

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

August 4, 2025

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, David Bailey, Scott Gripp, Mindy Brooks, Matt Patana, Geoff Soderquist, Ross Nielson, Lynn Richard, Chris Lanegan, Angie Hodge, Becky Butler, Jared Larson, Meja Handlen, Sherri Dokken, Graham Gowing

Guest(s): Unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Executive session: At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:12 a.m. to discuss the following three topics:

- Carpenter tort claim
- Opioid litigation
- Darigold property tax litigation

Executive session ended at 9:12 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve the tax refund regarding Darigold as discussed in executive session. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Westside Connector Corridor interlocal with Centralia: Geoff Soderquist, Mindy Brooks and the commissioners discussed the need to ensure the ILA reflects that the city is required to maintain the curb, sidewalk and lighting, etc. The commissioners said they will hold the item for a week.

Drug-free workplace policy: Ryan Barrett said the updated proposed policy has been sent to the unions for review.

Excess Workers' Comp insurance renewal: Ryan Barrett said he recommends not moving forward with the proposed increase in liability.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to select the lower SIR at \$600,000 and to authorize the County Manager to sign as such. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Broadband update / extension request: Becky Butler said RBC has requested an extension through the end of August.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to authorize the extension of the broadband project through the end of August and to authorize the County Manager to sign as such. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

WSAC Conference in November: Becky Butler discussed finances. The commissioners directed staff to move forward with registration.

Lodging tax grant 2026 allocation amount: The commissioners said they will discuss the 2026 lodging tax allocations Aug. 11.

Board of Equalization (BOE) and Public Facilities District (PFD) vacancies: The commissioners directed staff to take actions to fill the positions.

Claquato Church proposals: Ryan Barrett opened the lone bid received for the Claquato Church. Ryan said the Claquato Cemetery Board submitted a \$5,000 bid that includes a detailed plan for preservation of the church.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct staff to move forward with acceptance of the bid from the Claquato Cemetery Board. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Board of Natural Resources election: The commissioners directed staff to submit the BOCC's ballot in favor of Clallam County Commissioner Randy Johnson.

Minute folders: Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve minute folders for the weeks of June 30, July 7 and July 14. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Planning Commission food budget: Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve the \$162.79 pizza purchase for the large Planning Commission meeting that took place in Packwood in April. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Correspondence: Commissioner Swope said he will forward to the city of Centralia correspondence received regarding the Westside Connector project.

Meeting ended at 9:42 a.m.