

April 28, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a budget meeting on April 28, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commission Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram and Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox.

10:30 am **Troy Road Department, District #2:** Present was DJ Welch

DJ Welch presented the Troy Road Department, District #2's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Commissioner Teske noted that last year's budget was presented, and DJ Welch would obtain the current wage and insurance budget to update the Road Department's budget. Commission Teske directed DJ Welch to the Human Resource Department for the update. Commissioner Hammons asked about the increase of the repair & maintenance budget. DJ Welch informed the Commissioners of the department's need of a new dump truck, at approximately \$250,000. DJ Welch brought up the equipment currently leased, which includes two graders, a loader, and an excavator. Commissioner Hammons questioned the Forest Service contracts and their contributions, DJ Welch stated it was roughly \$60,000. Discussion was had about the Forest Service brushing contracts, noting that the Ross Creek contract was cancelled. Commissioner Hammons asked about the \$0 budgeted for Raw Material and DJ Welch confirmed he did not believe he had a need for the materials this year. DJ Welch did mention he would be paving Pine Creek and East Side Road. Discussion was opened regarding ownership and maintenance responsibilities of Lincoln County vs. State of Montana vs. Forest Service. Commissioner Teske noted Troy Road Department would no longer be responsible for the Yaak Highway. Commissioner Teske stated it appeared the largest increase of budget would be due to the increase of wages and insurance. Commissioner Hammons asked if DJ Welch thought he would be good on trucks after the purchase of a dump truck. DJ Welch confirmed he would be for this year, as he had been staggering the replacements, in an effort to not have multiple replacements fall within the same year. Commissioner Teske had questions about the breakout of categories, DJ Welch explained.

10:40 am **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant