

April 14, 2026

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, met for a Joint City Council and Nez Perce County Commissioners Special Meeting in the First Floor Conference Room of the Nez Perce County Courthouse, 1230 Main Street. Nez Perce County Commissioner Chair Joe Gish called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

I. CALL TO ORDER

COUNCILORS PRESENT: Mayor Dan Johnson; Council President Jim Kleeburg; Councilor Jessica Klein; Councilor Matt Wright; Councilor Kasee Forsmann; Councilor Bryan Moree; Councilor John Spickelmire.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Gish, Chair; Hannah Liedkie; Doug Havens.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments were offered from citizens.

IV. 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. LEWISTON-NEZ PERCE COUNTY AIRPORT:** Discussion on the continued joint ownership of the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport as requested by Councilor John Spickelmire at the February 2, 2026 and March 2, 2026 City Council meetings - Action Item

Councilor Spickelmire explained that he requested a discussion regarding the airport's purpose and long-term goals, and raised concerns about taxpayers being double-taxed under the current joint ownership model. Chair Gish noted he is not opposed to looking into the County taking over but would need to review the pros and cons to determine what best serves the community. Councilor Spickelmire added that Council's role has been largely reactive and there is a need for more consistent updates and defined objectives.

Mayor Johnson referenced the City of Lewiston's Comprehensive Plan 2044, which outlines airport goals, and encouraged Councilors to review the document. Further discussion included advocating for legislative support, emphasizing economic impact, pursuing grant opportunities, and strengthening City-County collaboration.

Airport Authority Board Chair Gary Peters provided historical context and

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stressed the importance of proper management. Mr. Peters encouraged Councilors to spend a day with the Airport Manager to learn more about operations and needs.

The Council and Commissioners supported increased communication, including regular joint meetings and additional work sessions. There was general agreement on supporting the airport, developing shared goals, and aligning planning efforts.

- B. AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION:** Discussion of Resolution 2026-08 adopted by the Lewiston-Nez Perce County Regional Airport Authority Board on March 17, 2026. This agenda item is for discussion only; no action will be taken

Airport Manager Mike Isaacs presented Lewiston-Nez Perce County Airport Resolution 2026-08 which requested that the City and County consider a 50-year lease extension on behalf of Schweitzer Aircraft Leasing, Inc., and ESBV Aircraft Leasing, LLC.

Discussion included potential risks and revenue impacts of a long-term lease, with Mr. Isaacs noting that the extension aligns with current Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) rules and regulations. While there was a proposal to modify the City of Lewiston and Nez Perce county Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), it was determined that the JPA amendment was not on the current agenda for discussion and would be scheduled for a future meeting.

V. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners Gish, Liedkie, and Havens expressed their appreciation for the joint meeting and the opportunity to collaborate. They encouraged continued open communication and invited City Council members to reach out directly to schedule further discussions to problem-solve shared issues.

- B. MAYOR & CITY COUNCILOR COMMENTS:** Comments shall not be related to an item currently before the City Council or an item that may come before the City Council in the foreseeable future, and shall be limited to comments, not discussion.

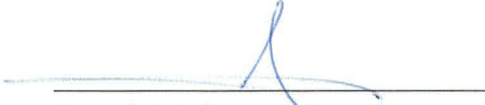
Councilor Spickelmire thanked the attendees for the productive discussion regarding the airport's purpose and long-term goals. He expressed support for the 50-year lease extension and shared his intent to visit the airport for a deeper look at operations. Mayor Johnson encouraged Commissioners to provide the Council with 3-4 primary goals for the airport to help align their

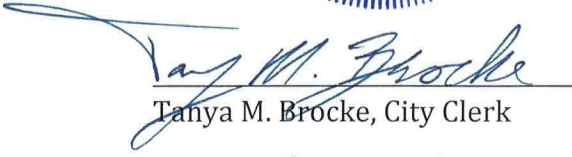
shared priorities moving forward.

VI. ADJOURNMENT - Action Item

There being no further business to come before the Lewiston City Council and Board of Nez Perce County Commissioners, Commissioners Havens and Liedkie moved and seconded, respectively, to adjourn the April 14, 2026 Joint meeting. The motion carried 9-0 (Commissioners 3-0; Councilors 6-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.




Daniel G. Johnson, Mayor


Tanya M. Brocke, City Clerk

