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Commissioners seek volunteers for Salary Commission

The Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is seeking applicants interested in representing four specific professional sectors on the recently reconvened Lewis County Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials, also known as the Salary Commission.

The independent panel will be asked to review salaries for the elected offices of auditor, assessor, clerk, coroner, prosecuting attorney and treasurer and then present its recommendations to the BOCC for review.

The Salary Commission will also review the county commissioners' salaries. As outlined in RCW 36.17.024, increases to the commissioners' pay would take effect immediately, while decreases would apply to the positions' next term. However, any change would be subject to referendum.

The commissioners will select one Lewis County resident to represent each of the following four sectors: business, professional personnel management, legal profession and organized labor. Registered Lewis County voters interested in filling one of the four seats are encouraged to submit an application packet – including an application, a resume and a letter of interest – to Rieva Lester, Clerk of the Board, in one of three ways:

- **IN PERSON** at the Lewis County Commissioners' Office, Room 210 of the Historic Courthouse at 351 N.W. North Street in Chehalis.
- **BY MAIL** at 351 N.W. North St., Chehalis, WA 98532.
- **VIA EMAIL** at BOCC@LewisCountywa.gov. Please include "Salary Commission – Attn. Rieva Lester" in the subject line.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019. The application – and a sample letter of interest – can be found online at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/offices/commissioners/bocc-news/volunteers-needed-salary-commission/>.

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The 10-person Salary Commission, which was created in 2001 and last convened in 2014, also will include six citizens randomly drawn by lot. For those six seats, the auditor will conduct a lottery-style drawing of all registered voters to identify two citizens to represent each of the three commissioner districts.

Registered voters selected in the lottery-style drawing will be notified by mail and will be asked to respond to a six-question questionnaire. While candidates have the option to decline, public participation is encouraged. Please note that the questionnaire will not ask any financial questions.

Members of the Salary Commission are limited to two four-year terms. As outlined in RCW 36.17.024, county employees, officers and officials – and their immediate family members, such as parents, spouses, siblings, children or other dependent relatives – cannot serve in any capacity on the Salary Commission.

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