

Directors' Update

December 31, 2025

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Brummer, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Caroline Garibay, Jacob Cleary, John Abplanalp, Wes Anderson, Kimberly Edminster, Geoff Soderquist, Matt Patana, Becky Butler, Angie Hodge, Charles Edmonson, Casey Mauermann, Grace Jimenez, Graham Gowing, Natalie Kamieniecki, Sherri Dokken, Kirsty Ward, Fionna Velazquez, Sherri Dokken

Guest(s): Teresa Ekdahl Johnson, Chip Duncan, unknown guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Wes Anderson discussed a notice regarding the establishment of 2026 county road construction projects by County Forces.

Wes Anderson discussed a request for qualifications (RFQ) to provide 2026 Annual Structural Engineering Services for public works projects.

Charles Edmonson discussed a resolution to appoint Arthur Smith to the Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board as the Representative for Weed District 3.

Caroline Garibay discussed a resolution to approve contract #V02-0270-25 with Veterans Memorial Museum.

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Ceres Hill MP 0.79 Bridge Retrofit project, CRP 2204, F.A. Project No. BHOS-2021(079).

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution to list the bids received and contractor selected for the Lewis County 2026 Liquid Asphalt Proposal.

Wes Anderson discussed a resolution to reject all bids for the 2026 Traffic Paint Proposal.

Angie Hodge discussed a resolution to establish medical insurance premium contribution rates for non-represented employees effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to set Lewis County's 2026 mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Matt Patana discussed a resolution to approve contract with Elite Mechanical Services LLC for Law and Justice Boiler Replacement Project.

Kimberly Edminster discussed a hearing for a franchise renewal to Wiltel Communications LLC to install, construct, operate and maintain telecommunications facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Pollock made a motion to move two notice items, two consent items, eight deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, BOCC agenda. Commissioner Brummer seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Wednesday Workshop

Office and department representatives provided updates, including:

- Geoff Soderquist said the temporary collection site in Packwood has closed.
- Matt Patana provided an update on the Friendlyville project.

Dangerous Animals Designation (DAD) Board: The commissioners directed staff to move forward with a resolution to reappoint Jon Sargeant to the DAD Board.

Coordinated Entry RFP contractor recommendation: Caroline Garibay said PHSS is recommending the county contract with Destination Hope and Recovery for Coordinated Entry. The commissioners said they will discuss the topic again Jan. 5.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.