services Administrator / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said Sarah McFadden will provide public defense for Juvenile Court under the contract.

Resolution 26-121: Execute a contract with the State Department of Commerce to fund the “Historic Museum Restoration and Preservation” project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution allows Commerce funding for replacement of the museum room.

Resolution 26-122: Appoint Dale E. Lund to the Lewis County Citizens’ Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (Salary Commission).

HR Director Angie Hodge discussed the resolution. Angie said the previous seat-holder, Kayla Macewen, has moved out of the county, making her ineligible to continue serving on the Salary Commission.

Resolution 26-123: Approve Lewis County contributions for Non-Bargaining Unit (NBU) Employees approved to receive health and welfare benefits through the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust (WTWT).

HR Director **Angie Hodge** discussed the resolution. Angie said the resolution creates a process to allow qualifying non-bargaining unit (NBU) employees to receive health and welfare benefits through the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust (WTWT).

Resolution 26-124: Appoint James Owen and Theodore Gilbert to the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) Board of Directors.

Clerk of the Board **Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said James Owen will fill the remainder of Gerry Monkman's unexpired term and Theodore Gilbert will succeed Dennis Riebe on the East Lewis County Public Development Authority Board of Directors.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1375: Amend Title 15, Building and Construction, of the Lewis County Code, and adopt the Lewis County Rainwater Catchment Policy.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks gave the staff report. Mindy said the ordinance outlines design requirements for the use of rainwater catchment systems for existing single-family residential dwellings that are unable to obtain potable water through conventional means – including connection to a public water system or development of a suitable private well – due to location and / or underlying hydrogeologic conditions.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. In response to a question from Commissioner Swope, Mindy clarified that the allowance would be available to any qualifying properties.

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

Mindy 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 chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1375. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Commissioner Pollock said she'd like to make rainwater catchment an option for landowners who are unable to secure water on their large parcels.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

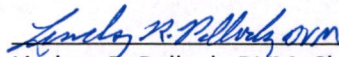
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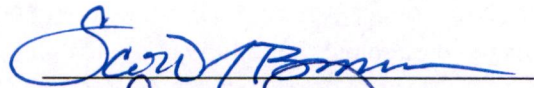
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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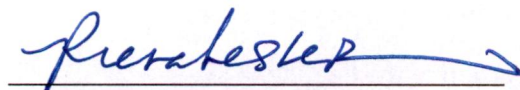
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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board