**LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)**

**Business Meeting minutes**

**October 27, 2026**

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Commissioner Pollock called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., determined a quorum and then proceeded with the flag salute.

## EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The commissioners recognized employees who've reached five-year employment milestones, including:

- **Five years of continuous Lewis County service:** Public Works employees Jason Ford and Wes Anderson, Facilities employee Karla Adolphsen, Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) employee Kendra Garrison, Public Health; Assessor's Office employee Leah Kama Vida, Community Development employees Meghan Sathre and Mindy Brooks, Assessor's Office employee Ty Kaech, Sheriff's Office employees Wade Sabin and Erin Willey, Prosecuting Attorney's Office employee Scott Jackson.
- **10 years:** Prosecuting Attorney's Office employee Lori Jendryka-Cole, Facilities employees Matthew Thuston and Clinton Casaw, and Sheriff's Office employee Jesse Anderson.
- **15 years:** Public Works Daniel Clevenger and Ann Weckback, Auditor's Office employee Graham Gowing and Sheriff's Office employee Tyson Brown.
- **20 years:** Prosecuting Attorney's Office employee Sara Tagart Beigh.
- **25 years:** Sheriff's Office employee Rick Van Wyck and Prosecuting Attorney's Office employee Julainne Baum.
- **30 years:** Prosecuting Attorney's Office employee Holly Miller and Information Technology employee Darol Hamilton.

The commissioners also honored the following employees for going above and beyond in their duties:

- Facilities Maintenance Technician II Luis Barboza.
- Facilities Electrician Joseph Smith-Hurtado.
- Facilities Maintenance Technician II Joshua Mays.
- Assessor's Office Property Control Specialist II Alexandra Lindsey.
- Chief Deputy Assessor Leah Kama Vida.
- Assessor's Office Administrative Assistant Traci Hall.
- Deputy Coroner Ashton Eyer.
- Deputy Coroner / Removal Technician Rozz Wilson.

- 911 Telecommunications Supervisor Lisa Brockmueller and operators Christin Joner, Jordan Pass, Morgan Pudelko and Montana Wahl.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Crossfield shared concerns regarding the unregulated gravel mine that neighbors his property in Toledo. Scott said the county and state disagree on which entity is responsible for oversight of the mine. He said he believes the Department of Natural Resources relegated its oversight of the mine to the county more than 30 years ago, yet the county has taken no action in response to his repeated complaints. Scott said he is considering suing the county to force it to take action.

Lana Crossfield echoed her husband's concerns regarding the unregulated gravel mine in Toledo. She outlined the toll the noise takes on her family.

## NOTICE ITEMS

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-430 and 26-431. Commissioner Swope seconded.***

**Resolution 26-430: Notice of hearing to renew a franchise to Claquato Cemetery Association to install, construct, operate and maintain water facilities within county road rights of way.**

**Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster** discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 24, 2026.

**Resolution 26-431: Notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to The Toledo Telephone Co. Inc. to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities within county road rights of way.**

**Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster** discussed the resolution. Kimberly said the hearing will take place at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 24, 2026.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## CONSENT ITEMS

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the October 20, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-432. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

## DELIBERATION ITEMS

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-433 through 26-436. Commissioner Swope seconded.***

**Resolution 26-433: Approve Indigent Defense contract with Eric Post for District Court through December 31, 2026.**

**Risk / Budget Director Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said agreement extends the county's contract with Eric Post through the end of the year.

**Resolution 26-434: Approve Indigent Defense contract with Edson Smith for District Court through December 31, 2026.**

**Risk / Budget Director Becky Butler** discussed the resolution. Becky said the contract with Edson Smith runs through the end of the year.

**Resolution 26-435: Approve lease with the Washington State Department of Transportation for use of its site and tower at 1411 Rush Road in Chehalis for Lewis County 911 telecommunications.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said the agreement is for the lease of a telecommunications site in Chehalis.

**Resolution 26-436: Designate Tessa Wollan as Lewis County's Public Records Officer.**

**Clerk of the Board Rieva Lester** discussed the resolution. Rieva said state law requires the county to identify a Public Records Officer and that the county's most recent PRO has provided notice of their resignation.

***Motion passed 3-0.***

## HEARINGS

**Resolution 26-437: Approve a franchise renewal to City of Winlock to install, construct, operate and maintain water and sewer system facilities within county road rights of way.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

**Real Estate Services Manager Kimberly Edminster** gave the staff report. Kimberly said the commissioners approved Resolution No. 26-401 on October 6, 2026, setting the date for the hearing for the nonexclusive franchise.

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 26-437. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Ordinance 1385: Approve Amendments to the Lewis County Code Related to Private Family Burial Grounds in Accordance with SHB 2239.**

Commissioner Pollock introduced the hearing.

**Community Development Director Mindy Brooks** gave the staff report.

Mindy said the Prosecuting Attorney's Office has asked that the commissioners consider postponing the hearing to allow more time for legal review.

Mindy said the state authorized family burial grounds on private property via Washington House Bill 2239 (SHB 2239), which was signed into law on March 24, 2026, and took effect June 11. Mindy said the county established a moratorium on private family burial grounds to provide staff additional time to address the change in county code.

Commissioner Pollock asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

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

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

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

Commissioner Pollock closed the hearing.

***Commissioner Brummer made a motion to recess Ordinance 1385 until at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 10, 2026, and to leave the record open for additional public testimony. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

## PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

## ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 3, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

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LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

absent
Sean D. Swope, Commissioner