



**Lewiston City Council
JOINT CITY COUNCIL & NEZ PERCE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

December 8, 2025 - 11:00 AM

**Nez Perce County Courthouse – County Commissioner's 1st Floor Conference Room – 1230
Main Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. JOINT CITY OF LEWISTON/NEZ PERCE COUNTY DISCUSSION ITEMS

Please note that identifying an item as an “Action Item” does not require the City Council to vote on that item.

- A. JOINT RESOLUTION 2025-53:** Considering approving a joint resolution with the Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners authorizing the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority Board to enter into lawful ground leases of airport property containing an option to renew clause - Action Item

IV. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

ITEM TITLE JOINT RESOLUTION 2025-53	AGENDA NO. III. A. AGENDA DATE: December 8, 2025
ITEM SUMMARY (Background, Discussion, Key Points, Recommendations, etc.) On August 29, 2025, the City of Lewiston (City) and the Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners (NPCBOC) received a letter from Schweitzer Aircraft Leasing, Inc. (SAL) and ESBV Aircraft Leasing LLC (ESBV) requesting approval from both entities to include a 25-year option-to-renew clause in their respective lease agreements with the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport (Airport). The letter clarifies that they are seeking approval only for the option to renew, and are not requesting an immediate extension of the current lease terms. I would note that such option-to-renew clauses are already included in the lease agreements subject to this request. Under the Airport's Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), the Airport Authority Board (AAB) has the authority to enter into lease agreements of up to 25 years and may convey or dispose of real Airport property with the written concurrence of the City, the County, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), if required. Technically, a lease is a "conveyance" of real property. However, it is unclear whether this was the original intent of the provision in the JPA. Regardless, neither my office nor the Nez Perce County Civil Prosecutors take issue with the concept of including an option-to-renew clause. Proposed Joint Resolution 2025-53 expressly authorizes the AAB to include such option-to-renew clauses in its ground leases, consistent with the authority delegated to the AAB. Any resulting ground leases must continue to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as the limitations set forth in the JPA.	
BUDGET IMPACT (Identify any or all impacts this proposed action would have on the City budget and/or personnel resources) There is no anticipated budget impact in approving of this joint resolution.	
ACTION PROPOSED I respectfully request approval of Joint Resolution 2025-53.	

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12-241

JOINT RESOLUTION 2025-53

A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LEWISTON-NEZ PERCE COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD TO ENTER INTO LAWFUL GROUND LEASES OF AIRPORT PROPERTY CONTAINING AN OPTION TO RENEW CLAUSE

WHEREAS, Nez Perce County (County) and the City of Lewiston (City) have jointly operated the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport (Airport) through a joint powers agreement (JPA), as amended from time to time, since 2010 pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-2328; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the County and City amended the JPA to create a separate administrative entity, the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority, governed by a board of commissioners known as the Airport Authority Board (AAB), to manage and operate the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the AAB include enhancing administrative efficiencies, promoting fiscal accountability, and ensuring compliance with all state and federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Article 4, Section 4.1.7 of the JPA grants the AAB the authority to enter into ground leases of Airport Property; and

WHEREAS, the County and City concur with AAB's authority to enter into any lawful ground leases, provided such leases comply with the Constitution, laws, and regulations of the State of Idaho, as well as applicable Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) regulations, rules, and grant assurances, in support of the safe, effective, and efficient operation of the Airport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEZ PERCE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Joint Resolution, including all defined terms therein.

SECTION 2: The Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners and the Lewiston City Council authorize the AAB to include “Option to Renew” clauses in all ground lease agreements executed under its authority, pursuant to the powers delegated to the AAB in the JPA, as amended from time to time. Any such ground lease agreements shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as the limits of authority delegated to the AAB under the JPA.

SECTION 3: This Joint Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by both Nez Perce County and the City of Lewiston.

PASSED this _____ day of December, 2025 by the Nez Perce County Board of Commissioners and the Lewiston City Council.

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NEZ PERCE COUNTY, IDAHO

DOUGLAS W. HAVENS, Chairman
Nez Perce County Commissioner

HANNAH LIEDKIE, Member
Nez Perce County Commissioner

JOSEPH GISH, Member
Nez Perce County Commissioner

ATTEST:

PATTY O. WEEKS, Clerk
Nez Perce County, Idaho

CITY OF LEWISTON

DANIEL G. JOHNSON, Mayor
City of Lewiston

ATTEST:

TANYA M. BROCKE, City Clerk

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August 29, 2025

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RE: Request to Approve Option to Renew Lease at Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport

Dear County Commissioners, Mayor, and City Councilors:

Recently, Schweitzer Aircraft Leasing, Inc. (SAL) and ESBV Aircraft Leasing LLC (ESBV) entered into ground lease agreements with the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Authority. The initial term of both agreements is 25 years. Additionally, the agreements provide a 25-year option to renew, subject to the approval of the City of Lewiston and Nez Perce County.

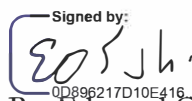
Given the significant capital investment by SAL and ESBV in the hangars that are currently being constructed at the Airport, we request approval of the 25-year option to renew for both SAL and ESBV. To clarify, we are requesting approval of *the option* to renew, not actual extensions of the current leases.

Please confirm receipt of these requests and advise us of the next steps required to proceed with the approval process. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to maintaining our presence at the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport.

Sincerely,



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Signed by:


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8/27/2025 | 6:30:53 AM PDT

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