

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

September 8, 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.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to amend the day's Business Meeting agenda to include Resolution 26-385: Approve \$450,000 Distressed Counties (".09") grant to the City of Chehalis for its "NW West Street Stormwater and Railroad Stabilization" project. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Maricle shared concerns regarding the Assessor's Office and his frustration regarding the process by which the county settles property tax valuation appeals. Rob said the county agreed to reduce the value of his property by \$1 million, which he said is tantamount to the Assessor's Office admitting its assessment was wrong. Rob also said the county charges taxpayers 9 percent interest per annum but that the county only pays 3.25 percent interest when it owes money to the taxpayers.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the September 1, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-382. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-383 and 26-384. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-383: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Tucker Road Paving Project, F.A. Project NO. STPR-F212(002), CRP-2213D.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the county received three bids for the project and that Granite Construction of Olympia provided the lowest responsive bid at \$699,349.50.

Resolution 26-384: Modify the burn restrictions to allow recreational campfires in designated campgrounds and on private lands in approved firepits and to allow the use of solid fuel BBQs, effective at 12:01 a.m. Sept. 3.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution ratifies action the commissioners took during an open public meeting on Sept. 2.

Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-385. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-385: Approve \$450,000 Distressed Counties (".09") grant to the City of Chehalis for its "NW West Street Stormwater and Railroad Stabilization" project.

The commissioners discussed the resolution.

Motion failed, with all three commissioners opposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Geoff Soderquist said the county was alerted about a blaze at the transfer station at 5:30 a.m. Sept. 6. Rocky Lyon discussed the response and the damage sustained. He said capacity is currently at roughly 50 percent capacity. Rocky and Geoff discussed repairs and equipment replacements needed.

The commissioners directed staff to issue a press release.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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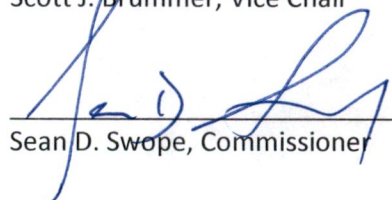
ATTEST:


Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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