

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 14, 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.

YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTER

Youth Advocacy Center (YAC) Care Coordinator Katrina Wulff and Monarch Children's Justice and Advocacy Center Director Courtney Prothero provided updates on YAC's work to help child abuse victims across Lewis County. Katrina thanked Lewis County for its continued financial support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Cole thanked the commissioners for their letter of support regarding the Noel Cole Fish & Wildlife Project. Greg said he is submitting grant applications to Port Blakely, Weyerhaeuser, South Puget Sound and other organizations.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-212 through 26-214. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-212: Notice of hearing for Resolution 26-190, which established a six-month emergency moratorium on Family Burial Grounds.

Senior Long-Range Planner Natalie Kaminiecki discussed the resolution. Natalie said the after-the-fact hearing for the emergency burial grounds moratorium will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. July 28, 2026.

Resolution 26-213: Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to High Valley Country Club Inc. for the installation, construction, operation and maintenance of water facilities within county road rights of way.

Right of Way Agent Director Connor Wilmovsky discussed the resolution. Connor said the hearing for the five-year franchise will take place Aug. 18, 2026.

Resolution 26-214: Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to Skate Creek Terrace Community Club Inc. for the installation, construction, operation and maintenance of water facilities within county road rights of way.

Right of Way Agent Director Connor Wilmovsky discussed the resolution. Connor said the hearing for the five-year franchise will take place Aug. 18, 2026.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the July 7, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-215. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-216 through 26-226. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-216: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Carr Road MP 0.26 to MP 0.28 Slide Repair Project, 90-21F782700026.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the county received five bids, with NW Construction General Contracting of Battle Ground providing the apparent low bid of \$358,988.61.

Resolution 26-217: Approve Consolidated Contract #CLH32057 Amendment #14 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the amendment adds \$1,835,074 for a maximum consideration of \$7,719,988, amends the statements of work for three programs and adds a statement of work for one additional program.

Resolution 26-218: Approve an agreement from the Washington State Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$242,718.06 for use in the fiscal year 2027.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the state requires Lewis County to provide public defense for indigent individuals but contributes less than 11 percent of the costs to do so, forcing Lewis County taxpayers to shoulder the bulk of the costs.

Resolution 26-219: Approve .09 (“Distressed Counties”) grant to Economic Alliance of Lewis County for \$350,000 total over two years for its “Operations and Implementation of Economic Development Initiatives and Projects” project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution and agreement provide a cumulative \$350,000 (\$175,000 per year for two years) to Economic Alliance for the tourism and CEDS work it performs on behalf of Lewis County.

Resolution 26-220: Approve .09 (“Distressed Counties”) grant totaling up to \$250,000 to City of Winlock for its “Hostel Parking Lot” project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution and agreement provide lodging tax funding totaling up to \$250,000 to the city of Winlock to help with its Hostel Parking Lot project.

Resolution 26-221: Appoint Leah Sisemore to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Leah Sisemore to succeed Jonathan Meyer on the PFD effective Sept. 1, 2026, with a term ending Aug. 31, 2029.

Resolution 26-222: Appoint Lenee Langdon to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution appoints Lenee Langdon to fill the remainder Jessica Scogin’s unexpired term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2027.

Resolution 26-223: Approve a contract for Roofing and Related Services for the roof repair and replacement at the Lewis County Jail with V&R Sheet Metal LLC using King County Directors’ Association (KCDA) Contract AEPA 025-D.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said Lewis County is using King County’s contract for its upcoming jail roof project.

Resolution 26-224: Elect to receive Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Funding and Allocation of Title II and Title III Funds for the Federal fiscal year 2026 for 2027 payments.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution on behalf of the Treasurer's Office. Becky said the resolution establishes the county's 2026 for 2027 as follows:

- 85 percent to Title I
- 15 percent to Title II
- 0 percent for Title III projects

Resolution 26-225: Approve a statement of work with CDW Government LLC for FRSecure virtual Chief Information Security Officer (vCISO) services using Sourcewell Contract #121923-CDW.

IT Director Gabe Anzelini discussed the resolution. Gabe said FRSecure will serve as an advisor and virtual Chief Information Security Officer.

Resolution 26-226: Approve an amended Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Davison Road MP 0.01 Bridge Rehabilitation, CRP 2198 and rescind the previous prospectus per Resolution 22-300.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the prospectus is merely a planning document but the state is requiring the county update it prior to further work on the Davison Road bridge project.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARING

Vacation 26-002 (Fagley Rd.): The vacation of an unimproved portion of Fagley Road #609, Centralia.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Right of Way Agent Director Connor Wilmovsky gave the staff report. Connor said the County Engineer has determined the right of way is of no value to the county and therefore supports the proposed vacation.

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

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

Connor asked that his 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 Vacation 26-002 (Fagley Road). Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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