

Directors' Update

January 29, 2025

9:11 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Mindy Brooks, Meja Handlen, John Abplanalp, Josh Metcalf, Chief Gabe Frase, Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson, Jenn Libby-Jones, Lynn Richard, Chris Lanegan, Caroline Garibay, Casey Mauermann, Graham Gowing, Guilherme Motta, Kendra Garrison, Linda Mastin, Matt Thuston, David Bailey, Shelly Stewart, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton

Guest(s): Unnamed guest

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None

Rieva Lester discussed a call for bids for official newspaper to publish all of Lewis County's legal and other official notices for one year beginning July 1, 2025.

Josh Metcalf discussed a resolution to accept a bid on tax title property off of Airport Road in Chehalis.

Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson discussed a resolution to approve Lewis County Sheriff's Office fee schedule and mileage rates.

John Abplanalp discussed a resolution to approve Consolidated Contract #CLH32057 Amendment #1 between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Lewis County.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to approve Personal Services Agreement Amendment A with Lewis County Community Health (a.k.a. Valley View Health Center) for project management services related to the Lewis County homeless shelter's construction.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to reappoint six existing members, appoint one new member, and remove one member from positions on the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Panel.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items and five deliberation items to the Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Wednesday Workshop

Cascade Hardwoods BTA appeal: At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Cascade Hardwoods BTA appeal.

Executive session ended at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Announcements / new business

Fire training center: The commissioners said they will sign the letter of support.

Vacancies: The commissioners directed staff to announce vacancies for the Civil Service Commission, ELCPDA, LMTAAA, Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Board, Veterans Advisory Board, Boundary Review Board and the Board of Health.

Department heads shared various updates, including:

- Jenn Libby-Jones discussed a Toledo site potentially being offered for county use.
- Mindy Brooks invited participants to review missions and goals outlined in the draft Comp Plan.
- Mindy invited attendees to participate in the Jan. 30 Crockpot Wars.
- Meja Handlen said she will reach back out to WSDOT regarding vagrants staying under the I-5 overpass.
- Mindy discussed bills for which she plans to provide testimony.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.