



# Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Election: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for District: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, sales tax, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Pass/Fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

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Simple majority or majority 50% +1

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Supermajority or 60%

Applicable statutory reference as determined by legal counsel: \_\_\_\_\_

Validation requirement as determined by your legal counsel. The minimum number of voters "required" to turnout (cast a ballot) in an excess levy or bond election.

This issue requires validation: ☐ Yes ☐ No

This form must accompany each resolution filed with Lewis County Elections. The contact person or persons should have the authority to do so and be available to answer questions.

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

RESOLUTION NO. 23-235

SUBMIT AN AUTHORIZING PROPOSITION TO THE VOTERS OF LEWIS COUNTY TO FIX AND IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX OF TWO-TENTHS OF 1 PERCENT PURSUANT TO RCW 82.14.420 TO BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES

**WHEREAS**, the Revised Code of Washington 82.14.420 authorizes county legislative authorities to submit a proposition to county voters to fix and impose a sales and use tax of up to two-tenths of 1 (one) percent to provide funds associated with the maintenance and operations of emergency communications systems and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the long-term financial support of 911 communications systems is critical for the health and safety of county citizens, tourists and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, Lewis County 911 Communications is the 24-hour primary public safety answering point of 911 calls and provides dispatch services to the all police, fire, EMS and other related entities in Lewis County, who are all members of an Interlocal agreement with Lewis County and each have an appointed representative on the Combined User Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed representatives of the Combined User Committee have met and determined that a crucial need exists to fund critical infrastructure and operations of the emergency communications center in order to provide vital public safety service to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) deems it to be in the best interest of the County and its constituents to submit such a proposition to the County voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC has committed to working with the Lewis County 911 Communications Center public safety users to adopt a new form of governance that will provide the users appropriate representation and direction of operational and financial decisions by engaging a consultant to assist in the drafting of a new interlocal agreement (ILA).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** (1) There shall be submitted to the voters of Lewis County, Washington, at the next General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, a ballot proposition which, if approved by the voters, will fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of the Chapter 82.14.420 RCW at the rate of two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or the value of the article used, in the case of a use tax, which tax shall be in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and which shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under Chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within Lewis County, to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for the costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvements of the Lewis County 911 public safety communications systems and facilities.

(2) The Lewis County Auditor is hereby directed that the following proposition shall be placed before the voters on the November General Election Ballot:

Proposition No. \_\_\_\_

Lewis County, WA

Two-tenths of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for

Emergency 911 Communications Systems and Facilities

The Lewis County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ concerning a proposition to increase the sales and use tax. The proposition would increase the sales and use tax within Lewis County by two-tenths of one percent for the purpose of providing funds for the costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping and improvements of emergency communications systems and facilities.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes     (   )

No     (   )

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DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 25th day of July, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Robert Bradley  
By: Robert Bradley,  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Sean D. Swope  
Sean D. Swope, Chair

ATTEST:



Scott J. Brummer  
Scott J. Brummer, Vice Chair

Rieva Lester, CMC  
Rieva Lester, CMC,  
Clerk of the Lewis County Board of  
County Commissioners

Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM  
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# RIVERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

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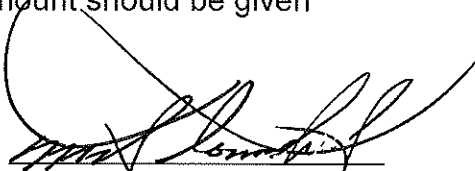
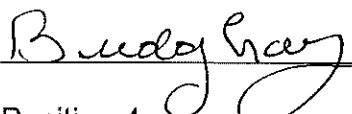
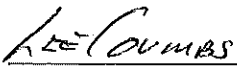
May 24, 2023

**To:** Lewis County Board of County Commissioners  
**From:** Riverside Fire Authority Fire Commissioners  
**Re:** Support of 911 Sales and Use Tax Ballot Measure

We the undersigned, write to you today in support of a ballot measure for a 911 Sales and Use tax as defined by Washington RCW 82.14.420. As defined in the RCW, "Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities."

The current funding model relies solely on fees gathered from user agencies; those agencies themselves are faced with financial burdens that hamper their own operations. Furthermore, it is not in the best interest in the long-term for 911 to be reliant solely on user agency funding. As a necessary and vital public service, 911 to the extent possible should be independently funded to ensure ongoing stable operations.

We recognize that it is ultimately up to the will of the people of Lewis County to support this initiative; but we do ask that the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County support presenting an option to the public. We prefer the 2/10th of one percent option for the sales tax but if that amount is not supported then the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent amount should be given strong consideration.

  
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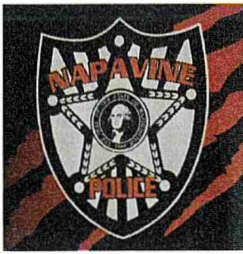
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## Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u>Loni Willey</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>LONNIE WILLEY</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>MAYOR</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>TOWN OF PETE</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
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Received 7-28-2023

# *NAPAVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT*

June 7, 2023

To: Lewis County Board of Commissioners

Re: Support of 911 Sales and Use Tax Ballot Measure

Our agency utilizes the services provided by the Lewis County 911 Communications on a constant basis in order to maintain our services to our citizens. Our citizens also rely on them for those same purposes. As users of dispatch services, we expect the 911 center to provide high-quality dispatch services, using technologies that are current and supported. While the basic dispatch needs, such as computer aided dispatch, phone systems and dispatch radios, are currently maintained at minimal levels, the ability to fund replacement in the future is not attainable with the current funding means. The option to assess and implement new technologies that would aid the dispatchers and our field responders is extremely limited by the current funding path.

By supporting the implementation of this sales and use tax, our agency feels this would provide the dispatch center with independent funding and reduce reliance on user agencies while stabilizing funding for existing operations. It is our opinion, along with the City of Napavine Council and Mayor, this funding is necessary to allow for implementation of new technologies that would help 911 provide more efficient and faster responses to the public. We feel that it would ensure citizens of the City of Napavine and Lewis County receive the best and most timely 911 services possible.

Our agency asks that you, the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County support presenting this option to the public.

Sincerely yours,

John Brockmueller  
Chief of Police

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[jgodbey@cityofnapavine.com](mailto:jgodbey@cityofnapavine.com)

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COMMUNICATIONS

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From: Combined User Committee, Lewis County 911 Communications

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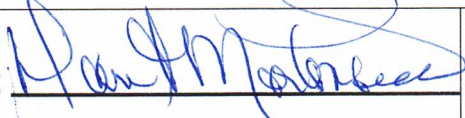
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A 911 sales and use tax would have the following immediate impacts on Lewis County 911 Communications:

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- Allow for implementation of new technologies that would help 911 provide more efficient and faster responses to the public
- Provide funding for a dispatch center in a safe and secure location, with adequate facilities to support both small and large emergencies
- Ensure that the people of Lewis County will receive the best 911 services possible
- Assist the emergency services agencies in Lewis County provide quality, timely services.

It is ultimately the will of the people of Lewis County to support this initiative; we ask only that the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County support presenting the option to the public.

Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u></u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>DAN S. MORTENSEN</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Mayor</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>MORTON</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
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Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Dennis Doy</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>LCFD 17</u> <u>Fire Commissioner #17</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD 17</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD 17</u>
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Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u>Charlie Nelson</u>	Signature: <u>Bill Bush</u>
Name: <u>Charlie Nelson</u>	Name: <u>Bill Bush</u>
Title: <u>Chief</u>	Title: <u>Fire Commissioner</u>
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Fire Dist. 16</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Doty Fire Dist 16</u>
Signature: <u>Greg Elliott</u>	Signature: <u>Dale L. McCalden</u>
Name: <u>Greg Elliott</u>	Name: <u>Dale McCalden</u>
Title: <u>Fire Commissioner</u>	Title: <u>Fire Commissioner</u>
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Fire Dist. #16</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Fire Dist 16</u>



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# WINLOCK FIRE & RESCUE

Commissioners: Ray Shipman • Grant Kistler • Randy Pennington  
Fire Chief: Richard Underdahl • Secretary: Amy Archer

Monday, June 12, 2023

To: Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County  
From: Lewis County Fire District #15 – Winlock Fire & Rescue  
Re: 911 Sales and Use Tax Ballot Measure

Dear Commissioners,

We write to you today in support of the Board of County Commissioners for Lewis County to put a ballot measure in the November General Election for a 911 Sales and Use tax as defined by Washington RCW 82.14.420. As defined in the RCW, "Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities."

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Signed

Ray Shipman  
Board Chair  
Fire Commissioner

Randy Pennington  
Fire Commissioner

Grant Kistler  
Fire Commissioner

Signature: <u>Nichi Sloan</u>	Signature: <u>Gwendolyn Turner</u>
Name: <u>Vicki Sloan</u>	Name: <u>Gwendolyn Turner</u>
Title: <u>Commissioner</u>	Title: <u>Fire Chief</u>
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>FD#13</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>FD#13</u>
Signature: <u>Cliff Munroe</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Cliff Munroe</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Commissioner</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD #13</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: <u>Pamela M. Chapman</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Pamela H. Chapman</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>LCFD #13, Secretary</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD #13</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: <u>Richard Fades</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Richard Fades</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Asst. Fire Chief</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD 13</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____

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Board of County Commissioners  
Lewis County Washington

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 w/ the motion let me know - B. Wright

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Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u>Jon Anderson</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Jon Anderson</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Chairman / LC Fire #10</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD #10</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LCFD #10</u>
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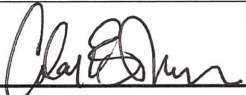
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Signature: <u></u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Colin Mason</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Board Chair</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>LC7D#6</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
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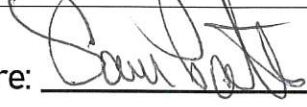

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Signature: 	Signature: 
Name: <u>Sam Patrick</u>	Name: <u>Sandra White</u>
Title: <u>Fire Commissioner Chair</u>	Title: <u>Fire Commissioner</u>
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Co Fire Dist.5</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Co Fire Dist.5</u>
Signature: 	Signature: 
Name: <u>Mike Goodwillie</u>	Name: <u>Dan Mahoney</u>
Title: <u>Fire Commissioner</u>	Title: <u>Fire Chief</u>
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Co Fire Dist.5</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Co Fire Dist.5</u>
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## Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u>Mike Dorothy</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Mike Dorothy</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Fire chief</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Fire #2</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: <u>John Borte</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>John Borte</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Commissioner</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis #2</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: <u>Ben Moore</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Ben Moore</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Commissioner</u>	Title: _____
Agency/Jurisdiction: <u>Lewis Co. #2</u>	Agency/Jurisdiction: _____
Signature: <u>Jacqui Spahr</u>	Signature: _____
Name: <u>Jacqui Spahr</u>	Name: _____
Title: <u>Commissioner</u>	Title: _____
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**From:** Combined User Committee, Lewis County 911 Communications

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Name:

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Title:

Admin Assist.

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Name:

Tom Miles

Title:

Commissioner

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Stephane St Pierre

Name:

Stephane St Pierre

Title:

EMT / Firefighter

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Oliver Jackson

Name:

Oliver Jackson

Title:

Firefighter

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Laura Lee Krause

Name:

Laura Lee Krause

Title:

Paramedic  
LCFD #1

BRAD FERNANDES

Name:

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Title:

Fire Chief

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Kimberly Lawrence

Name:

Kimberly Lawrence

Title:

Captain

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Lee Lawrence

Name:

Lee Lawrence

Title:

Firefighter

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

Signature:

Daniel Kaner

Name:

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Title:

Firefighter / Paramedic

Agency/Jurisdiction:

LCFD #1

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Name:

Title:

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## Lewis County Fire Commissioners Association

To: Board of County Commissioners, Lewis County

From: Lewis County Fire Commissioners Association

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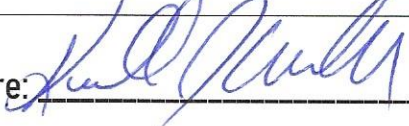

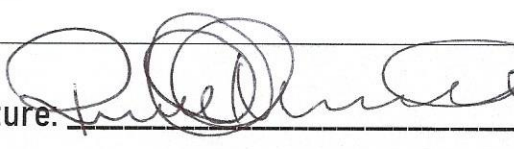
Signed

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Jim Martin

LCFCA President

## Signed in Support by the following:

Signature: <u></u> Name: Paul Jensen Title: Fire Commissioner Chair Agency/Jurisdiction: Cowlitz-Lewis FD20	Signature: <u></u> Name: Kenneth Miller Title: Fire Commissioner Agency/Jurisdiction: Cowlitz-Lewis FD20
Signature: <u></u> Name: Eugene O'Neill Title: Fire Commissioner Agency/Jurisdiction: Cowlitz-Lewis FD20	Signature: <u></u> Name: Richard Underdahl Title: Fire Chief Agency/Jurisdiction: Cowlitz-Lewis FD20
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## Template Support Letter for 911 Tax

Jennifer Libby-Jones <Jennifer.Libby-Jones@lewiscountywa.gov>

Wed 5/24/2023 9:22 AM

To: Kaylea Knee <Kaylea.Knee@lewiscountywa.gov>; Andy Caldwell (acaldwell@cityofcentralia.com) <ACaldwell@cityofcentralia.com>; Becky Butler <Becky.Butler@lewiscountywa.gov>; Bill Reynolds <Lcfd4chief@gmail.com>; Brad Flexhaug <chiefcfd1@gmail.com>; Brandon Svenson <mayor@cityofwinlock.com>; chiefcfd16@gmail.com <chiefcfd16@gmail.com>; Chris Sweet <Chris.Sweet@lewiscountywa.gov>; Chief 5100 <chief5100@lcpd5.com>; Dean Rivers (peellclerk@centurytel.net) <peellclerk@centurytel.net>; Doug Fosburg (fd3@tds.net) <Fd3@tds.net>; Duran McDaniel (salkumfiredept@tds.net) <salkumfiredept@tds.net>; Dustin Breen <Dusty.Breen@Lewiscountywa.gov>; Erika Katt <Erika.Katt@lewiscountywa.gov>; Fire Commissioner Lee Coumbs <lcoumbs@riversidefire.netd>; Greg Feuchter (gfeuchter@hotmail.com) <gfeuchter@hotmail.com>; Gwen Turner (lcf13chief@gmail.com) <lcf13chief@gmail.com>; glenomafire18@gmail.com <glenomafire18@gmail.com>; Jeff Jaques <jjaques@randlefire.org>; janderson@ci.chehalis.wa.us' <janderson@ci.chehalis.wa.us>

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Hello,

As we discussed at the last CUC meeting, the BOCC is looking for support from your agencies and elected officials to support a 911 tax. I had previously sent out the draft support letter that your agency can use to support the Sales and Use Tax for 911. I received a few general edits from the group so I am sending out a new copy. If you have already signed the previous version, that is fine as well. The edits were minor.

You are also welcome to draft your own letter to the BOCC; this is merely an one option. If you have any questions, please let me know. We are hoping to have all letters by the next CUC meeting on June 15th.

Thanks,



**Jennifer Libby-Jones, ENP**

*Director of 911 Communications*

Lewis County, Washington

351 NW North St, Chehalis, WA 98532

Cell: (858)231-8664 Office: (360)740-3394

Email: [Jennifer.Libby-Jones@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Libby-Jones@lewiscountywa.gov)



**CITY OF CENTRALIA  
RECORD OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday – June 27, 2023 - 7:00 pm**

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Mayor Smith Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Cameron led the flag salute.

**Attendance**

Present: Mayor Smith Johnston, Mayor Pro-Tem McGee, Councilor Vogt, Councilor Westley, Councilor Cameron, Councilor Althausen and Councilor Garibay.

Absent: none

1. Approval of Agenda

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON. TO APPROVE THE AGENDA...motion PASSED...7-0.**

2. Comments by the Public on Non Agenda Items

**Joyce Barnes, Centralia**, spoke about item #5d being on the Consent Agenda and not being placed as an item for the taxpayers to discuss. She spoke about the empty lot that is adjacent to City Hall being a great location for a brand new beautiful City Hall.

**Col. Ron Averill, Centralia**, spoke on the leadership changes happening with the Flood Authority.

3. Presentations

- a. Founders Day – MacKenzie McGee

Centralia Downtown Association Executive Director, MacKenzie McGee, addressed Council about Founders Day and the importance of it and the CDA's proposal being that the City make the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August each year Founders Day starting this year on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

- b. Blue Zones Activate – Shawna Herriford

Executive Director for Blue Zones Activate in Lewis County, Shawna Herriford, presented information on the organization to Council.

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c. Homeless Committee – Elizabeth Cameron

Patty Howard addressed Council regarding the Homeless Committee's Recommendations being Safe Parking areas and Pallet Shelters.

4. City Manager Reports

Kyle Manley spoke about Code Enforcement and informed Council that by the end of the week there will be a Q & A section posted on the City's website and there are also plans to have a portal added so that citizens can submit complaints and also check the status of ongoing complaints.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Voucher Approval – June 27, 2023 #240237-240363 \$1,228,338.96
- b. Payroll Approval – June 20, 2023 #138812-138816 and direct deposits #50766-50828 \$107,425
- c. Consideration of meeting minutes for June 13, 2023
- d. Consideration of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 215 N Pearl St.
- e. Consideration of Amendment #2 to the Consultant Service Agreement with Jacobs Engineering for the WWTP Phase 1 Upgrades Project
- f. Consideration of Small Works Agreement CCL-23-05SWC with MDK Construction for the Customer Service Center Re-Roofing Project
- g. Consideration of Change Order #1 to the Public Works Agreement CCL-23-08PWC with Kemp West, Inc. for the Line Clearance Tree Trimming Project
- h. Consideration of Amendment #1 to Agreement PW 2021-23 with Curfman Custom Fabrication for the Harrison Ave sign structure

**COUNCILOR VOGT MOVED. SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE. TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF ITEM #5D TO BECOME AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA...motion PASSED...7-0.**

5d. Consideration of Purchase and Sale Agreement for 215 N Pearl St.

City Manager, Rob Hill, explained the idea with buying this property to the Council. Workspace in the current City Hall has been a problem and this purchase would provide more space and parking. He spoke on the different ideas that have been talked about for use of this property. Council discussion followed.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON. TO APPROVE ITEM 5D THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR 215 N PEARL ST...motion PASSED...7-0.**

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6. Consideration of a letter of support to the Lewis County Board of Commissioners for the addition of a 2/10 of 1% Sales tax to fully fund the new 911 center

Chief Stacy Denham presented the information to Council.

Commissioner Brummer, from Lewis County Board of Commissioners, addressed Council about the importance of the 911 tax and this going to the ballot. Council discussion followed.

Public Comment:

**Col. Ron Averill, Centralia**, stated that current sales tax for Centralia is 8.2% and with this new tax it would become 8.4%. We have one of the sales taxes in the area. This tax is long overdue and he supports this.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ADDITION OF A 2/10 OF 1% SALES TAX TO FUND THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LETTER...motion PASSED...7-0.**

7. Consideration of a permanent closure of Pine Street between N. Tower Avenue and Railroad Avenue

Kim Ashmore, Public Works Director, and MacKenzie McGee, Executive Director of the Centralia Downtown Association addressed Council with the request for the permanent closure. Council discussion followed.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE A PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PINE STREET BETWEEN N. TOWER AVENUE AND RAILROAD AVENUE...motion PASSED...7-0.**

8. Consideration of Sole Source Resolution 2780 to waive bidding requirements for the purchase of replacement substation switches

ML Norton, City Light General Manager, presented the information to Council.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION 2780...motion PASSED...7-0.**

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9. Consideration of Special Market Conditions Resolution 2781 waiving standard bidding requirements for the purchase of rebuilt distribution transformers

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**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SPECIAL MARKET CONDITIONS RESOLUTION 2780...motion PASSED...7-0.**

10. Consideration of Sole Source Resolution 2782 waiving standard bidding requirements for the purchase of electric actuator gates

ML Norton, City Light General Manager, presented the information to Council. Council discussion followed.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE RESOLUTION 2782...motion PASSED...7-0.**

11. Consideration of Resolution 2783 for the adoption of the 2024-2029 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Patty Page, City Engineer, presented the information to Council.

**MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2783...motion PASSED...7-0.**

12. City Council Reports

**Councilor Althausen** – attended Music in the Park and the Kiddin' Around event.

**Councilor Cameron** – attended the Lewis County Historical Museum meeting and they have a pancake breakfast coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is coming up and hopes everyone can attend Summerfest and have a safe time.

**Councilor Garibay** - nothing to report.

**Councilor Westley** – nothing to report.

**Councilor Vogt** – attended the Solid Waste Committee meeting. He also attended Music in the Park and just like to remind everyone a lot of great restaurants can grab a snack and head to Music in the Park. Dawns Delectables walk up window is open until 8pm.

**Mayor Pro-Tem McGee** – nothing to report.

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Mayor Smith Johnston – nothing to report.

Adjournment

MAYOR PRO-TEM MCGEE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAMERON, TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 PM...motion PASSED...7-0.

Submitted by:

  
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Kristan McConnell, City Clerk

Approved by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kelly Smith Johnston, Mayor

# BOCC AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Received 7-28-2023

**Resolution:** 23-235

**BOCC Meeting Date:** July 25, 2023

**Suggested Wording for Agenda Item:**

**Agenda Type:** Deliberation

Submit an authorizing proposition to the voters of Lewis County to fix and impose a Sales and Use tax of two-tenths of 1 percent pursuant to RCW 82.14.420 to be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with the operations of 911 emergency communications systems and facilities

**Contact:** Jennifer Libby-Jones

**Phone:** 360-740-3394

**Department:** COMM - 911

## Description:

Submitting a request to authorize the addition of a Sales and Use tax pursuant to Chapter 82.14.420 RCW to the November 2023 ballot to fund the operations of the Lewis County 911 emergency communications systems and facilities

## Approvals:

User	Status
PA's Office	Approved

## Publication Requirements:

**Publications:**

## Additional Copies:

## Cover Letter To:

Election Date: November 7, 2023  
Name of Submitting Jurisdiction: Lewis County  
Contact Name: Jennifer Libby-Jones  
Daytime Contact Phone Number: (360) 740-3394

PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_\_  
(Sales and Use Tax for Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities)

LEWIS COUNTY BALLOT ISSUE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

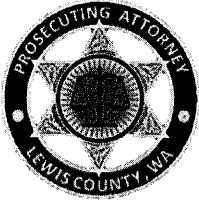
Lewis County is placing a measure on the November general election ballot which, if approved by the voters, will fix and impose a sales and use tax to be used by 911 Communications in accordance with the terms of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.14.420 of at the rate of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%).

Lewis County 911 Communications is the 24-hour primary public safety answering point of 911 calls and provides dispatch services to the all police, fire, EMS and other related entities in Lewis County, who are all members of an interlocal agreement with Lewis County. The current funding model relies predominately on fees gathered from user agencies. The basic dispatch needs are currently maintained at minimal levels, however, the ability to fund replacement infrastructure and equipment and improvements is not attainable by the current funding model.

RCW 82.14.420 authorizes Lewis County to submit a proposition to county voters to fix and impose a sales and use tax of up to 0.2% to provide funding that must be used for the maintenance and operations of emergency communications systems and facilities.

If approve by the voters, the sales and use tax would provide Lewis County 911 Communications with an independent funding source and reduce reliance on user agencies. The independent funding source would stabilize funding for existing operations, allow for the replacement of outdated infrastructure and equipment, and the implementation of new technologies ensuring the best possible 911 services to the people of Lewis County.





# Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Received 7-28-2023

345 W. Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chehalis, WA 98532  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Auditor's Office  
**FROM:** James D. Goodman, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
**RE:** Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement  
**DATE:** July 28, 2023

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Our office has reviewed the proposed levy for 911 Emergency Communications Systems and Facilities. The ballot language and explanatory statement are impartial, written in clear and concise language, avoid the use of legal and technical terms whenever possible, and do not exceed statutory word limits.

Our office approves as to form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James D. Goodman".

James D. Goodman  
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

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**It is the Mission of the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office to zealously seek justice in all criminal matters, consistently promote public confidence in the legal system, and diligently represent county government while adhering to the highest ethical and moral standards.**