

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

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-473

AMEND LEWIS COUNTY'S 2025 STATE
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

WHEREAS, Lewis County has a long, successful history of working with its legislative representatives on issues of importance to local residents, such as tax reform, public safety and other issues; and

WHEREAS, these partnerships, along with statewide partnerships among rural counties and with statewide associations, are the best way to serve local residents' interests on issues of regional or statewide importance; and

WHEREAS, in contrast, when an issue uniquely benefits Lewis County's interests, such as the working or funding of Lewis County government services, it can be helpful for Lewis County to spearhead legislative action on its own; and

WHEREAS, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has identified legislative priorities that directly improve operational and financial sustainability of the county; and

WHEREAS, Lewis County has retained the services of a contract lobbyist to assist with its efforts with the Washington State Legislature, and the BOCC identified the following five operational and financial priorities in its 2025 Legislative Agenda, adopted Sept. 24, 2024, via Resolution 24-372:

- Transportation
- Southwest Washington Fair Equestrian Upgrades
- Packwood Sewer Project
- Elevator Modernization
- Lewis County Historical Museum Roof Replacement

; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC wishes to update its five operational and financial priorities to the following, which are included in the updated 2025 Legislative Agenda attached hereto:

- Transportation
- Packwood Sewer Project
- Elevator Modernization
- Lewis County Historical Museum Roof Replacement
- Medicaid-billing process for inmates' medical needs

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the updated 2025 Legislative Agenda attached hereto is hereby adopted. A frequently asked questions document accompanies the agenda to explain its purpose; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners and County Manager are directed to communicate, with the assistance of the contract lobbyist, items included in Lewis County's 2025 Legislative Agenda to the elected representatives of the 19th and 20th Districts, the members of the State Legislature in general, and/or to appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others as appropriate.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 17th day of December, 2024.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

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