

Directors' Update

June 4, 2025

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan, Barrett, David Bailey, Becky Butler, Mindy Brooks, Doug Carey, Gabe Anzelini, Wes Anderson, Geoff Soderquist, Meja Handlen, Alex Murray, Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson, Erika Katt, Rocky Lyon, Tina Correia, Anders Pollman, Kate Chatterton, Tammy Martin, Casey Mauermann, Linda Mastin, Matt Thuston

Guest(s): Jacob Moore, unnamed guest

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to reappoint Ross Petersen to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.

Erika Katt discussed a hearing for Ordinance 1365, which would amend Chapter 3.02 -- Emergency Management and Operations -- of Lewis County Code.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two consent items, one deliberation item and one hearing to the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add an executive session discussion regarding the Bellacosa case to the day's agenda. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to add an executive session discussion regarding the sanctuary county designation to the day's agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Announcements / new business

Department heads provided updates.

Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson said Naphcare has proposed significant increases to its health care contract.

At 9:17 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:48 a.m. to discuss the following topics:

- Potential litigation related to Commerce funding
- Hornburg mediation
- Workers' comp claim

- Sanctuary county designation
- Bellacosa discussion

At 9:48 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10 a.m.

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

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize outside counsel to proceed with arbitration in the Bellacosa matter as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize outside counsel to appeal to Superior Court the Labor and Industries Board Decision regarding the Workers' Comp claim. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize outside counsel to proceed with litigation regarding the Hornburg matter as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to add the Tuesday, June 10, 2025, a resolution declaring that Lewis County is not a "sanctuary county." Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.