

Directors' Update

October 1, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Mindy Brooks, Gabe Anzelini, Meja Handlen, Eric Eisenberg, Liz Casteel, Wes Anderson, Geoff Soderquist, Alex Murray, Angie Hodge, Graham Gowing, Natalie Kamieniecki, Rachel Lester, Sarah Hensely, Sherri Dokken

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Wes Anderson discussed a notice of hearing for the renewal of a franchise to AT&T to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County rights of way.

Gabe Anzelini discussed a resolution to list the proposals received and vendor selected for fiber replacement and installation in the Jail and Law & Justice buildings.

Liz Casteel discussed a resolution to approve extension of a lease with Centralia School District No. 401 for use of a radio communication site on Crego Hill.

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution to change right-of-way acquisition procedures.

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution regarding the proposed acquisition of additional right of way for Rosebrook Road at MP 0.49-0.56.

Becky Butler discussed a resolution to approve Public Defense contract for Albert Didcock for Superior Court.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint Ryan Thode to the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Wes Anderson discussed a hearing for Traffic Ordinance No. 224 - An ordinance fixing the maximum speed at which vehicles may be operated over certain roads in Lewis County, Washington: defining offenses, and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, six deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Announcements / new business / Wednesday Workshop

Department representatives provided updates.

Meja Handlen announced that the county has received the certificate of occupancy for the night-by-night shelter and that The Salvation Army will move in around mid-October.

Federal government shutdown: Meja Handlen said Medicaid-funded programs and the WIC programs may be affected by the federal government's shutdown. She discussed mitigation plans put in place in response to the situation.

County insurance: The commissioners approved a memo regarding Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) coverage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.