

BOCC Wrap-Up/ County Manager Update

May 19, 2025

9:09 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Gabe Anzelini, Mindy Brooks, Tom Stanton, Meja Handlen, Rocky Lyon, Geoff Soderquist, Tim Mixer, Becky Butler, Gary Fredricks, David Bailey, Grace Jimenez, Arny Davis, Kendra Garrison, Doug Carey, Linda Mastin

Guest(s): Matt Patana and members of the public

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Public comment: None

Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:20 a.m. to discuss three topics: Bellacosa mediation, Drug Court services agreement with Centralia PD, and Hornberg mediation.

- At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 9:23 a.m.
- At 9:23 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 9:26 a.m.
- At 9:26 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 9:28 a.m.

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the county manager to participate in the Bellacosa matter as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add Resolutions 25-146 and 25-147 to the May 20, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Meja said Resolution 25-146 will allow for contract increases. Resolution 25-147 will allow Matt Patana to provide project management and oversee additional work. Commissioner Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Geoff Soderquist and Tim Mixer discussed Fleet's electric vehicles. They said the Department of Ecology has issued new restrictions in an effort to lead the state to its goal of zero emissions. They said the new restrictions affect the dump truck Lewis County uses. Tim said there is an exemption for certain vehicles, and the County needs to apply. Tim said even more emissions restrictions will be added effective Jan. 1, 2026, increasing the cost to modify the county's vehicles by \$16,000 to \$20,000. Tim said the costs for three vehicles have been added to the budget but that he would like to budget for six to avoid additional costs to the County. Geoff said there is money in ER&R to fund the purchase of the three additional chassis. Commissioner Swope asked for a list of concerns. Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize the purchase of three additional chassis from ER&R funds. Commissioner Swope seconded. **Motion passed 3-0.**

Commissioner Swope spoke about the C-PACER program. The borrower would be the senior living company. Arny Davis suggested that if the County had no liability, there should be a caution for funds should be set aside by the borrower for later years. Becky said this will be an administrative burden on Lewis County. Arny said if there is a responsibility of the County such as an additional tax or an administrative burden, then he would be opposed. Commissioner Brummer said this would incur an additional tax assessment.

Gary Fredricks talked about the MOU between WSU and Lewis County.

Rocky Lyon said there is no actual bill for Jason Adams' position, which is addressed in the MOU. He said there is an agreement between WSU and Lewis County that makes Lewis County responsible for paying for half of Jason Adams' position. Becky said Solid Waste could do a budget transfer to cover its portion of Jason's position. Becky said the contract for 2026 would need to be fixed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.