

## BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

November 3, 2025

9:03 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, David Bailey, Scott Gripp, Angie Hodge, Grace Jimenez, Geoff Soderquist, Mindy Brooks, Meja Handlen, Caroline Garibay, Chief Gabe Frase, Chief Chris Sweet, Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson, Dakota Harmanson, Natalie Kamieniecki, Rudy Rodriguez, Sherri Dokken, Stephanie Miller, Vanessa Ruelas, Joe Clark

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:14 a.m. to discuss the following four topics.

- Keith Corona arbitration
- Centralia Port mediation
- 508 Shop property insurance claim issue
- Steven Wildhaber tort claim

At 9:14 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 9:18 a.m.

Executive session ended at 9:18 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Agenda changes: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the Nov. 4, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda the following resolutions:

- **25-309:** Issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to prepare an updated Water System Plan (WSP) for the Middle Fork Water & Sewer System (MFWS).
- **25-310:** Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to Solicit Qualified Providers to Deliver Coordinated Entry (CE) Services in Lewis County.
- **25-316:** Approve contract #E02-0259-25 between Eugenia Center and Lewis County.
- **25-317:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and Lewis County Drug Court.
- **25-318:** Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Lewis County Public Health & Social Services and Lewis County Superior Court.
- **25-319:** Approve contract #C02-0263-25 between Cascade Community Healthcare and Lewis County.

**The commissioners said they will hold Resolution 25-320:** Approve a collective bargaining agreement with Teamsters 252, representing the Sheriff's Operations Sergeants Group, effective Nov. 1, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2028, until Monday, Nov. 10.

**Court security:** The commissioners directed staff to move forward with fully funding court security with hopes that Superior Court can secure grant funding. The commissioners directed staff to proceed with an RFP for 2027 services.

**Jail Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Mental Health (MH) treatment contracts and grants:** Chief Sweet provided an overview . Commissioner Swope asked for a per-inmate cost estimate for jail medical. The commissioners said they will further discuss the topic in the future.

**Public Works Finance Supervisor position:** Geoff Soderquist requested the board approve a position change, reclassifying the Management Analyst II position to a Finance Supervisor position.

**Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize Public Works to create the Finance Supervisor position, as proposed, effective Nov. 3, 2025. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Fox Theatre ARPA update:** Joe Clark provided an overview of the funds raised and spent toward the Fox Theatre project, including the \$500,000 in ARPA funding provided by the county. Becky said the grant has been expended. Joe said the group is an additional \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million in repairs away from occupancy. He said his group sought \$750,000 from the city and the Coal Transition Board but did not receive the funding.

**DAD Board expiring appointment:** Chief Gabe Frase said the term for DAD Board volunteer Jon Sargeant is expiring. The commissioners directed staff to advertise the vacancy.

**2026 medical contributions: Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the change to the employer contribution as outlined. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**2026 budget request(s):** Becky Butler said the Assessor's Office has provided an outline of its professional services costs for 2026, noting that the Assessor's Office has requested an additional \$100,000 beyond the \$155,000 the commissioners already approved. Becky reviewed the public defense rates for Juvenile Court public defenders. The commissioners directed staff to propose a per-unit increase to \$630.

**IT storage array:** Becky and Grace Jimenez said the vendor has offered a "prompt payment" discount if the software is ordered before the end of the year.

**BOCC signatures needed for notice of approval to hear property tax appeals:** Tammy Martin said the Assessor's Office has certified the rolls. Commissioner Pollock made a motion to approve the notice to hear property tax appeals. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence:** Commissioner Swope and Commissioner Pollock said they would like to serve on the Legislative Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.