

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager Update

December 8, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Erika Katt, Becky Butler, Meja Handlen, Jeff Hursh, Angie Hodge, Sara Sons, Caroline Garibay, Mindy Brooks

Guest(s):

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

DEM update: Erika Katt provided the following updates regarding the week's storm system:

- Contingency plans in place for Packwood shelter, patient transport, food delivery in response to Highway 12 closures
- Forecast calls for 45-50 mph wind gusts
- All rivers trending 6 inches to a foot higher than expected
- Expecting 8 to 11 inches of rain over a 48-hour period
- All east-side rivers are expected to hit major flood stage multiple times through Dec. 12

Polar Plunge contest: Caroline Garibay and Sara Sons

Liquor Control Board training: The commissioners directed staff to schedule the training.

Legislative liaison contract with Robert Weidner: The commissioners directed staff to move forward with the contract. They stressed that they would like to identify the county's federal priorities.

Water Conservancy Board position: The commissioners directed staff to reach out to the member whose term is expiring to determine whether they wish to continue since they have not yet attended the mandatory training.

Civil Service Commission vacancy: The commissioners directed staff to advertise the position left vacant by the untimely death of one of the board members.

Regional Education & Training Center request for \$80,000 Distressed Counties (.09) grant: The commissioners directed staff to move forward with a Dec. 16 resolution awarding the grant funding.

NACo conference (February 2026 in D.C.): Commissioner Swope said he'd like a budget adjustment to allow both he and Commissioner Pollock attend the conference.

Napavine High School graduation for manufacturing apprentices (6 p.m. Dec. 18): Commissioner Pollock said she will attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.