

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

10:57 am **County Attorney:** Present was Marcia Boris

Marcia Boris presented the County Attorney's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Marcia Boris confirmed she had the current wages and insurance added to the budget. Marica Boris began by stating the amount shown to be remaining in the current year's budget was deceiving, as the May trial term was about to begin, during which a large portion of the budget would be paid out. Marcia Boris added that the budget payouts would include paying at least one expert witness and another witness was still undetermined. Marcia Boris indicated that the LexisNexis System was budgeted under subscriptions last year and will be under the appropriate category this coming year. Marcia Boris informed the Commissioners of the department's stats, which contribute to an increased budget: From 2023-2024%, felonies went up 19%. Misdemeanors went 12% and Driving Under the Influence increased from 9 to 14. She also stated that the department was assisting with more HR issues in this recent year. Commissioner Teske noted that there was approximately a \$20,000 increase, which was mostly due to increased wages and insurance. Commissioner Duram asked about the MCA budget for this year, Marcia Boris advised it had not been calculated yet. Marcia Boris spoke about training for the upcoming year and how the timing of the training could affect the budget, depending on the date they're offered and where it fell in the fiscal year. Commissioner Teske asked the Other Professional Services Category, where Marcia Boris clarified that budget was used for forensic accountant, transcripts, expert witnesses, etc. Commissioner Teske also asked about Repairs & Maintenance and Marcia Boris indicated that there wasn't anything specific that category was budgeted for yet, but there could be a use for it at some point.

11:06 am **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant