

File a Formal Complaint - John W.B. VerValen

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To Whom it may concern,

I, John VerValen, representing myself, am filing a complaint against the PAC OneLewisCounty. Per WAC 390-16-011 a PAC must file within 2 weeks of forming. OneLewisCounty formed a facebook page on at least June 26th 2017 (file attached) while their C-1pc shows they filed with the PDC on July 28th 2017. This violates the 2 week rule set forth in the WAC.

OneLewisCounty also has of the date of this complaint not filed a financial report. On the C-1pc it states they have a bank account with Security State Bank and Banks do not let people open accounts with no money.

Also the Pac OneLewisCounty uses the Centralia, Chehalis Chamber of Commerce for their Headquarters and all equipment (copiers, phones, office space, personnel, office supplies, ect.) which would cost them monies otherwise. This also should be listed in a financial statement as in kind contributions but there is no report filed.

OneLewisCounty's Treasurer per their C-1pc is Alicia Bull. On the C-1pc she clearly checked the Only Ministerial duties on the form and this is not the case as she has been the head of this PAC with interviews in the local Newspaper (The Chronicle) Alicia Bull is also the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce where this PAC has it's headquarters. That would mean that she has sole discretion in allocation of donated in kind contributions to this PAC, such as use of office equipment, office space, phone and fax use, and not the least, use of the chambers website to further the aims of this PAC.

Also OneLewisCounty has a web site www.onelewiscounty.com which was set up at the direction of Alicia Bull. Alicia Bull in her capacity as the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, also wrote an article of the chamber website discussing how she has brought together a group of people and formed a committee. This committee is now known as the PAC OneLewisCounty. The article is dated August3rd 2017 and in it she said they had been meeting for months, which again is a violation of the 2 week rule for forming a committee and submitting the paperwork, as it is clear by the date of the facebook page dated June 26th that there was already an expectation of forming this PAC.

On the OneLewisCounty website at the bottom of the page you will find a PDF download of a rack card to explain what and why they are doing this, and at the bottom of the rack card you will find the Chamber of Commerce logo, which again goes to show that there is no difference between the Chamber (which is a private membership organization) run of Alicia Bull (executive Director) and OneLewisCounty which violated her statement that she only functions in a ministerial capacity.

The Chamber of Commerce is a private membership organization, which has as members the City of Centralia, the City of Chehalis, Lewis County, The Port's of both Centralia and Chehalis, The Centralia School District. By these governmental agencies belonging to the Chamber it violates the Spirit of the Law to keep them out of PACs. The Governments a fore mentioned have paid dues to the Chamber to be a member and further business and economic growth in Lewis County. This is permissible under the law, but with those dues being used to further a change in Government in Lewis County (at the county level) they have by being a member included themselves in this PACs goals to change the form of Governance in Lewis County. This I believe is a strong violation of the Spirit of the Law where government is only allowed to give a one time for or against statement to an election issue.

The incestuous relationship between the Chamber of Commerce and the PAC known as OneLewisCounty blurs the lines between both entities, and with Alicia Bull in her own words on the Chamber website saying that WE and WE'VE meaning the chamber members have started this movement to form the PAC she has illustrated that there is no difference between the Chamber and this PAC but in name only.



WE DESERVE
TO HAVE A
VOICE AGAIN
IN COUNTY GOVT.

THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS BROKEN

Poor fiscal management:

Run away spending has caused dipping into the County savings account to balance the budget.

Continued lawsuits:

Costly, unprofessional behaviors from Commissioners and bureaucrats result in lawsuits costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to settle.

Lack of leadership vision:

The County does not set forth a vision for a healthy, productive, growing community and has not partnered well with key community organizations.

Incompetent management:

Problems surrounding poor management include Senior Centers, 911 Call Center, Discover Lewis County and the WSU Extension.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION

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What are we doing and why?

We are leading an effort designed to change Lewis County government in two important ways:

1. Increase the number of County Commissioners from three full time to five part time. This provides increased representation for our County.
2. Add a professional County Manager to oversee day-to-day operations.

This requires a change to what is called a "Home Rule" Charter County. This allows for more than three County Commissioners. We propose to adjust the role of the County Commissioners from one that is responsible for the day-to-day running of the County Manager to one that focuses on policy matters. They would be paid significantly less than today, resulting in a cost saving that would make room in the budget for an adequately paid, professional County Manager.

4 REASONS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CHANGE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

1. Cost Savings

We estimate that Lewis County will save **\$165,000** with this change. Part time County Commissioners would be paid \$1,000 a month plus benefits. The County Manager would be paid within a salary range of \$150,000 plus benefits. This is a more appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.

2. Better Representation

Five Part time Commissioners versus three provide better representation. This eliminates "Professional" politicians and helps us gain servant leaders that care about more than just earning a paycheck.

3. Professional Management

An appointed professional County Manager will bring stability and expertise to Lewis County government. This individual will have experience planning and administering a public budget, as well as providing direction to County department heads. A professional County Manager will have knowledge of current HR laws, reducing employee-related lawsuits.

4. Transparency

Conduct the people's business in the open instead of behind closed doors. Move Commissioner meetings to the evening when working citizens can attend.

Swing by the Chamber to sign our petition or to provide financial support to this initiative.



Centralia - Chehalis
Chamber of Commerce

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