

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

July 21, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Russell provided an update on a feasibility study taking place to “rewild” Cold Creek. Bob also discussed the Woody Biomass Bioeconomy Development Opportunity (BDO) Zones.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the July 14, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-227. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-228 through 26-235. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-228: Accept an agreement between Lewis County and Washington State Military Department for the State Homeland Security Grant Program, Contract 26-353.

DEM Deputy Director Erika Katt discussed the resolution. Erika said the contract provides the county grant funding totaling \$21,041.

Resolution 26-229: Approve contract #H04-0257-25 amendment C between Hope Alliance and Lewis County.

Social Services Supervisor Caroline Garibay discussed the resolution. Caroline said the amendment provides an additional \$75,000 to Hope Alliance for its homeless prevention efforts.

Resolution 26-230: Approve Agreement #2663-69504 between the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DSHS DDA), and Lewis County.

Social Services Supervisor Caroline Garibay discussed the resolution. Caroline said the agreement provides funding totaling \$1,024,263 for developmental disabilities services, including supported employment, community inclusion, child development services, county administration, training and community education activities.

Resolution 26-231: Authorize the Director of Community Development to apply for the Washington Department of Commerce Permit Review Process Update grant in the amount of \$70,385.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the resolution allows Community Development to apply for a grant to digitize records.

Resolution 26-232: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and King County Directors' Association (KCDA) allowing use of cooperative purchasing contracts.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace said the interlocal allows Lewis County to use King County's cooperative purchasing contracts.

Resolution 26-233: Approve an interlocal agreement between Lewis County and Sourcewell allowing use of cooperative purchasing contracts.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace said the interlocal allows Lewis County to use Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts.

Resolution 26-234: Authorize legal defense and indemnity for Christopher Tawes, Andrea Lowe, Christopher Sweet, Robert Snaza and Carrie Breen, and their marital community if any, regarding a lawsuit brought by Amy Dixon - Action No. 3:26-cv-05625-LK-BAT.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution is to provide legal representation and indemnity to the Lewis County employees named in the lawsuit.

Resolution 26-235: Increase Lewis County's 2026 mileage rate to 76 cents per mile effective July 1, 2026.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution institutes a 3.5-cent-per-mile increase to the mileage reimbursement rate, mirroring recent action by the IRS.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 26-236: Approve a franchise renewal to Lightspeed Networks Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities within county road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Right of Way Agent Connor Wilmovsky gave the staff report, providing a brief overview of the franchise agreement.

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 spoke.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-236. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Resolution 26-237: Approve a franchise renewal to Boistfort Valley Water for installation, construction, operation and maintenance of water facilities within county road rights of way.

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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 spoke.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-237. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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