

Directors' Update

February 11, 2026

9:02 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Brummer, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, Mindy Brooks, Wes Anderson, David Bailey, Angie Hodge, Kimberly Edminster, Matt Patana, Gabe Anzelini, Meja Handlen, Rocky Lyon, Fionna Velazquez, Graham Gowing, Natalie Kamieniecki, Lynn Richard, Commissioner Swope (9:08 a.m.)

Guest(s): Unnamed guest

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Rocky Lyon discussed a notice of joint hearing to adopt new Lewis County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Rieva Lester discussed a resolution to appoint members to the Distressed Counties (.09) Fund / Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee.

Meja Handlen discussed a resolution to appoint one alternate member to the Veterans' Advisory Board (VAB).

Angie Hodge discussed a resolution to approve a collective bargaining agreement between Lewis County Sheriff Support Staff (Sheriff Support Staff) and Teamsters Local #252 effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Kimberly Edminster discussed a resolution to approve a franchise renewal to Public Utilities District No. 1 of Thurston County to install, construct, operate and maintain water system facilities in Lewis County road rights of way.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to move one notice item, two consent items, three deliberation items and one hearing to the Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026, BOCC Business Meeting agenda. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Swope joined at 9:08 a.m.

Announcements / new business

The commissioners said they'd like to be involved in establishing the Fair's parking fees.

At 9:19 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:30 a.m. to discuss two topics: Animal Shelter request for proposals (RFP) and Motor vehicle fuel tax repayment options.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Pollock extended executive session until 9:35 a.m.

Executive session ended at 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to reject the two proposals received for the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Wednesday Workshop

Solid Waste reclassification requests: Ryan Barrett and Rocky Lyon discussed a proposal to reclassify the Solid Waste Office Manager, Accounting Specialist I and Administrative Assistant positions, with the reclassifications all covered by tipping fees.

Commissioner Brummer made a motion to approve the reclassification request as presented effective Feb. 16, 2026. Commissioner Swope seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: The commissioners discussed correspondence received regarding the Timberland Regional Library, correspondence received regarding Packwood Lake and correspondence received from Leah Sizemore.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.