

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.

11:32 am **Weed Department:** Present was Mike Bradeen

Mike Bradeen presented the Weed Department's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mike Bradeen began with noting the budget is \$26,000 less than last year, but that a the truck purchased was in last year's budget. Commissioner Duram asked about the budget decrease and if Mike Bradeen felt it made up for the wage and insurance increases this year. Mike Bradeed stated he thought it did. Commissioner Teske opened a discussion about grant funding and allocations. Mike Bradeen broke down the different grants he's working with. Mike Bradeen indicated the grants cover all wages for his department. Commissioner Duram questioned the grant cycles and when they expire. Mike Bradeen stated they were on a three-year cycle and the three years began in April of 2025, so he was not worried about the funding for a couple of years. Commissioner Teske asked about equipment purchases and if Mike Bradeen planned any purchases for this Fiscal Year. Mike Bradeen informed the Commissioners he was looking to purchase a new truck and possibly a side-by-side and will bring the figures to meeting. Commissioner Duram asked about any equipment leases, which Mike Bradeen indicated his department owned all of their equipment and did not have any leases. Commissioner Duram noted any change of his preliminary budget would be due to the increase of wages and insurance, he requested that Mike Bradeen make sure to get all updated wage and insurance information for the Human Resource Department.

11:43 am **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant