

Directors' Update

April 16, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Mindy Brooks, Alex Murray, Jared Larsen, Tina Correia, Geoff Soderquist, Wes Anderson, Kimberly Edminster, Gary Fredricks, Jason Adams, Chief Kevin Engelbertson, Chief Chris Sweet, Amanda Price, Angie Hodge, Eric Eisenberg, Graham Gowing, Meja Handlen, Kate Chatterton, Casey Mauermann, Grace Jimenez, Linda Mastin, Matt Thuston, Scott Tinney, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, David Bailey (9:15 a.m.)

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Budget Analyst III position request: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the creation of a Budget Analyst series, including the creation of a Budget Analyst III position. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Master Gardener and Master Composter updates: Jason Adams discussed an upcoming Repair event as well as a tool-loan program in the works.

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Eric Eisenberg discussed a call for bids for Lewis County Permanent Shelter – Frontage.

Mindy Brooks discussed a notice hearing regarding Ordinance 1363, which would amend Chapter 1.20, General Penalty and Fines, Civil Penalty and Notices of Violation, of the Lewis County Code.

Eric Eisenberg discussed a notice of intent to Revise Lewis County's 5-Year Housing and Homelessness Strategic Plan.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to approve an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between Lewis County and Pacific County.

Kimberly Edminster discussed a resolution regarding the proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Carr Road at MP 0.26 to MP 0.28.

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the King Road MP 12.26 Bridge Scour, F.A. BHOS-2021(071), CRP 2159M.

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to ratify a contract between Lewis County and Populous Inc. to provide services for engineering and design for the proposed equestrian center at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds.

Kimberly Edminster discussed a hearing for the vacation of Lindley Road No. 407.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move three notice items, two consent items, four deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, April 22, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements / new business / Wednesday Workshop

Executive session: At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:28 a.m. to discuss Hylton v. Lewis County.

Executive session ended at 9:28 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope left at 9:27 a.m.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to proceed with settlement discussions regarding the Hylton matter as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

County staff provided department updates, including the following:

- **Becky Butler:** Staff is working on policy updates, county adding additional defense conflict attorneys, staff kicking off internal service rate work.
- **Alex Murray:** Spring Community garage sale was huge success, and staff plans to bring back the fall garage sale too.
- **Angie Hodge:** Employee recognition will take place April 22.
- **Meja Handlen:** Boys and Girls Club breakfast is April 23.

Equestrian Center: The commissioners discussed stakeholder groups for the upcoming Equestrian Center meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.