

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

June 23, 2025

9:01 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Jonathan Meyer, Scott Gripp, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Undersheriff Kevin Engelbertson, Chief Chris Sweet, Brittani Halverson, Meja Handlen, Mindy Brooks, Geoff Soderquist, Doug Carey, Fionna Velazquez, Alex Murray, Sarah Hensley, Rachel Lester, Angie Hodge, Graham Gowing, Linda Mastin

Guest(s): Unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to add to the agenda an executive session discussion regarding jail medical billing. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Proposal for paid internship in PA's Office: Jonathan Meyer discussed a grant-funded intern position in his office, noting that he has budget capacity to absorb the portion not covered by the grant.

Executive session: At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session until 9:20 a.m. to discuss jail medical billing under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and the Kresky building under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c).

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 9:25 a.m.

Executive session ended at 9:25 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize county staff to proceed with listing the property at 2025 Kresky Avenue at the price discussed in executive session. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Business Meeting agenda: Department representatives discussed the following proposed resolutions for the June 24 Business Meeting.

- **25-167:** Approval of warrants / payroll.
- **25-168:** Reappoint Kendra Meek and Jerry Elliot to the Southwest Washington Fair Advisory Board.
- **25-169:** Authorize the Director of Community Development to sign an agreement with the Washington State Conservation Commission for the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- **25-170:** Authorize the Director of Community Development to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Lewis Conservation District for the Voluntary Stewardship Program
- **25-171:** Ratify a contract with the Department of Commerce for LED lighting upgrades at the Law and Justice Center.

- **25-172:** Approve addendum to .09 (Distressed Counties) grant awarded to City of Centralia for Alder Street project.
- **25-173:** Declaration of Surplus Real Property at 2025 NE Kresky Ave., Chehalis, WA
- **25-174:** The proposed acquisition of additional right of way for the Jones Road Culvert Replacement at MP 1.71.
- **25-175:** List the bids received and contractor selected for the Van Ornum Creek @ Bunker Creek Road MP 2.681 Culvert Removal, F.A. PROTECT-21AD(001), CMP-1610.

Commission Swope made a motion to add to the June 24, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda the minutes from the June 10 Business Meeting Resolutions 25-167 to 25-175. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Park security: Alex Murray discussed concerns with illegal activity and vandalism at Schaefer Park. He discussed increasing lighting, the need for a new park host and the possibility of renting a video surveillance trailer, which would cost roughly \$1,300 per month, or hiring a security company.

2026 Budget call letter: Becky Butler reviewed the 2026 call letter.

Fairgrounds fireworks: Ryan Barrett said Wolverine has found a sponsor for its fireworks show, which would clear the way for fireworks at the fairgrounds on July 4. He noted that it would be a drive-in experience as the fairgrounds site itself would be closed to the public due to the repairs taking place.

National forest sale: Commissioner Pollock proposed working with the federal government to take back land near Packwood.

July Mayors' Meeting: Rieva Lester noted that the next regularly scheduled Mayors' Meeting would fall on the Fourth of July. The commissioners said they would cancel July's meeting and resume in October.

Correspondence: The commissioners discussed Gary Fredricks' upcoming retirement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.