

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

July 14, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, County Manager Ryan Barrett, David Bailey, Becky Butler, Warren McLeod, Gabe Anzelini, Amanda Price, Angie Hodge, Geoff Soderquist, Terry Wentworth, Tammy Martin, Caroline Garibay, Meja Handlen, Mindy Brooks, Natalie Mauermann, Rachel Lester, Sherri Dokken

Guest(s): Unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Executive session: At 9 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session until 9:21 a.m. to discuss the Kresky building under RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and the following topics under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):

- Coroner / pepper spray
- Mulford Road
- Restorical Research – Centralia landfill mediation
- Bratton tort claim
- Estrada tort claim
- Estate of Aaron Christensen claim

At 9:21 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 9:31 a.m.

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Executive session ended at 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to proceed with mediation regarding the Centralia landfill mediation as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to authorize county staff to proceed with negotiations regarding 2025 Kresky Ave. as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Secure Rural Schools funding: Commissioner Pollock discussed efforts to urge support for Secure Rural Schools funding. The commissioners directed staff to proceed with a letter to Congresswoman Gluesenkamp Perez and to draft an oped for the local newspaper as well as a template area schools could use to contact Gluesenkamp Perez's office.

Cowlitz Tribe request for letter of support re: National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) listings: Geoff Soderquist discussed the proposed letter. The commissioners said they would review the request July 16.

Budget amendment: Becky Butler discussed changes to the upcoming budget amendment.

Public defense meeting agenda: Becky discussed the upcoming meeting regarding public defense.

Supreme Court Rule: Becky discussed changes to arraignment timelines, which will shorten the window during which public defenders meet with their clients.

2026 Budget Committee members: Becky said Usha Brooks, Tim Wood and Bill Serrahn would like to continue.

Calendars: The commissioners discussed presentations planned for the Aug. 5 BOCC Business Meeting. They said they would like to postpone the Office of the Chehalis Basin presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.