

BOCC Wrap-Up / County Manager

March 30, 2026

9 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Ryan Barrett, Becky Butler, David Bailey, Anders Pollman, Geoff Soderquist, Fionna Valezquez, Ian MacInnis, Amanda Price, Gabe Anzelini, Alex Murray, Matt Patana, Graham Gowing, John Abplanalp, Natalie Kamieniecki, Rachel Lester, Sherri Dokken, Tom Stanton, Mindy Brooks

Guest(s): Gail Hakola, Vader Mayor Joe Schey, unnamed guests

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Public comment: None.

Executive session: At 9 a.m., Commissioner Pollock announced that the Board would be going into executive session under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) until 9:20 a.m. to discuss the following five topics:

- Vader Water
- Bellacosa litigation
- Beenen appeal
- LEOFF funds
- Albert Didcock public defense contracts

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Executive session ended at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Pollock noted that no decisions had been made.

Vacancies: The commissioners directed staff to draft resolutions appointing Gail Hakola to the Great Rivers Behavioral Health ASO (GR BH-ASO) advisory committee and Todd Chaput to PacMtn. The commissioners said they will review the East Lewis County Public Development Authority (ELCPDA) vacancies on April 6. They directed staff to review the history of the Historical Museum position and to readvertise the Water Conservancy Board, Veterans and Solid Waste vacancies.

Capital Infrastructure

Change order: Amanda Price reviewed a \$25,290 (plus tax) change order for the jail biometrics – Live Scan – project, which entails upgrading existing cameras.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve the change order for the Jail biometrics project and to authorize the County Manager to sign on the county's behalf. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Projects: Matt Patana discussed funding needed for two proposed capital facilities projects: Up to \$25,000 to complete upgrades to the Southwest Washington Fair public address (PA) system and up to \$15,000 to improve jail alcove security with fencing.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct staff to move forward with the PA system project. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Commissioner Swope made a motion to direct staff to move forward with the jail alcove security fencing project for up to \$15,000. Commissioner Pollock seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Spring Garage Sale: Fionna Velazquez provided an overview of the Spring Garage Sale. Alex Murray noted that Fionna and her crew nearly doubled the amount taken in the previous years.

Newspaper of record bids: The commissioners directed staff to move forward with a resolution to award the newspaper of record contract to The Chronicle.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.