

August 28, 2023

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a budget meeting on August 28, 2023, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

01:00 PM **Budget Meeting:** Present were Wendy Drake Director of Finance, Kathi Hooper Environmental Health Director, Dallas Bowe Human Resources Director, Jerry Regh District 1 (Libby) Road Supervisor, and Marcia Boris County Attorney.

Wendy Drake Director of Finance presented a preliminary FY 2023-2024 Tax Levy Requirement Schedule depicting a shortfall of 28 mills. Wendy mentioned the county auditor suggested increasing the cash reserves, and the Commissioners discussed utilizing the Covid Reserve funds. Wendy will make adjustments to the revenue in the District Court category to incorporate the state's portion of the County Attorney distribution, amounting to \$63,271. Commissioner Teske acknowledged the limitations imposed by Montana statute (MCA 15-10-420) on a county's capacity to add more mills. As the taxable values increase, unless there are voted mills, the county's permissible mill levy is likely to decrease. The conversation also revolved around the Sheriff's Office to explore reduction options. The Commissioners agreed the General Fund will undergo a review as well. Future objectives were discussed, including SRS funds, road tax, Library and Dispatch Districts.

02:06 PM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Josh Letcher, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board