

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

May 26, 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.

Donna O’Claire of Packwood discussed emergency work High Valley residents performed to protect homes, lives and properties from the December 2025 floods in Packwood. She restated her request for the commissioners’ help to avoid costly after-the-fact permitting fees.

Jeaneva Hallett echoed the need for the commissioners’ help.

Rob Maricle asked if the commissioners have had any success reaching out to the state regarding costs associated with the emergency berms.

High Valley Country Club President Janel Stoneback echoed concerns regarding the costs associated with permitting the emergency repairs.

**NOTICE ITEMS**

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-160 and 26-161. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-160:** Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1377, which would create Chapter 1.30 - Development Agreements - in Lewis County Code to establish procedures and standards.

Senior Long-Range Planner Natalie Kamienicki discussed the resolution. Natalie said the hearing will take place June 9 and that staff will provide a presentation about the proposal on June 3.

**Resolution 26-161:** Call for bids for the sale of surplus timber on County right of way located off Kray Road #904 in Chehalis.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said nearby work has left the timber vulnerable. She said the minimum bid to harvest the timber is \$3,063.

*Motion passed 3-0.*

## CONSENT ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the May 19, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-162. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.*

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

*Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-163 through 26-166. Commissioner Swope seconded.*

**Resolution 26-163:** Approve Master Interlocal Agreements between Lewis County and the municipalities of Pe Ell and Vader.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the interlocal agreements allow the county to perform maintenance work on behalf of the municipalities.

**Resolution 26-164:** Adopt the revised 2026 Lewis County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (ER&R) Policy.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution updates the policy for the Equipment Rental and Revolving (ER&R) Fund, through which vehicles and equipment are purchased.

**Resolution 26-165:** Approve a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the 2025 County Safety Program-Phase 1, County Road Project (CRP) 2212A.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement covers \$150,000 in Highway Safety Improvement funds the county receives.

**Resolution 26-166:** Approve a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the 2025 County Safety Program-Phase II, County Road Project (CRP) 2212B.

**Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist** discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement covers \$275,000 in Highway Safety Improvement funds the county receives.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEW BUSINESS**

**Executive session:** At 10:14 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 10:24 a.m. to discuss Vader water.

At 10:24 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 10:30 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

No questions.

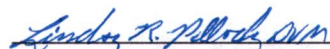
**ADJOURNMENT**

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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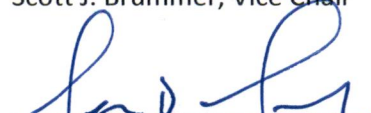
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