

April 29, 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, and Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram

10:34 am **Clerk of Court:** Present was Tricia Brooks

Tricia Brooks presented the Clerk of Court's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Tricia Brooks confirmed she had the current wages and insurance added to the budget. Commissioner Teske noted a lot of unnecessary categories on the budget sheet and directed Tricia Brook to contact the Finance Department for assistance in getting them removed. Teske discussed the Jury Fund, Tricia Brooks stated it was usually around \$50,000 and is reimbursed by the State. Commissioner Teske asked about the decrease in the supplies budget, which Tricia Brooks indicated the department paid \$11,000 for a printer last year and there are not any projected large purchases for this year. Commissioner Hammons spoke of the increase in budget being largely due to the increase of wages and insurance. Commissioner Tesk noted the budget went from \$385,284 to \$393,575. Commissioner Teske asked how many people were on payroll, Tricia Brook advised she had 3 full time employees and one part time employee, and the part time employee would be working more, due to another employee being on parental leave. Tricia Brooks asked if there was any indication of being able to give her department a raise. Commissioner Teske advised there were will a lot of unknowns at this point, so he couldn't give an accurate answer.

10:42 am **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant