

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

May 12, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

AGENDA CHANGE

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to add to the agenda Resolution 26-155: Notice of hearing to consider adoption of interlocal agreement between City of Vader and Lewis County for annexation by Vader within its Urban Growth Area. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-155. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-155: Notice of public hearing to consider adoption of interlocal agreement between City of Vader and Lewis County for annexation by Vader within its Urban Growth Area.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said Vader has identified 248.6 acres within its urban growth area that it would like to annex. Rieva said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. June 16, 2026.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the May 5, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-148. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-149 through 26-154. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-149: Appoint Haley M. Williams to the Lewis County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials (Salary Commission).

HR Director **Angie Hodge** discussed the resolution. Angie said Haley will succeed Dale Lund on the Salary Commission.

Resolution 26-150: Accept Grant Agreement from the Washington State Department of Transportation Innovative Partnerships Office for the Chehalis Fast Charging Station at 156 NW Chehalis Ave.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist **Matt Patana** discussed the resolution. Matt said the \$1,056,000 grant from WSDOT will be used to create an EV charging station on Chehalis Avenue.

Resolution 26-151: Approve contract #T03-0268-26 between Thurston County and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Community Service Manager **Marylynne Kostick** discussed the resolution. Marylynne said the resolution approves a \$287,626.16 contract with Thurston County, which will home visiting services through the Nurse Family Partnership program. Marylynne said the contract runs through Dec. 31. 2026.

Resolution 26-152: Approve contract #C15-0245-25 amendment A between Coastal Community Action Program (CAP) and Lewis County.

PHSS Social Services Supervisor **Caroline Garibay** discussed the resolution. Caroline said the amendment increases by \$83,000 the county's grant-funded contract with CAP for Supported Employment & Community Inclusion Services. She said the amendment also extends the contract to June 30.

Resolution 26-153: Ratify Agreement Number AHHG2026 with WEST Consultants Inc. for the 2026 Annual Hydrologic, Hydraulic, and Geomorphic Services in the amount of \$350,000.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said WEST Consultants will provide Hydrologic, Hydraulic and Geomorphic (HHG) services for the county under the agreement.

Resolution 26-154: Approve a collective bargaining agreement (Appendix 103) for Teamsters Local #252, representing Lewis County Supervisors, for January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.

HR Director Angie Hodge discussed the resolution. Angie said approval of the resolution and agreement mark the closure of the county's final expired collective bargaining agreement.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Ordinance 1376: Update Chapter 10.20 of Lewis County Code to allow electric-thrust operated vessels on specific bodies of water.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester gave the staff report. Rieva said Vessels with electric-thrust motors are allowed on many lakes in Washington state, with proponents citing reduced noise pollution and the elimination of fuel spills, oil leakage and exhaust emissions as reasons to allow them. Rieva said Ordinance 1376 would allow the use of electric thrust-operated vessels on Carlisle Lake in Onalaska and South County Park Pond in Toledo and would create a process by which individuals could use electric thrust-operated vessels on Packwood Lake if the operator has acquired, and has in their immediate possession, a valid Special Use Permit (SUP) issued by the US Forest Service.

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

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

Rieva asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

Pastor Joe Martin of Toledo said his church used electric-thrust vessels to transport church members across the lake for a camp area. He urged the commissioners to approve the ordinance.

Winlock resident Tim Fife echoed Pastor Martin's sentiments and urged the commissioners to approve the ordinance.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1376. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock invited the public to a free event taking place May 16 at America’s Team Museum on Tower Avenue in Centralia. She said the event will feature historic military displays in recognition of Armed Forces Day.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

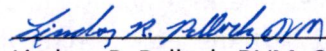
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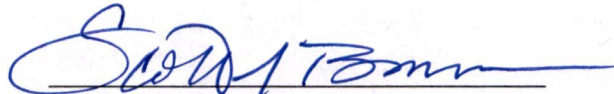
The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room (Room 223).

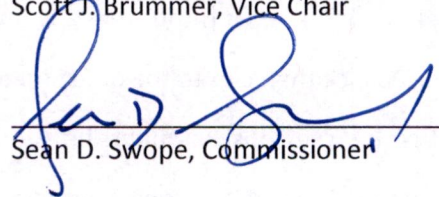
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ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board