

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR LEWIS COUNTY 2026
BUDGET EMERGENCY AND SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATIONS TO AND TRANSFERS WITHIN
CURRENT EXPENSE AND VARIOUS FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 26-394

WHEREAS, there is a need to hold a public hearing for the purpose of amending the 2026 budget for Current Expense and various funds pursuant to RCW 36.40.100; and

WHEREAS, all those wishing to speak for or against the amendment shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard. Said amendment will be available to review and can be obtained from the Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) Office; and

WHEREAS, written comments may be submitted to the BOCC by mail or in person at 351 N.W. North Street, Room 210, Chehalis, WA 98532 or via email at bocc@lewiscountywa.gov beginning at 10 a.m. September 22, 2026. Written comment must be clearly marked "Written comment for October 6, 2026, budget amendment hearing" and must be received by 10 a.m. October 4, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held before the Lewis County BOCC in the Historic Courthouse, 351 N.W. North Street, Chehalis, Washington, at or after 10 a.m. October 6, 2026, to consider an amendment to various departments within the 2026 budget for Current Expense and various funds, increasing expenditures in the amount of \$2,488,720 offset with an increase in revenue in the amount of \$1,673,372 with a decrease in estimated ending fund balance of \$815,348; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, postings, and publications as required by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 22nd day of September, 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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ATTEST:



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Sean D. Swope, Commissioner

2026 4TH BUDGET AMENDMENT BRIEF OVERVIEW										
As of		9/18/2026								
Fund/Dept.		General Fund	Revenue	Expenditures	Use of Fund balance	Funding Source	Emergency 36.40.140	Supplemental 36.40.100	Transfers 36.40.100	Amendment Description
006		TREASURER	-	25,000	(25,000)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Increasing operations budget to cover cost of legacy tax software during transition through the end of the year.
007		CLERK	-	8,775	(8,775)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Increasing professional service budget for the 2026 portion of contract with Legal Atoms.
008		SUPERIOR COURT	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Reallocating salary savings from court reporter vacancy to operations to cover higher than anticipated expert services costs and attorney fees.
014		PUBLIC DEFENSE	-	117,000	(117,000)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Increasing professional service due to increase in public defense attorney rates for 2026.
052		ANIMAL SHELTER	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Reallocate salary savings to cover increased costs in medications and supplies.
060		CORONER	-	132,280	(132,280)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Increasing professional services due to increased number of cases handled by Coroner's Office.
080		BOARD OF EQUALIZATION	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Reallocating budget from operations to salaries to cover costs of additional Board of Equalization meetings needed.
083		WACO & WASC	-	2,472	(2,472)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Adding budget for costs of Washing State Association of Counties annual dues.
		TOTALS CURRENT EXPENSE	0	285,527	(285,527)					
		USE OF FUND BALANCE								
		OTHER FUNDS	Revenue	Expenditures	Use of Fund balance	Funding Source	Emergency 36.40.140	Supplemental 36.40.100	Transfers 36.40.100	Amendment Description
1010		EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	Grant from Washington State Military Department		X		Adding budget for grant from Washington State Military Department to remove flood debris from the Cowlitz River
1090		DRUG CONTROL FUND	-	(25,000)	25,000	Increasing Fund Balance	X			Reducing budget to align with projected actual expenditures and available funding.
1420		AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND	-	27,643	(27,643)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Allocating the remaining ARPA balance, transferring \$27,643 for the final Vader Water project billing.
1610		POA DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND	-	(14,840)	14,840	Increasing Fund Balance	X			Reducing budget to align with projected actual expenditures and available funding.
3100		CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN FUND	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Moving budget from operations to salaries for work completed by facilities staff on the Jail Biometrics and Camera Upgrades and Jail Roof Project.
3120		REET II FUND	-	418,646	(418,646)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Adding budget capacity to cover facilities labor for projects at the SW Washington Fairgrounds and for the carpet replacement on the second floor of the Law & Justice building.
3250		GENERAL CONSTRUCTION BOND FUND	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Moving budget from Salaries to Operations to cover costs related to the Campus Fiber project and L&J Boiler replacement.
4010		SOLID WASTE FUND	100,000	100,000	0	Dept of Ecology Grant		X		Adding budget for Solid Waste project to update landfill monitoring system to meet Landfill Methan Emission Reduction. Project will be funded fully funded by grant from Washington State Dept of Ecology.
			47000	47,000	0	Transfer from Solid Waste Capital Fund		X	X	Adding budget for purchase of new forklift for the Hazardous Waste Program. Also adding transfer in from Solid Waste Capital Fund to cover the purchase.
			26,372	26,372	0	Transfer from Solid Waste Disposal District Fund		X	X	Increasing salary budget for approved positions changes in Solid Waste department, offset by increased transfer from Solid Waste Disposal District.
4020		SOLID WASTE CAPITAL FUND	0	47,000	(47,000)	Use of Fund Balance	X		X	Adding transfer out to Solid Waste Fund 4010 for the purchase of new forklift for the Hazardous Waste Program.
4150		SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT FUND	-	26,372	(26,372)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Move funding to cover cost of approved position changes in Solid Waste Fund 4010.
5120		GENERAL LIABILITY FUND	-	50,000	(50,000)	Use of Fund Balance	X			Adding budget in due to the increase of costs related to the increase in claims.
5400		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND	-	0	0	Transferring Between Accounts		X		Reallocating salary savings from vacancies to fund IT investments, including Virtual Chief Information Security Officer, user authentication software upgrades, and end-of-life server replacements.
		TOTALS OTHER FUNDS	1,673,372	2,203,193	(529,821)					
		USE OF FUND BALANCE								
		GRAND TOTAL	1,673,372	2,488,720	(815,348)					

BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Resolution: 26-394

BOCC Meeting Date: Sept. 22, 2026

Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:

Agenda Type: Legal Notice

Notice of hearing for Lewis County 2026 budget emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and various funds

Contact: Becky Butler

Phone: 1198

Department: BUD - Budget

Description:

Notice of Budget Amendment Hearing on the Lewis County 2026 Budget

Approvals:

User	Status
PA's Office	Pending

Publication Requirements:

Publications:

Chronicle 09/24/2026 and 10/01/2026

Additional Copies:

Arny Davis, Larry Grove, Grace Jimenez, Shelly Stewart

Cover Letter To: