

February 19, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on February 19, 2025, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Administrative Assistant Jennifer Brown, Alisha Osborne, Andrew Bratlien, Brett Duvall, Brian Andrews, Brian Berreman, Boyd White, Buck Breckenridge, Chanel Geer, Crystal Denton, Dallas Bowe, Daniel Barber, Feleisha Storkson, Jack Gossen, Jim Blair, Joshua Duman, Kordell Pisk, Kristin Smith, Loraine Johnson, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Ron Harris, Sally H, Scott Shindledecker, Stephanie Wilkie, TCI, Timm Haynes, Travis Craig and Zach Sherbo.

Commissioner Teske opened the meeting with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

10:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Open Bids for Landfill Expansion. NRDP Master Agreement Lincoln County Libby OU3:** Present were Bryan Alkire, Colter Hondo, Dean Thompson, Eric Drake and Chris Bache.

- Meeting minutes of February 12, 2025, for approval: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion carried.
- Open bids for landfill expansion: Commissioner Teske read the base amounts of the six bids received.

S & L Underground, Inc.: \$8,142,114.30	Noble Excavating, Inc.: \$5,372,930.00
Thompson Contracting, Inc.: \$6,472,746.10	Swaggart Brothers, Inc.: \$5,346,770.00
Baranko Brothers, Inc.: \$6,026,366.62	M.A. Deatley Construction, Inc.: \$5,049,375.10

Bryan Alkire accepted the six bid packets to be reviewed by engineering and follow up with a recommendation.

- Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) Master Agreement Lincoln County Libby OU3: Commissioner Teske advised this refers to the settlement the state received from WR Grace, and the funds allocated to restore damages resulting from the mining operation. He advised It allows Lincoln County to manage related grant funding. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the NRDP agreement for Lincoln County. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion Carried.
- Commissioner Duram advised the Eureka Annex heat system repairs are in process.
- Commissioner Duram stated the Trego Community Hall CDBG letter has been received.
- Commissioner Duram will have the Eureka Annex alarm system re-evaluated for ongoing issues.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time – Non-Agenda Items:** Present were none. No public comment.

11:00 AM **Approve EMPG and EMA Update – Boyd White:** Present were none.

Boyd White, EMA, provided the following update. The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) is expected to be half last years \$50,500 due to funding cuts. He is requesting \$52,597. The EMPG grant requires the adoption of a Distribution Management Plan by the county and will be forthcoming. He is applying for a homeland security grant to replace a generator and the Libby EOC. A collaborative effort is underway with Zach Sherbo, Public Health, and a workgroup to address concerns about remote areas and vulnerable citizens during power outages with a focus on emergency check-ins. Ongoing efforts to address radio issues in the county. MT Sky has not officially canceled their contract, and they are still paying rent. Working with DOT to renew contracts, though communication has been slow. The IPAWS system is running, with sheriff's dispatch and some office personnel completing training in conjunction with Code Red and information is going out on social media regarding the alert system. He will send the emergency response plan to the safety committee and then department heads. The quarterly Local Emergency Planning Committee LEPC meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Teske suggested the commissioners' alternate attendance to understand and disseminate information from this group. Commissioner Teske encouraged Boyd to apply for the EMPG grant.

11:30 AM **Preliminary Plat Review – Sherwood Estates:** Present was Cam Sherwood.

Kristin Smith, LC Planning, presented the Sherwood Estates subdivision and a variance request for Hunter Lane's 22' road width (subdivision regulation is 24' with 1' shoulders). The Planning Department recommends granting the variance request and preliminary subdivision approval, subject to conditions and based on staff findings. Commissioner Teske asked about Hunter Lane's 22' width previously approved, and Kristin noted it may predate current standards. She confirmed emergency services typically require a minimum of 20' road width. Regarding future expansion, Kristin stated the covenants limit further development on parcels smaller than five acres. Buck Breckenridge advised a Hammerhead turnaround would be facilitated by Horse Collar Lane. Kristin stated that the driveways are 150' apart and the topography offers additional turnaround options. She stated a road user agreement could be added but would only apply to these two lots. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the variance request. Second by Commissioner Duram. No comments. Motion carried. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve Sherwood Estates preliminary plat. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No comments. Motion Carried.

11:48 AM **Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Brent Teske, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board