

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-156

ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE WASHINGTON
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS (AOC)
FOR COURTROOM UPGRADES

WHEREAS, Lewis County Superior Court is in need of audio/visual recording system upgrades. Due to COVID-19, most court reporters are working remotely and/or independently. Lewis County Superior Court has been unsuccessful in hiring for the two open court reporter positions and has not had any applicants. The enhanced audio/visual recording system will aid in courtroom coverage; and

WHEREAS, in early April, the Governor signed a 2022 Supplemental Operating Budget to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). The budget provided AOC state funding to pay for trial court costs made to address impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County Superior Court requested funding from AOC. AOC approved funding of \$100,000 for audio/visual equipment for the Lewis County Superior Court courtrooms in order to enhance the remote court experience and provide greater safety and accessibility to individuals accessing justice during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the enhanced audio/visual recording system will assist in the recording of court proceedings in all courtrooms when court reporters are not available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) agrees to accept funds in the amount of \$100,000 from the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 24th day of May, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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