

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

**Business Meeting minutes**

**May 5, 2026**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer

Absent: 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.

**DRUG COURT AND FAMILY COURT**

Drug Court Manager Stephanie Miller and Superior Court Judge Andrew Toynbee provided updates on Drug Court and Family Court. Judge Toynbee expressed appreciation for the county's recent approval of a contract with Centralia Police Department for compliance officers as well as the county's support of the Drug Court house, which provides shelter for participants. He noted the program currently has 41 participants, 76 percent of whom are employed or attending school full time and 58 percent of whom are licensed and insured. Stephanie Miller and Drug Court participant Nate Parks echoed Judge Toynbee's sentiments about the positive impacts of the program and the available housing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:15 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:21 a.m. to discuss Centralia landfill mitigation, with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney David Bailey and outside counsel Matt Cockrell in attendance.

At 10:21 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:23 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

**Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve the settlement with Fireman's Fund, also called Allianz, as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## NOTICE ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-143 and 26-144. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 26-143:** Call for bids for the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Midway Drainage Improvements and Repaving Project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the call for bids for the Fairgrounds project. The bids are due online via OpenGov by 2 p.m. May 26, 2026.

**Resolution 26-144:** Call for bids for the Historical Museum Restoration & Preservation Project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. The bids are due online via OpenGov by 2 p.m. May 26, 2026.

*Motion passed 2-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the April 28, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-145. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEM

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-146. Commissioner Pollock seconded.*

**Resolution 26-146:** Suspend the Master Site Review requirement and waive Shoreline Conditional Use Permit fees for hydraulic protection actions completed during the December 2025 flood event.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the state Department of Fish and Wildlife approved emergency hydraulic protection actions for 15 property owners during the December 2025 flood. She said state law requires those permanent structures or repairs to adhere to must meet the Shoreline Master Program rules and requires the property owners to obtain after-the-fact Shoreline permits from Lewis County. She said the resolution waives the Master Site Review requirement and waive Shoreline Conditional Use Permit fees for those property owners.

*Motion passed 2-0.*

## HEARING

**Resolution 26-147:** Approve a franchise renewal to Lewis County PUD No. 1 to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Public Works Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster gave the staff report. Kimberly said Lewis County PUD No. 1 has applied for a five-year renewal of its non-exclusive franchise for telecommunications facilities.

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 chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-147. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

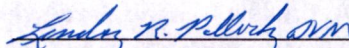
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

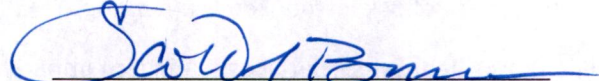
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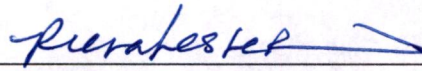
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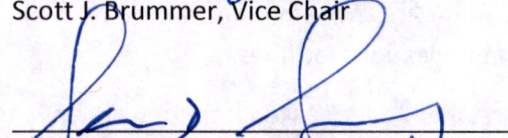


  
Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

  
Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

  
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner