

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 4, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, 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.

LITTLE MISS FRIENDLY FINALISTS AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON FAIR PREVIEW

Edna Fund, Fionna Velazquez, Ashley Hamilton, Liz Hill, Miss Lewis County Hannah Murphy, Lewis County Rodeo Queen Kylie Smith, Rodeo Court Advisor Patty Mills, 2025-26 Little Miss Friendly Kimber Serl and Fair Advisory Board member George Dodd shared tidbits about the Southwest Washington Fair, which runs Aug. 11-16, and invited the public to join them in attending.

The five finalists for the 2026-27 Little Miss Friendly also introduced themselves:

- Blakely Becker, 10, of Napavine
- Avery Butler, 10, of Chehalis
- Reagan Juarez, 8, of Oakville
- Aspyn Kerlee, 8, of Adna
- Lux Longabaugh, 8, of Centralia

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEM

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-246 through 26-249. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-246: Notice of a hearing for Ordinance 1379, which would update Lewis County Code regarding cannabis land uses and cannabis retail establishments.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy outlined the steps for submitting written public comment and said the hearing will take place Aug. 18. Mindy said staff will provide an in-depth overview of the proposed ordinance on Aug. 12.

Resolution 26-247: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1383, which would repeal Chapter 9.15 - Alarm Systems - of Lewis County Code.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky outlined the steps for submitting written public comment and said the hearing will take place Aug. 18.

Resolution 26-248: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1384, which would add Chapter 9.50 - Mistreatment of Children and Dependent Persons - to county code to establish rules and penalties for endangerment with an opioid controlled substance.

Commissioner Swope discussed the resolution. Commissioner Swope the hearing will take place Aug. 25. Commissioner Pollock and Commissioner Brummer discussed possible updates to the verbiage in the ordinance.

Resolution 26-249: Notice of hearing to renew a franchise to View Ranch Estates Water Association to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities within county road rights of way.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing will take place Sept. 1.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the July 28, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-250. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-251 through 26-263. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-251: Approve 2027 contract with Pacific Northwest Pathologists for postmortem examinations.

Coroner Warren McLeod discussed the resolution. Warren outlined the services to be provided as outlined in the contract.

Resolution 26-252: Extend timeline for non-union extra help Investment & Banking Officer position.

County Manager Ryan Barrett discussed the resolution. Ryan said the resolution extends the time for the extra help position within the Treasurer's Office. He also discussed the need for 30-day progress updates from the Treasurer's Office.

Resolution 26-253: Authorize legal defense and indemnity for Ross Nielson, Arny Davis, and their marital community, if any, regarding a lawsuit brought by James Thode - Case No. 26-2-00767-21.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution.

Resolution 26-254: Approve SECO Coordinator Professional Development (CPD) Contract No. E27-027.

911 Director Jeff Hursh discussed the resolution. Jeff outlined provided a brief overview of the services eligible for reimbursement.

Resolution 26-255: Approve change orders related to Law and Justice boiler project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution approves change orders related to an ongoing capital improvement project.

Resolution 26-256: Approve amendment to agreement with KMB Architects for Capital Plan Projects.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt provided a brief review of the amendment, which revises architectural, mechanical and electrical plans.

Resolution 26-257: The proposed acquisition of additional temporary right of way for the Conrad Road MP 1.44 Bank Stabilization, CMP 2341.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the county needs temporary easements from two property owners along Conrad Road.

Resolution 26-258: The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for the Brim Road Culvert Replacement at MP 1.9.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said temporary easements from two property owners.

Resolution 26-259: Approve a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Boistfort Road Paving MP 0.00-2.202, 2026 3R Project, CRP 2213E.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the county has a potential opportunity to receive funding for a Boistfort Road paving project and that the resolution directs the BOCC Chair to sign a prospectus for the project if the state awards funding.

Resolution 26-260: Approve Contract #R01-0278-26 with Reliable Enterprises.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding totaling \$112,706 to help individuals with developmental disabilities.

Resolution 26-261: Approve contract #C15-0275-26 with Coastal Community Action Program (CAP).

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding totaling \$232,000 to help individuals with developmental disabilities.

Resolution 26-262: Approve contract #M01-0277-26 with Morningside.

Public Health and Social Services Director Meja Handlen discussed the resolution. Meja said the contract runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding totaling \$561,000 to help individuals with developmental disabilities.

Resolution 26-263: Enact a total burn ban on all outdoor burning, including recreational fires, starting at 12:01 a.m. August 4, 2026.

Community Development Director Mindy Brooks discussed the resolution. Mindy said the newly implemented burn ban includes campfires. She clarified that the county burn ban goes further than the governor's recent statewide restrictions.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

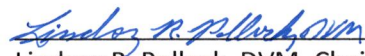
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Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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