

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

September 15, 2025

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Charlie Kolarik of Populous, Malik Wocker of Populous, Joel Feldman of CSL International, Alex Murray, Fionna Valezquez, Mindy Brooks, Gabe Anzelini, Becky Butler, Warren McLeod, Meja Handlen, Matt Patana, Chelsie Niemczek, Caroline Garibay, Eric Eisenberg, Preston Pinkston, Geoff Soderquist, Grace Jimenez, Kirsty Ward, Preston Pinkston, Sarah Hensley, Tammy Martin, Angie Hodge

Guest(s): Cory Moses, Edna Fund, Jann Hayden, Lenee Langdon

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Equestrian Center: Charlie Kolarik of Populous, Malik Wocker of Populous and Joel Feldman of CSL International provided updates on the Equestrian Center.

Business Meeting: Commissioner Pollock made a motion, and Commissioner Swope seconded, to add to the Sept. 16, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting minutes from the Sept. 9, 2025, Business Meeting as well as the following resolutions:

- **25-260:** Notice of public hearing to consider adoption of interlocal agreement with City of Chehalis for annexation by Chehalis within its urban growth area.
- **25-261:** Approval of warrants / payroll.
- **25-262:** Approve contract #T01-0262-25 between The Salvation Army and Lewis County.
- **25-263:** Approve contract #C15-0256-25 between Coastal Community Action Program (CAP) and Lewis County.
- **25-264:** Approve agreement with Lions World Vision Institute.
- **25-265:** Approve contract with Pacific Northwest Pathologists for postmortem examinations.
- **25-266:** Approve contract with Dr. Allison Hunt for postmortem examinations.
- **25-267:** Appoint Shawn Kyes and Martha Hunt to the Board of Equalization (BOE).
- **25-268:** Appoint Sandra Wing to the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board of Directors.
- **25-269:** Lewis County 2025 budget, emergency and supplemental appropriations to and transfers within current expense and other funds.

Motion passed 3-0.

Night-by-night shelter: Meja Handlen and Eric Eisenberg provided updates on the shelter. They said the city of Chehalis will perform its frontage inspection later in the day. Building has passed final inspection and move-in will be able to take place after the city gives its approval.

Urban growth area (UGA) interlocal agreement (ILA) review: Mindy Brooks said Mossyrock has chosen to be an Option 1 city. Mindy said the city of Centralia, which is an Option 2 city, has enacted a six-month moratorium on distribution warehouses. She said the city is proposing new regulations capping warehouse sizes at 250,000 square feet and the moratorium prevents potential applicants from getting grandfathered in under current requirements. Commissioner Swope said Centralia passed its moratorium as an emergency and incorrectly indicated the moratorium was being done in conjunction with the county.

To address the situation, Mindy said the county could

- List Centralia as an Option 1 city.
- Hire a third-party mediator to draft a development agreement with the city, county and port.

The commissioners directed staff to move forward with efforts to secure a mediator to work with the city of Centralia and the port and to draft a letter to the Centralia City Council members indicating such.

Planning Commission vacancy process: Mindy Brooks said she is proposing allowing current Planning Commission members to review applicants and provide recommendations before the commissioners made appointment decisions.

Agenda for 2025 Legislative Roundtable (Tuesday, Oct. 21): Rieva Lester

Employee performance: At 10:24 a.m., Commissioner Brummer announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) until 10:34 a.m. to discuss an employee's performance.

At 10:34 a.m., Commissioner Brummer extended executive session until 10:36 a.m.

Executive session ended at 10:36 a.m. Commissioner Brummer noted that no decisions had been made.

Meeting ended at 10:36 a.m.