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# Lewis County 2024 Legislative Agenda FAQ

### Q: What is the Lewis County 2024 Legislative Agenda?

A: The Lewis County 2024 Legislative Agenda is a list of specific actions Lewis County will seek to support this legislative session related to county government, to bring resources to Lewis County supporting government services. These are distinct, attainable items that uniquely benefit Lewis County's interests, as opposed being statewide interests best supported through partnerships with our legislative representatives, statewide associations, and others. Because they uniquely benefit Lewis County's interests, these are items that Lewis County should ask for specifically to obtain action on them.

### Q: Is the Lewis County 2024 Legislative Agenda a list of the political or social issues the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) finds most important?

A: No. The Lewis County Board of County Commissioners generally believes that the Legislature must act to protect public safety, protect children, lower residents' tax burden, restrict the use of drugs, make housing more affordable, and protect private property rights. The Commissioners will continue to work closely with the members of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts to jointly advocate for Lewis County residents on these topics, which relate to society at large. In contrast, the 2024 Legislative Agenda is focused on county government specifically: it is a list specific legislative actions that will enable the Board of County Commissioners to more efficiently and effectively serve our residents.

### Q: Can the BOCC support issues not in the 2024 Legislative Agenda?

A: Absolutely. The 2024 Legislative Agenda is merely meant to identify the BOCC's targeted, individual requests for county government resources. It does not speak to many social or political issues, for which it will be more successful to work not individually but collectively with many rural counties, statewide associations, our legislators, and others.

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