LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC)

Business Meeting minutes

November 3, 2026

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer

Absent: 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.

2026 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS

The commissioners recognized the winners of the Lewis County 2026 Halloween costume contest:

- QUACK JOBS - **BOCC / Budget / Risk:** These little ducks are absolutely, positively not in a row.
- JEDI-LEVEL COMMITMENT - **Assessor's Office:** The costumes and the décor were simply out of this world.
- FEATHER IN THEIR CAP - **Auditor's Office**: Hitchcock couldn't recreate "The Birds" as well as Financial Services did.
- ALOHA SPIRIT - **Auditor's Office:** Licensing & Recording is like a little island of Halloween sunshine.
- DOLLY'ED UP - **Sheriff's Office:** A celebration of the country icon's biggest and best contributions.
- PEANUTS GALLERY - **Community Development and Noxious Weeds:** Good grief! This gang knows how to serve up cider and nostalgia.
- **PUN**-KIN PATCH - **Public Health & Social Services:** This crew harvested a bumper crop of witty wordplay.
- HOT MESS EXPRESS - **Public Works:** Dam good costumes and decorations (especially Geoffothy and the beav).
- SO UN**FAIR** - **SWW Fair:** This poor department has been forced to beg for a little budget kindness.

THE GREAT PUMPKIN – FIRST PLACE (TIE)

- **Auditor's Office:** The birds. The owl. The Becky. ... It was a scream.
- **Assessor's Office:** The Force was especially strong with this crew.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Cole invited the commissioners to a Fire Chief candidate meet and greet. He also said he hopes North Fork will have broadband access soon.

NOTICE ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-438 and 26-439. Commissioner Pollock seconded.

Resolution 26-438: Notice of Public Hearing for the proposed Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2027-2032 and 2027 Annual Construction Program (ACP).

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the hearing will take place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Nov. 24, 2026.

Resolution 26-439: Notice of hearing for a License Agreement to Sealink Networks 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 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at or after 10 a.m. Dec. 1, 2026.

Motion passed 2-0.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve minutes from the October 27, 2026, Business Meeting as well as Resolution 26-440. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve Resolutions 26-441 through 26-443. Commissioner Swope seconded.

Resolution 26-441: List the bids received and contractor selected for the Generator Installations for Radio Sites project, project No. 2023-0017-MP.

Capital Improvement Specialist Matt Patana discussed the resolution. Matt said the resolution awards the bid to Elite Electrical Contracting, which – with a bid of $80,575 – was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder of the seven companies that responded.

Resolution 26-442: List the bids received and contractor selected for the 2023 County Safety Program, F.A. Project No. HSIP-000S(675), CRP 2205.

County Engineer Wes Anderson discussed the resolution. Wes said the resolution awards the project the Steele Trucking of Chehalis, which – with a bid of $1,151,475.62 – was the lowest was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder of the nine companies that responded.

Resolution 26-443: Approve a 2.9 percent increase to the salary schedules for Non-Represented employees effective January 1, 2027.

Interim County Manager and Budget / Risk Director Becky Butler discussed the resolution. Becky said the resolution approves a 2.9 percent salary increase for non-represented employees effective Jan. 1, 2027.

Motion passed 2-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Pollock noted that county offices and departments will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and that there will be no BOCC Business Meeting on Nov. 17.

PRESS CONFERENCE

No questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The BOCC Business Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m., with the next Business Meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (Room 223).

Minutes from the BOCC Business Meeting are not verbatim. The weekly Business Meeting streams live on YouTube (search for "LewisCountyWa" on YouTube or go to https://www.youtube.com/user/LewisCountyWa/featured). Video footage also is available at no charge at https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-meetings/.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

absent

Sean D. Swope, Commissioner