

Citizens for Lewis County 911 PAC

## **Letter of Support for 911 Ballot Measure**

Submitted by Anthony Mixer, President, CLC911

### **To the Board of County Commissioners,**

Greetings, and thank you for taking the time to hear from our organization on proposing a ballot measure to add a 2/10 of 1% sales and use tax increase to fund Lewis County's 911 dispatch center.

This is a much needed proposal. Our community is heavily reliant on making sure that they will receive help when dialing 9-1-1, and the communications systems used for dispatch must be upgraded with the latest technology to keep them up to date. Staffing levels need to be increased to maintain a good functioning work environment as well.

Our first responders recognized these needs and have dialed 9-1-1 to the community asking for help. I believe we will respond accordingly with this proposal and we are asking for the community's support. I will once again remind people that this does not affect your property taxes, and that a sales and use tax increase actually allows for visitors to also contribute, and some visitors may end up using our 911 resources should they ever be in distress.

We realize that in 2023, this similar measure failed to pass by about 400 votes. This was due to not getting the word out about this measure, and it was an odd number year election. (Odd years tend to see lower voter turnout than even number years.) It is also a presidential election year, so voter turnout will be high. Our Citizens for Lewis County 911 PAC will take up the task of pushing for voter engagement with the measure, and using media and advertising resources to ask voters to vote yes for 911. I am fully confident that Lewis County voters will say yes to this proposal.

I want to thank the Lewis County Commissioners for listening to our request and giving consideration to supporting our emergency services.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Mixer  
President, Citizens for Lewis County 911