

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE RENEWAL OF A
FRANCHISE TO LIGHTSPEED NETWORKS TO
INSTALL, CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WITHIN THE
ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY OF UNINCORPORATED
LEWIS COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 26-181

WHEREAS, Lewis County Code 12.20 and RCW 36.55 require that all utility installations in county road rights of way be authorized by a franchise from Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, an application for a renewal of a franchise has been received by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from Lightspeed Networks to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities within the road rights of way of unincorporated Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, said application and all related materials have been reviewed by the BOCC and found appropriate for further proceedings; and

WHEREAS, written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning at 10 a.m. June 17, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for July 21, 2026, hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. July 20, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC will hold a public hearing on the proposed acceptance of the franchise on at or after 10 a.m., July 21, 2026. The hearing will take place at the Lewis County Courthouse, Commissioners' Hearing Room, 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Wash., as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing attached hereto. Interested parties are encouraged to check the Commissioners' hearing schedule online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/agendas-calendar/> for updated details as the hearing date approaches. The Clerk of the BOCC is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 16th day of June, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Rieva Lester, CMC,
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of
County Commissioners

Sean D. Swope
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County, Washington (BOCC), has received an application for the renewal of a non-exclusive franchise from LIGHTSPEED NETWORKS, INC., to install, construct, operate, and maintain telecommunication facilities located within Lewis County right of way in the following description:

Any and all county roads located in Lewis County, Washington, that are not within the incorporated limits of any city or town.

The franchise being considered is for a period of ten years.

The application and all related materials have been reviewed by the BOCC and found appropriate for further proceedings.

A hearing on the non-exclusive franchise will be held on July 21, 2026, at or after the hour of 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, when and where all persons may appear and be heard upon the granting of the franchise. Please look at the Commissioners' hearing schedule at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/agendas-calendar/> as July 21, 2026, approaches for updated details.

RCW 36.55.040 requires that notice of hearing be posted in three public places in the county seat of the county at least 15 days before the day fixed for hearing and also published two times in the official newspaper of the county, the last publication to be not less than 5 days before the day fixed for hearing.

Written comment may be submitted in person at the BOCC, 351 NW North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning 10 a.m. June 17, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Lightspeed Networks, Inc., to install, construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications facilities within the rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County." and must be received by 10 a.m. July 20, 2026.

It is the policy of Lewis County that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise discriminated against under any of its Federally funded programs and activities. Any person who believes his/her Title VI protections have been violated may file a complaint with WSDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO). For additional information regarding Title VI complaint procedures and/or information regarding our nondiscrimination obligations, please contact Lewis County's Title VI Coordinator at 360-740-2612.

Dated: June 16, 2026



Rieva Lester
Clerk of the Lewis County Board
of County Commissioners



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BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution:

BOCC Meeting Date: June 16, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to Lightspeed Networks to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities within the road rights of way of unincorporated Lewis County

Contact: Kimberly Edminster

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Department: PW - Public Works

Description:

Lewis County Code 12.20 and RCW 36.55 require that all utility installations in county road rights of way be authorized by a franchise from Lewis County. An application for renewal of a franchise has been received by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) from Lightspeed Networks, Inc., to install, construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications facilities within the road rights-of-way of unincorporated Lewis County.

This resolution sets a hearing at or after 10 a.m. July 21, 2026. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners hearing room on the 2nd floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington, as the time and place for the hearing on the franchise request and further instructs the Clerk of the BOCC to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by RCW 36.55.040. Interested parties are encouraged to check the Commissioners' hearing schedule online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/agendas-calendar/> as the hearing date approaches for updated details.

Approvals:

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