LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

October 20, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Kohl shared concerns regarding the vacation of Seine Road, which leaves North Fork as the lone route in the case of an emergency, such as a wildfire.

Pam Wilkins shared concerns regarding traffic on Peterson Road and the need for a turnaround.

Gaelon Spradley said he would like to pause his application for the vacation of Peterson Road until after he establishes project cost estimates and meets with his neighbors.

AGENDA CHANGE

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to amend the Business Meeting agenda to include Resolution 26-429 to re-issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) for Lewis County's Fire Alarm Engineering project. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-422 and 26-429. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-422: Issue call for bids for one or more pursuit-rated SUVs and one or more 4-wheel drive pickup trucks. Bids are due by 12:15 p.m. Nov. 4, 2026.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the call for bids allows the county to determine how many of the Sheriff's Office vehicles to purchase once pricing information is known.

Resolution 26-429: Re-issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) for Lewis County's Fire Alarm Engineering project.

Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester discussed the resolution. Rieva said the resolution extends the timeline for applicants to submit proposals for the county's fire alarm project.

Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the Click or tap to enter a date. Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-423. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed ***.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-424 through 26-428. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-424: Declaration of surplus personal property.

IT Business and Office Manager Amanda Price discussed the resolution. Amanda said IT is disposing of 22 items that are obsolete or no longer functional.

Resolution 26-425: Approve a grant agreement amendment between the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and Lewis County for the Blue Creek at Spencer Road Fish Passage Habitat Restoration Design, CRP 2206, RCO #23-1138.

Public Works Director Geoff Soderquist discussed the resolution. Geoff said the agreement increases by $105,125 the county's agreement with the state's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for the Blue Creek at Spencer Road Fish Passage Habitat Restoration Design.

Resolution 26-426: Authorize acceptance of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Alternate Project Award in the amount of $5,033,179.46 for the Public Works Area 2 Maintenance Shop and designate the Public Works Department as the lead entity for project management and contract administration.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the agreement accepts FEMA funding totaling $5,033,179.46 for the construction and site development of the Public Works Area 2 Maintenance Shop.

Resolution 26-427: Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute a purchase order with Brite through sole source procurement for a one-year renewal of the Getac cloud storage system.

Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson discussed the resolution. Kevin said the agreement covers cloud storage for footage from the body-worn cameras used by Sheriff's Office employees.

Resolution 26-428: Authorize the Sheriff, or his designee, to execute a purchase order with Axon Enterprise Inc. through sole source procurement for the purchase of 35 TASER 10 conducted energy weapons.

Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson discussed the resolution. Kevin said the agreement allows for the purchase of Tasers.

Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

Resolution 26-420: Approve a conditional road vacation agreement for the proposed vacation of a portion of Peterson Road. (Held over from the Oct. 13, 2026, Business Meeting.)

Commissioner Pollock reopened the hearing.

Geoff Soderquist clarified that the hearing is not for an actual road vacation. He said the proposed agreement simply identifies the minimum requirements the petitioner would have to meet before the commissioners would consider vacating the road in the future. He noted that the actual vacation would require an additional hearing in the future and that the petitioner would face a hefty financial investment to meet the minimum requirements as outlined.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Scott Gripp shared concerns regarding the proposed agreement.

Public Works representatives outlined the costs the petitioner would face to meet the proposed requirements before the county would consider vacating the section of roadway.

At 10:37 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced the board would recess until 10:42 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:42 a.m.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to disapprove Resolution 26-420. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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