

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

August 25, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope (remote)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

TIMBERLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) Trustees Brian Mittge and Hal Blanton provided updates regarding the five-county library system's efforts to shore up budgeting, transparency, accountability, trust and outreach. They were joined with Branch Managers Muriel Wheatley (Centralia / Vernetta Smith Chehalis) and Devon Bergeron (Salkum). Brian noted that TRL will have a levy lid lift on the ballot.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Russell thanked the Timberland Regional Library for its efforts and commended the commissioners for their leadership on behalf of Lewis County and their willingness to let the public's voice be heard.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-373 through 26-374. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-373: Notice of hearing for the proposed vacation of an unimproved Alley in the Plat of Doty, in Doty.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing for the vacation is scheduled for Oct. 6.

Resolution 26-374: Declaration of surplus vehicles and equipment.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said Public Works has surplus equipment to dispose of.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the August 18, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-375. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-376. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-376: Award contract for Southwest Washington Fairgrounds Friendlyville improvements project.

Capital Infrastructure Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution would award the Friendlyville improvements contract to the lowest responsive bidder, Taycon LLC, for an amount totaling \$139,500 plus tax.

Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to amend the day's agenda to include the hearing for proposed Ordinance 1384 to add Chapter 9.50 - Mistreatment of Children and Dependent Persons - to Lewis County Code to establish rules and penalties for endangerment with an opioid controlled substance. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock opened the hearing for proposed Ordinance 1384. Commissioner Brummer made a motion to table the hearing for proposed Ordinance 1384 until at or after 10 a.m. Sept. 1, 2026. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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