

ESC / Directors' Update

August 20, 2025

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, consultant Erin Okelly with Kimley-Horn, Mindy Brooks, Tony Wherry, Liz Casteel, Kirsten Wecker, Eric Eisenberg, Alex Murray, Ross Nielson, Charles Edmonson, Caroline Garibay, Gabe Anzelini, Geoff Soderquist, Grace Jimenez, John Abplanalp, Kirsty Ward, Marni Larson, Sarah Hensley, Shelly Stewart, Sherri Dokken, David Bailey

Guest(s): Jacob Moore

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

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No updates from the electeds.

DIRECTORS' UPDATE

Mindy Brooks discussed a resolution to authorize the Director of Community Development to commence negotiations with the City of Chehalis for an interlocal agreement to annex territory within the urban growth area.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to authorize placement of casual water lab Laboratory Technician on the current Lewis County Salary Grid (Grade 117 Step 5) for Non-Union Extra Help.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Contract #H02-0258-25 between Housing Resource Center and Lewis County.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Contract #H04-0257-25 between Hope Alliance and Lewis County.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Contract #C16-0255-25 between Comunicativo and Lewis County.

Liz Casteel discussed a resolution to approve SECO Coordinator Professional Development (CPD) Contract No. E26-036.

Liz Casteel discussed a resolution regarding the declaration of surplus personal property.

Liz Casteel discussed a resolution to approve the extension of a lease with Centralia School District No. 401 for use of a radio communication site on Crego Hill.

Liz Casteel discussed a resolution to approve a fourth amendment to Ground Lease Agreement with Pope Resources, L.P. (Storm King).

Kirsten Wecker discussed a hearing for Ordinance 1366 to update Lewis County Code 8.40 to reflect changes to WAC 246-272A effective April 1, 2025.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items, nine deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Announcements

Becky Butler said a budget amendment is scheduled for Sept. 16.

Geoff Soderquist said chipseal work is nearing completion.

Wednesday Workshop

Garlic Fest pet policy: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the Garlic Fest pet policy as presented to cover Aug. 22-24, 2025. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Comp Plan briefing: Mindy Brooks and Kimley-Horn consultant Erin Okelly reviewed zoning designation changes included in the proposed Comp Plan. Mindy noted the next updates will be Aug. 27 (development regulations) and Sept. 8 (short-term rentals). She said the Comp Plan hearing is tentatively planned for Sept. 23.

Night-by-night shelter: At 10:01 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) until 10:11 a.m. to discuss rental fees for the night-by-night shelter.

- At 10:11 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:16 a.m.
- At 10:16 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:19 a.m.
- At 10:19 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:21 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.