

April 30, 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

2:30 pm **Library:** Present was Dustina Deans and

Dustina Deans presented the Library's preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Dustina Deans confirmed she had the current wages and insurance added to the budget. Dustina Deans began the meeting with stating there is an overall budget increase of \$60,000 due to rising costs of subscriptions and other costs. Dustina Deans added that a lot of the increase for the budget was due to deferred maintenance at the Troy Library, such as, the roof needed replaced, as it was so bad Joe wouldn't go on it and the heating system needed replaced, due to a breaker malfunction. Dustina Dean indicated that grants only cover \$360,000. Dustina Dean also stated that the increase of budget was due to utility costs: trash service, maintenance and janitorial. Dustina Deans said that she is paying a maintenance person to frequently come in and maintain the heating system. Dustina Deans mentioned another part of the increase was for new education, such as to purchase large text and audio books. Dustina Dean would also like to increase the Library's budget to cover technology fees and internet services. Commissioner Teske asked about the operating supplies budget increase request, which Dustina Deans stated there had not been any purchases of new equipment, like book carts, over the last few years. Commissioner Teske asked for clarification on what the recreational supplies included. Dustina Deans indicated this budget was for craft supplies that were provided through the foundation and an attempt to recoup the money the foundation spent. Commissioner Teske asked about the travel expenses, to which Dustina Deans explained this was a budget to transport books from site to site and potential training opportunities. Commissioner Teske questioned if this budget also included vehicle insurance, which Dustina Deans confirmed. Commissioner Durman confirmed that there was an anticipated \$60,000 budget increase on the preliminary budget.

2:36 pm **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant