

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

June 23, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

HONORING STATE CHAMPIONS

The Lewis County commissioners honored members of the local schools for their achievements:

- Sam Volavola (Centralia High School) - 2A state title in shot put

- Emalie Jacoby (Onalaska High School) - 2B state titles in discus and triple jump (also placed 2nd in long jump and 8th high jump)
- Luke Barrick (OHS) - 2B state record in pole vault
- Ethan Thayer (OHS) - 2B state record in shot put

- W.F. West equestrian team (co-op that includes students from W.F. West, Napavine, Mossyrock, Onalaska, Toledo, Adna, Winlock, Centralia and Centralia Christian in addition to many home-schooled athletes) - medium high school point award at Washington High School Equestrian Team and Working Pairs state title for Alice Venters and Anya Lyon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kyle Wheeler submitted written public comment.

Captain Gin Pack thanked the Commissioners for the success of the partnership between Lewis County and The Salvation Army over the last several years.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-191 through 26-194. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-191: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment. The surplus property will be sold via auction through Ritchie Bros. - online at RBAuction.com - July 9-10, 2026.

Solid Waste Services Manager Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said a listing of property has been recommended as surplus to the County's needs by the Public Works Solid Waste Utility.

Resolution 26-192: Call for bids for Radio Sites Generator project. Bids must be submitted electronically through OpenGov (<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/lewiscountywa>) and are due by 2 p.m. July 15, 2026.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said several of the radio sites lack permanent standby power systems. This will enable Lewis County to ensure system reliability and maintain uninterrupted radio service for emergency responders, each site requires the installation of a dedicated standby generator and associated Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS).

Resolution 26-193: The temporary closure of Bishop Road to all through traffic. The stretch of roadway will be closed beginning Monday, July 13, 2026.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said Lewis County plans to complete a culvert replacement project at Bishop Road MP 2.839 (Berwick Creek) beginning Monday, July 13, 2026, and ending Friday, October 30, 2026.

Resolution 26-194: Notice of hearing for a franchise renewal to Middle Fork Water and Sewer System to install, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer system facilities within road rights of way of unincorporated Lewis County. The hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. July 28, 2026.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said this is a renewal of a franchise for Middle Fork Water & Sewer System, for installation, construction, operation, and maintenance of water and sewer system facilities within the road rights of way of unincorporated Lewis County.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the June 16, 2026 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-195. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-196 through 26-200. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-196: Approve an interlocal agreement with the City of Centralia regarding work by county crews.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the City of Centralia has a need to complete maintenance chipsealing work on certain roads within its jurisdiction but lacks the manpower and equipment to complete the work and has asked to enter into an interlocal agreement for Lewis County to perform the work.

Resolution 26-197: Ratify the appointment of Candace Johnson as a regular member on the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB) for 2024-26 and reappoint her for an additional two-year term.

Social Services Supervisor Caroline Garibay discussed the resolution. Caroline said that ratifying Candace Johnson's prior service and reappointing her for an additional term is in the best interest of the public and supports compliance with the VAB's minimum membership requirements.

Resolution 26-198: Approve amended bylaws of the Lewis County Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Social Services Supervisor Caroline Garibay discussed the resolution. Caroline said the Veterans' Advisory Board has reviewed its bylaws and is bringing forward proposed amendments for consideration.

Resolution 26-199: Approve contract with Plus 1 Productions to produce a performance rodeo at 2026 Southwest Washington Fair.

Fair & Events Manager Fionna Velazquez discussed the resolution. Fionna said a review committee evaluated the proposals based on established criteria, including experience, qualifications, proposed rodeo production, stock quality, event elements and overall value to the Fair and community. Following the evaluation process, Plus 1 Productions received the highest overall score and was recommended for award.

Resolution 26-200: Approve a Special Event Policy permitting leashed dogs at the Washington State Garlic Fest.

Fair & Events Manager Fionna Velazquez discussed the resolution. Fionna said a limited exception allowing leashed dogs during the Washington State Garlic Fest may enhance the visitor experience while maintaining appropriate safety standards and operational controls.

Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 26-201: Lewis County 2026 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Budget Services Administrator Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said that total expenditures in the amount of \$3,375,559 be increased and total revenue in the amount of \$2,656,579 be increased, resulting in a decrease in the estimated ending fund balance in the amount of \$718,980. Funds will be placed in the budgets within Current Expense and other funds as indicated and distributed in the revenue and expenditure accounts.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Becky gave the staff report.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were none.

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

Becky asked that their 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 26-201. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Swope said there is a letter that will be sent out to former commissioners and will send out the letter to all the elected. There will also be a social media post and an announcement to the Chronicle.

Commissioner Swope noted the Diesel program was reinstated.

No Business Meeting next week June 30, 2026.

Offices and departments will be closed on July 3, 2026, in observance of July 4th.

PRESS CONFERENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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