

May 28, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on May 28, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram, Bryan Alkire, Chanel Geer, Deb Burrell, Darren Short, Feleisha Storkson, HR, Jesse Haag, John Hyslop, Kristie Wilson, Melanie Howell, Planning, Ray Stout, Roland Jorgenson, Sarah Michaelson, Traci Street, Tyler Reed and Wendy Drake.

09:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Nomination of Citizen Member to LASOC Board:** Present was Sam Sikes.

- Approval of the minutes from May 21, 2025 regular meeting: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the May 21, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Teske. No comments. Commissioner Hammons and Teske voted aye. *Commissioner Duram was not yet online.
- Nomination of Citizen Member to LASOC Board: Commissioner Teske advised of one applicant, George Jamison. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to nominate George Jamison. Second By Commissioner Teske. No public comment. Commissioner Hammons and Teske voted aye. *Commissioner Duram was not yet online.
- Commissioner Teske read a request that domain @libby.org be added to the list of approved domains to enroll in the GSA program. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve EMA be enrolled in the program for the GSA. Second by commissioner Teske. Commissioner Teske noted this program provides significant discounts on purchases of government surplus. No public comment. Motion carried. *Commissioner Duram joined online.

09:45 AM **Public Comment Time – Non-Agenda Items:** Present was Sam Sikes. None

10:00 AM **Morrison-Maierle Grant Updates and Change Order Approvals:** Present were Brian Berreman, Sindy Filler, Kathi Hooper and Sam Sikes.

Sarah Michaelson, Morrison-Maierle, introduced Tyler Reed of the Missoula Airports Office who reviewed documents presented for approval on engineering task orders and grant applications for routine pavement maintenance projects at the Eureka and Libby airports in 2026. He noted these are 95% FAA funded grants requiring a 5% (estimate of \$40,000) local county match of which they plan to request Montana Aeronautics meet this match requirement when they meet in January. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the task orders and grant funding applications for the Libby and Eureka Airports. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:15 AM **PILT Funding Request for Spay and Neuter Clinic:** Present were Brian Berreman, Sindy Filler and Kathi Hooper.

Kathi Hooper, Health Department, requested \$4,000 in PILT funding to support a spay/neuter event on June 7–8 at Libby High School. The event, hosted by Kootenai Pets For Life, will provide spay/neuter services, vaccinations, and microchipping, with two veterinary teams from Spay Montana expected to treat approximately 80 cats and 50 dogs. KPFL will cover all additional costs. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the \$4,000 from PILT for the spay/neuter clinic. Second by Commissioner Teske. Discussion of the importance of this program. Sindy Filler, volunteer with KPFL, thanked the commission for supporting this event. She added it will make a big impact and would like to see a repeat of this event citing the volunteer participation and community donations. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:30 AM **Annual Plan Approval for DUI Task Force:** Present were Brian Berreman, Boyd White, Darren Short and Sindy Filler.

Sindy Filler, Coordinator of the LC DUI Task Force, presented the task force's 2026 annual plan. She noted that incidents of drinking and driving worsened during the pandemic, with Montana now 8 percentage points above the national average. She emphasizing the issue of impaired driving and underscored the importance of law enforcement support and community engagement in education and awareness. She explained the task force is funded through license reinstatement fees and reported an accumulated balance of \$29,778.28 with a 2025/26 budget of \$17,220. Sheriff Short advised officers can request specific testing when a lab tests blood. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to accept the LC DUI task force plan and the budget included. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:45 AM **EMA Update; Distribution Management Plan:** Present were Brian Berreman, Boyd White and Sindy Filler.

Boyd White, EMA, discussed the distribution management plan, advising the public comment period has concluded, allowing for plan adoption to meet FEMA compliance. The State Homeland Security Grant for replacing the EOC generator is still pending funding. A notice of intent was submitted to Montana DES for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to fund a scoping study on Quartz Creek. A contractor assessed the Black Butte site and confirmed only partial flooring replacement is needed; contract invoices have been sent to MT DOT. Recent and upcoming trainings include Hazard Mitigation, Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation, and an evacuation training in Missoula. April's LARP exercise focused on Joint Information Center operations; updates are underway, and FEMA plans to shift responsibility for future LARP exercises to Lincoln County EMA. The Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted in November and approved shortly after by FEMA, has been distributed to jurisdictions—only Libby has returned adoption paperwork. The Emergency Response Plan has been issued to department heads for customization, with plans to assist the Health Department and Eureka Annex. There were no updates on the Local Government Disaster Information Manual and debris management plan. EOC renovations continue, with electrical and drywall complete and painting in progress. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept the Distribution Management Plan. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:00 AM **Planning Title III Funds Request:** Present were Brian Berreman and Jesse Haag. Continued to next week.

*Commissioner Duram excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

11:15 AM **Grant Lakeshore Application and Pluid Lakeshore Application:** Present were Alisha Osborne, Brian Berreman and Jesse Haag.

Alisha Osborne, Planning Department, presented the Grant dock staircase lakeshore application recommending approval with nine conditions. She noted the Planning Board favors a minimum of 36” for the footings. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the Grant lakeshore permit. Second by Commissioner Teske. No public comment. Motion carried.

Alisha presented the Pluid lakeshore floating dock application and recommended granting the variance and approving the application with seven conditions. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the Pluid lakeshore application and variance with Planning Board recommendations. Second by Commissioner Teske. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:30 AM **DNRC Floodplain Mapping Update:** Present were Brian Berreman and Jesse Haag.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, advised DNRC was unable to attend, and a video conference is set up with his department this afternoon. He requested to rescheduled once the information is available.

11:31 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board