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Resolution Cover Sheet

This form is mandatory and must accompany each resolution.

Name of District: Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4, Washington
District Address: 214 Second Street Morton, WA 98356
Date of Election: August 5, 2025
Contact Person: Holly Cantrell Title: Business Manager/Secretary
Contact Phone: 360-496-5183 Email: lcfd4sec@gmail.com
2nd Contact Person: Bill Reynolds Title: Fire Chief
2nd Contact Phone: 360-496-5183 Email: lcfd4chief@gmail.com

Attorney for District: Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C.
Attorney Phone: 206-447-6264 Attorney Email: lee.marchisio@foster.com

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

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: RCW 39.36.050; RCW 52.16.080 and RCW 84.52.056

And Wash. const. art VII, sec. 2(b) and art. VIII, sec 6.

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.

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
WASHINGTON

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FIRE STATION

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

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Adopted: April 29, 2025

This document prepared by:

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) The inadequate size and aging and outdated facilities of the District's existing fire station, and the need to improve community, firefighter and emergency responder safety, require the District to provide firefighting and emergency response facilities for the protection of public health, life and property by constructing a new fire station sized to meet the community's current and future firefighting and emergency response needs, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 (the "Project").

(b) The District lacks sufficient money to pay costs of the Project.

(c) To pay costs of the Project, it is necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of no more than \$3,000,000 (the "Bonds"), or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness or required to carry out and accomplish the Project.

(d) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(b) and Article VIII, Section 6 of the Washington Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington, including Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 39.36.050, RCW 52.16.080 and RCW 84.52.056, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and to levy annual excess property taxes in amounts sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds when due (*i.e.*, repay the Bonds).

(e) The best interests of the District and its residents require the District to carry out and accomplish the Project.

Section 2. Description of the Project. The Project to be paid for with proceeds of the Bonds, including interest earnings thereon ("Bond Proceeds"), is more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Construct a new fire station to replace the existing station, sized to meet current and future firefighting and emergency response needs, on a site to be determined by the Board, which may include the site of the existing station, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(b) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay incidental costs and other capital costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Project described above under RCW 52.16.080 and RCW 39.46.070. Incidental costs and other capital costs constitute a part of the Project and include without limitation: (1) costs related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; (2) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (3) costs of obtaining ratings and bond insurance; (4) costs of printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; (5) payment of interest due on the Bonds for up to six months after completion of construction; (6) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, inspection, permitting and testing costs; (7) administrative and relocation costs; (8) site acquisition, assessment and improvement costs; (9) demolition costs; (10) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose such facilities and/or building materials; (11) costs of on-site and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (12) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

The District is authorized to accomplish the Project, or any portion or portions, insofar as is practicable with available Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available, and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board will allocate the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available, between the various parts of the Project so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Project. The Board will determine the time, order, extent and specifications for the Project. The Project is to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election.

(a) The Auditor of Lewis County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election, in the manner provided by law, to be held in the District on August 5, 2025, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date (the "Special Election"), for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds.

(b) If the proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, spend the Bond Proceeds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds. The Bond Proceeds may be used, either with or without additional money now or at any time available to the District, for capital purposes only, as permitted by law, which does not include the replacement of equipment.

Section 4. Authorization to Issue the Bonds.

(a) The District may issue the Bonds as a single bond, as a single issue, as a part of a combined issue with other authorized bonds or in more than one series, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The District may issue the Bonds, as determined necessary and advisable by the Board, as taxable bonds, tax-exempt bonds or any other type of bonds that are now or in the future may be authorized under applicable state and federal law.

(b) The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds; bear interest payable as permitted by law; mature within 15 years from the date of issuance (but may mature at an earlier date or dates as fixed by the Board); be paid by annual property tax levies sufficient in amount to pay both principal and interest when due, which annual property tax levies will be made in excess of regular property tax levies without limitation as to rate or amount; and be issued and sold in the manner, times and amounts required for the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The life of the Project to be financed with Bond Proceeds will as near as practicable or as otherwise required by law exceed the term of the respective Bonds that finance the Project. The amount, date, denominations, interest rates, payment dates, final maturity, redemption rights, price and other parameters, terms and conditions of the Bonds will be fixed by one or more resolutions of the Board authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, which resolutions may delegate to a District officer or employee the authority to fix any of the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law.

(c) Pending the issuance of any series of the Bonds, the District may levy excess property taxes to repay those Bonds and may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW to pay for any portion of the costs of the Project. The short-term obligations may be paid or refunded with Bond Proceeds.

Section 5. Intent to Reimburse. To the extent the District makes capital expenditures for the Project prior to the date the District issues the Bonds (or other bonds or obligations issued as tax-exempt or tax credit obligations) to finance the Project from funds that are not (and are not reasonably expected to be) reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the District under its existing and reasonably foreseeable budgetary and financial circumstances to pay costs of the Project, the Board declares those capital expenditures are intended to be reimbursed out of Bond Proceeds, or proceeds of other bonds or obligations, issued in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Bonds provided by this resolution.

Section 6. Sufficiency of Bond Proceeds. If Bond Proceeds are more than sufficient to carry out and accomplish the Project, the District may use those excess Bond Proceeds to: (a) acquire, construct, remodel, renovate, install, equip, furnish and make other capital improvements to District facilities for firefighting and/or emergency services purposes; or (b) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as the Board may determine necessary or advisable and as permitted by law. In the event the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available, are insufficient to carry out and accomplish all of the Project, the District may use the Bond Proceeds and other available money for paying the cost of any parts of the Project the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Section 7. Alteration of Expenditures. If the Board subsequently determines circumstances (including without limitation changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations or incompatible development) require alterations to the Project, the District will not be required to accomplish any or all of the Project and may apply the Bond Proceeds (or any portion) to: (a) the acquisition, construction, installation, equipping and making of other capital improvements to other District facilities for firefighting and/or emergency services purposes; or (b) the retirement and/or defeasance of all or a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as determined necessary or advisable by the Board and as permitted by law.

Section 8. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4

BONDS TO CONSTRUCT A NEW FIRE STATION

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4 adopted Resolution No. 25-03, concerning emergency response facilities to protect public health, life and property. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new fire station to replace the existing station, sized to meet current and future firefighting and emergency response needs; issue no more than \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 15 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 25-03. Should this proposition be:

Approved ☐

Rejected ☐

Section 9. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary of the District (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than May 2, 2025; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the Special Election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing the District to issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the Bonds.

Section 10. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Secretary (Holly Cantrell) telephone: 360.496.5183; email: lcf4sec@gmail.com; and (b) bond counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com, as the individuals to receive such notice from the Auditor. The Fire Chief is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 11. General Authorization and Ratification of Prior Acts. This resolution may be executed by the Fire Commissioners being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board (the "Chair"), in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure ("electronic form"), or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Fire Chief, the Secretary, the Chair, other appropriate officers of the District and bond counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are each individually authorized to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such documents, records and signatures (including in electronic form) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

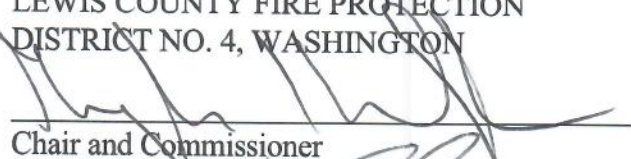
Section 12. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction, all appeals having been exhausted or all appeal periods having run, holds any provision of this resolution invalid or unenforceable, then the offending provision is null and void, is separate and severable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and in no way affects the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, the Bonds or of the levy or collection of the taxes pledged to repay the Bonds.

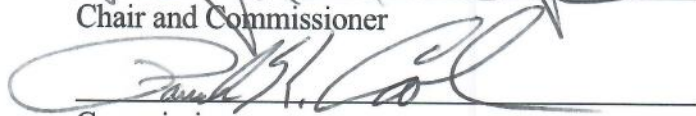
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Section 13. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4, Washington, at a special open public meeting, of which due notice was given as required by law, held on April 29, 2025.

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4, WASHINGTON


Chair and Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:



Holly Cantrell
Secretary of the District

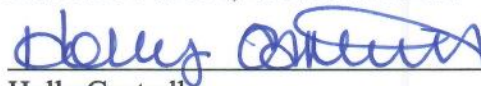
CERTIFICATION

I, Holly Cantrell, Secretary of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4, Washington (the "District"), certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 25-03 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on April 29, 2025 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect;
2. Written notice specifying the time, place and noting the business to be transacted (the "Notice") was given to all Commissioners of the Board by mail, fax, electronic mail or by personal delivery at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting, a true and complete copy of the Notice is attached hereto as Appendix 1;
3. The Notice was also posted on the District's website and prominently displayed at the main entrance of the District's Administrative Office and the entrance to the special meeting location at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting;
4. The Notice was also given by mail, fax, electronic mail or by personal delivery at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting to each local radio or television station and to each newspaper of general circulation that has on file with the District a written request to be notified of special meetings and to any others to which such notices are customarily given by the District; and
5. The Meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the Commissioners of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of Commissioners of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

Dated: April 29, 2025.

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4, WASHINGTON



Holly Cantrell
Secretary of the District

APPENDIX 1

COPY OF NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING



LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Fire Commissioners (the "Board") of Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4, Washington (the "District") will hold a special Board meeting on April 29, 2025, commencing at 5PM. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the meeting room of the District Fire Station, located at 214 Second Street, Morton, WA 98356 (the "Special Meeting").

The Special Meeting is called for the purpose of considering and acting upon the following items:

1. Resolution No. 25-03, which provides for the submission to the District's voters, at an election to be held on August 5, 2025 of a proposition authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds to construct a new fire station.
2. Appointment of for/against committee members to write "for" and "against" statements for the Lewis County Local Voters' Pamphlet related to the foregoing proposition.

LEWIS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 4, WASHINGTON

/s/

Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners

Lewis County Fire Protection District No. 4
Explanatory Statement for Proposition No. 1
Election Date: August 5, 2025
Word Count: 160 out of 250 maximum

Prepared by:
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If approved, this proposition would authorize up to \$3,000,000 of general obligation bonds that would mature within a maximum of 15 years and be repaid from annual excess property taxes at an estimated levy rate of \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the Lewis County Assessor's Office: 360-740-1392.

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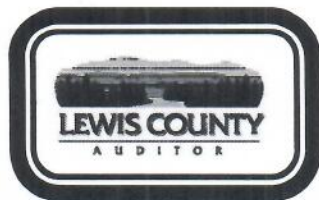
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For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Lewis County Fire District #4
 District Contact Name: Holly Cantrell
 Email Address: lcf4sec@gmail.com Phone: 360.496.5183

Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to elections@lewiscountywa.gov by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters' pamphlet statements to the Elections Division.

Deadlines are on page 13 of the administrative rules. Questions? Contact the Elections Department at: elections@lewiscountywa.gov or call 360.740.1278 or 360.740.1164

Information for inclusion in voters' pamphlet:

"For" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: Aaron + Tracy Chromey Email: Aaronchromey@gmail.com

Committee Member #2: Ben + May Shapiro Email: brumervalleywatershed88@yahoo.com

Committee Member #3: _____ Email: _____

"Against" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #2: _____ Email: _____

Committee Member #3: _____ Email: _____



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Auditor's Office

FROM: David E. Bailey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

RE: Approval of Ballot Language and Explanatory Statement / FPD 4 Resolution 25-03

DATE: May 9, 2025

Our office has reviewed the proposal for FPD 4 voters to approve a new bond. 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.

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.