

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

ISSUE A CALL FOR BIDS FOR CREMATION
PROCESS FOR INDIGENT (UNCLAIMED)
DECEDENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-239

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Coroner's Office is accepting bids from funeral homes based in Lewis County that are interested in handling the cremation process for indigent (unclaimed) decedents, as outlined in RCW 36.24.155; and

WHEREAS, sealed bids must be delivered to the Lewis County Coroner's Office (585 NW Center St, Chehalis, Wash., 98532) by 5 p.m. Aug. 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, bids will be opened at or after 11 a.m. Aug. 26, 2026, in the Board of County Commissioners' Hearing Room on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse at 351 NW North Street in Chehalis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOCC hereby issues a call for bids for the cremation process for indigent (unclaimed) decedents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the BOCC directs the BOCC Clerk of the Board to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications for said purpose.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 28th day of July, 2026.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

David Bailey
By: David Bailey,
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

ATTEST:



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Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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The requirements of the contract would be to pick the decedent up from the coroner's office within two business days of being notified, cremating the decedent and returning the cremated remains to the coroner's office and providing the license and recent inspections for the crematorium used. The contract would be in effect from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027.

We look forward to hearing from you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren McLeod", is written over a horizontal line.

Warren McLeod, MA, D-ABMDI
Coroner

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BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 26-239

BOCC Meeting Date: July 28, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Issue a call for bids for cremation process for indigent (unclaimed) decedents

Contact: Warren McLeod

Phone: 360-740-3365

Department: CRNR - Coroner

Description:

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Approvals:

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