

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 18, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Diesch of Chehalis provided public comment regarding the vacation of Mattson Road.

NOTICE ITEM(S)

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-365. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-365: Notice for opportunity to negotiate the sale of surplus timber on County right of way located off Kray Road, Chehalis, WA - per LCC section 3.30.320.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. No bids were received.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the August 4, 2026 Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-366. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-367. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-367: Intent to vacate an unimproved portion of Mattson Road #375, Centralia.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said that only one signature was received. Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist said the vacation would affect the right-of-way access.

Motion denied 0-3.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-368 through 26-370. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-368: Appoint Ray Chapman-Wilson and David Antilla to the Lewis County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Solid Waste Director Rocky Lyon discussed the resolution. Rocky said this would appoint Ray Chapman Wilson and David Antilla to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

Resolution 26-369: Initiate a county maintenance project and assign a County Maintenance Project (CMP) number for the Davis Lake Road MP 1.67 Slide Repair.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. This project was declared to be a public necessity.

Resolution Approving a Local Agency Agreement and Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for the Davis Lake Road MP 1.67 Slide Project, CMP 2653

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said this was to repair the slide on Davis Lake Road.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARINGS

26-371: Approve a franchise renewal to Skate Creek Terrace Community Club Inc., to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities within county road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberley Edminster gave the staff report.

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

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

Kimberly Edminster asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

There was no comment.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-371. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0

26-372: Approve a franchise renewal to High Valley Country Club Inc., to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities within county road rights of way

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberley Edminster gave the staff report.

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

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

Kimberly Edminster asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

There was no comment.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-372. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Ordinance 1383: Ordinance 1383: Repeal Chapter 9.15 - Alarm Systems - and fully remove it from Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler gave the staff report.

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

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

Becky Butler asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution.

There were no comments.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1383. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 1379: Adopt amendments to the Lewis County Code Cannabis Land Uses and Cannabis Retail Establishments.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Senior Long-Range Planner Natalie Kamieniecki gave the staff report.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Swope asked questions about the master site review and limits regarding sites. Ray Talbot asked if the limits for locations were previously considered. He was concerned about competition from sites driving business away from other establishments. Commissioner Swope said that he did reach out to sites to ask about their concerns.

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

Natalie asked that her previous comments be adopted into the record.

Commissioner Pollock asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the resolution. Meja Handlen stated she did not approve of marijuana and cannabis use by youth. She did approve of the sales tax generated to help with youth prevention programs. She asked the Board to consider regulations and standards.

Commissioner Brummer expressed concern about seeing the increased usage of cannabis by youth and underage adults if additional locations are allowed. Commissioner Brummer said that he wanted to provide education and outreach. State regulations require it to be not promoted towards youth. Commissioner Brummer echoed sentiments to provide safe opportunities for distribution. Commissioner Brummer did agree with the opposition of the ordinance.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Swope asked about the requirements of testing. Commissioner Swope stated he did not want to see shops on every block. Commissioner Swope asked to propose amendments to the ordinance to require 25 miles between shops in areas that allow for marijuana and cannabis sales in unincorporated areas. Mindy Brooks suggested striking the zoning allowance and state that it would be only allowed within the Packwood urban growth area.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to amend Ordinance 1379 to only allow marijuana and cannabis retail stores within the Packwood urban growth area. Commissioner Pollock seconded. **Motion passed 2-1.**

Commissioner Swope made a motion to allow for funds from excise tax collected from Ordinance 1379 from the unincorporated areas to be only used for law enforcement. **Motion dies for lack of second.**

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Ordinance 1379 Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PRESS CONFERENCE

None

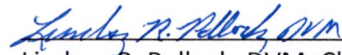
ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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