

LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 13, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Brummer (10:17 a.m.)

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-414 and 26-415. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-414: Notice of hearing for Ordinance 1385, which would amend Lewis County Code related to private family burial grounds in accordance with SHB 2239.

Senior Long-Range Planner Natalie Kamieniecki discussed the resolution. Natalie said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Oct. 27, 2026.

Resolution 26-415: Lewis County preliminary budget for 2027, and notice of public meeting thereon.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the commissioners will hold an informational meeting regarding the 2027 budget the evening of Nov. 10 and then hold the hearing to adopt the budget at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 7, 2026, with both meetings taking place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minutes from the October 6, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-416. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-417 through 26-419. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-417: Ratify an agreement with Century West Engineering Corporation for the 2026 On-Call Airport Engineering Services for the Packwood and Toledo Airports.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the resolution approves an agreement with Century West Engineering Corporation for On-Call Airport Engineering Services for the Packwood and Toledo Airports in the amount of \$150,000, for a maximum of five years, with funding provided by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Resolution 26-418: Dissolve the petty cash fund established for the Lewis County Assessor's Office.

Chief Accountant Grace Jimenez discussed the resolution. Grace said the Assessor's Office has determined it no longer has a need for its \$100 petty cash fund and that the resolution would dissolve that fund.

Resolution 26-419: Authorize legal defense and indemnity for Joseph Bassetti, Jonathan Meyer, Robert Snaza, Sam Shouten and Andrew Yocom, and their marital community, if any, regarding a lawsuit brought by Jordan Coleman - Case No. 3:26-cv-06135-SKV.

Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution approves defense and indemnity for Lewis County employees named in the Jordan Coleman lawsuit.

Motion passed 2-0.

HEARINGS

Resolution 26-420: Approve a conditional road vacation agreement for the proposed vacation of a portion of Peterson Road.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster gave the staff report. Kimberly said the resolution would approve a conditional agreement regarding the proposed vacation of a portion of Peterson Road in Chehalis. She said the agreement identifies the improvements, easements, permits and other conditions that would be necessary before the proposed road vacation could be considered for final approval.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions.

Gaelon Spradley asked whether the agreement included any requirements for a gate. Kimberly said the proposed agreement does not address a gate and that a gate would be a private matter.

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

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

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

Mike Pallas of Four Timbers said the requester wants to install a gate which would affect his property. He said he wouldn't want it to lead to litigation and that he is adamantly against the proposed vacation.

Gaelon Spradley said he is the petitioner seeking the vacation. He said there is not a legal turnaround at the end of the road and that the proposed agreement would require him to add a legal turnaround at his own expense. Gaelon said he is seeking privacy and security at the end of the dead-end road. Gaelon said he doesn't want to have to install a gate.

Sue Young said she used to live where Gaelon now lives. She said she never experienced worries about security or privacy and that she fears she may not be able to access her property should the vacation take place.

Commissioner Brummer joined at 10:17 a.m.

Tyler Pallas said he lives in the area and has never seen problems with security or privacy.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist clarified the action taking place simply addresses the addition of improvements to the property and does not determine the outcome of the actual vacation. He noted that the vacation process returns the property in question to the individual who owned it prior to the establishment of the county road and that the county would reserve the rights for easements, whether for utilities, ingress or egress. Geoff noted that Washington is a right-to-access state.

Geoff asked that his comments be included in the record.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to recess the hearing until at or after 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution 26-421: Approve a franchise renewal to Mashell Telecom Inc., DBA Lightcurve to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities within county road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

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

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

No one chose to speak.

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolution 26-421. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

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