

## Directors' Update

March 11, 2026

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Geoff Soderquist, Hal Blanton, Brian Mittge, Angie Hodge, Amanda Price, Wes Anderson, Preston Pinkston, Ross Nielson, Matt Patana, John Abplanalp, Nathaniel Barr, Sarah Hensley, Tom Stanton, Fiona Velaquez

Guest(s): Brian Greene, Mary Beth Harrington

Recorder: Rieva Lester

**Public comment:** None.

**Timberland Regional Library (TRL):** Lewis County TRL representatives Brian Mittge and Hal Blanton discussed the TRL's financial challenges. Brian said the State Auditor's Office audits the Timberland Regional Library annually. He said he and other members of the TRL Board of Directors have discussed whether a forensic audit would be warranted, especially considering the cost, which could lead to additional TRL layoffs.

### Resolution recap

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to adopt the updated Lewis County Risk & Safety Handbook.

Geoff Soderquist discussed a resolution to update parameters and anticipated uses of \$10.2 million in funding for the North Lewis County Industrial Access.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint Maree Lerchen to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging (LMTAAA) Advisory Council.

Preston Pinkston discussed a resolution to rescind and replace Resolution 25-355 to Disband the Boundary Review Board.

Wes Anderson and Geoff Soderquist discussed a hearing for Traffic Ordinance No. 225 - An ordinance fixing the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated over certain roads in Lewis County, Washington: defining offenses, and providing penalties for the violation thereof. The commissioners directed staff to update the vicinity map to reflect the area for which the speed limit change will be considered.

**Commissioner Swope made two consent items, four deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, March 17, 2026, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

### **Announcements / new business**

Becky said a budget amendment is planned for April. She said Munis training will be offered March 12.

Geoff Soderquist said mild flooding is predicted for the weekend.

Matt Patana provided updates regarding funding requests and the jail boiler project.

### **Wednesday Workshop**

**Law and Justice Council:** The commissioners directed staff to conduct outreach regarding city and county appointments. Commissioner Pollock said she'll serve as the BOCC's representative.

**Calendars:** Commissioner Swope said Onalaska schools will hold their salmon hatchery efforts March 31. Becky noted that Juvenile holds its court proceedings at 9 a.m. Tuesdays. Commissioner Pollock said Hope Alliance is presenting "The Vagina Monologues" as a fundraiser later in the day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.