

August 13, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on August 13, 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, Alaena Woody, Andy Evensen, Ben Wuollet, Brett Duvall, Chanel Geer, Chris Bachman, Cole, Dave, Diane, Eric, Feleisha Storkson, Jesse Haag, JP Parks, Landfill, Ray Stout, Sam Scheer, Scott Shindledecker and Traci Street.

09:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. SRS Support Letter Discussion. Board Updates:** Present were Brian Berreman and Jennifer Nelson.

- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the August 6, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: OMVIG Hammer Law, P.C. for Sinclair Creek water issue totaling \$3,461. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay \$3,461 out of PILT. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- SRS Support Letter Discussion: Commissioner Teske noted last week, the board reviewed the sample Secure Rural Schools (SRS) support letter and found it too specific to California. Commissioner Duram advised he will revise the letter to reflect Lincoln County’s needs and highlight the importance of SRS funding in Montana.
- Board Updates: Commissioner Duram reported representing Lincoln County at two meetings regarding selenium.

10:00 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present was Brian Berreman. None.

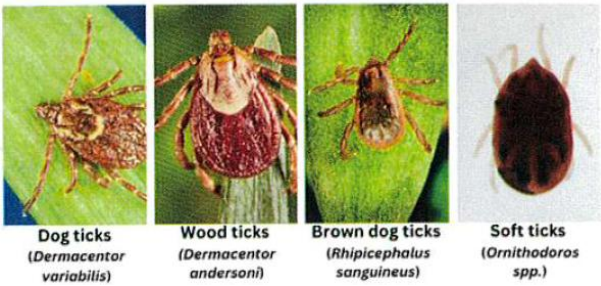
10:15 AM **Notice of Acclamation for General Election:** Present were Brian Berreman and Melanie Howell.

Commissioner Teske read Election Administrator, Melanie Howell’s win by acclamation for the municipal general election letter; Ethan Kolp (Libby City Council, 2-year term), Jesse Haag (Troy City Council, 4-year term), and Scott Hoffman (Troy City Council, 4-year term). **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to accept the acclamation for the municipal general election. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:30 AM **Health Department:** Present were Brian Berreman, Bryan Alkire, Kathi Hooper and Matthew Stull.

Kathi Hooper gave an environmental health update, including staffing changes, septic permits, ongoing digitization of records and a CDBG planning grant inquiry for a new animal shelter. She noted Robin Blumberg passed his certified reviewer exam and community decay cases are progressing with new enforcement processes. She reported increased activity including tick and rabies surveillance, dental outreach and back-to-school events. On solid waste, Bryan Alkire reported landfill usage increase in both Troy and Eureka and new landfill liners were installed with expansion on track for October. Hauling contracts have 15 months remaining; hybrid options are being explored.

Ticks in Montana:



Health Department Update – August 13, 2025

- Environmental Health
 - New employee 😊 – Morgan Castilla, Environmental Health Specialist/SIT
 - Animal Shelter
 - 13 dogs, 17 cats
 - Septic permits –
 - 165 applications in 2025 - 136 new, 23 replacements, 6 affidavits/declarations
 - Eureka- 80, Libby- 53, Troy- 32
 - Robin passed certified reviewer exam 😊
- Litter/Community Decay Violations
 - Properties Not in Compliance - 17
 - Properties with compliance plans - 5
 - Sent to LCSO – 2 (6)
 - Unable to locate property owner – 1 (5)
 - Properties Closed - 3
- Public Health & Zero to Five
 - Bats & ticks •
 - Lincoln County Connections
 - Headwaters new CEO is at Cabinet Mountain Brewery from 4-6 on 8/14
- Landfill visitors:

	July	2025	2024
Eureka	11,501	60,022	39,579
Libby	6,221	38,007	71,740
Troy	2,519	12,658	12,473

11:00 AM **Public Hearing-Resolution 2025-26 Proposed Landfill Fee Schedule and Refuse Assessment Structure:** Present were Brian Berreman, Bryan Alkire, J.D. Barton, Jesse Haag, Kathi Hooper, Matthew Stull and Nathan Graaff.

Commissioner Hammons read Resolution 2025-26, which proposes adopting the Lincoln County landfill fee schedule and refuse assessment structure. Commissioner Teske opened the public hearing for comments. Commissioner Duram relayed public concerns about applying the assessment only to developed properties with houses versus all parcels, including undeveloped land, since undeveloped parcels benefit from landfill availability with exception of agricultural. No further public comments were made. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve resolution 2025-26. Second by Commissioner Duram. Commissioner Duram requested postponing the vote to allow time to review the legality of assessments on undeveloped property, which Commissioner Hammons agreed to, delaying the vote for one week. No further public comments were made and the hearing was closed with plans to revisit the resolution after legal clarification.

11:15 AM **Bid Selections: Lincoln County Campus College of Flathead Valley Community College Roof Replacement and Lincoln County Fairgrounds Sanitary Collection System Project:** Present were Brian Berreman, J.D. Barton and Nathan Graaff.

Commissioner Teske noted three bids were received for the Lincoln County Campus roof: Brix Systems at \$596,800 (with an optional \$80,000 upgrade for added insulation), Artisan Commercial Roofing at \$647,770 (including contingencies for rotted wood and code compliance) and Advanced Roofing at \$189,647 (proposing only to strip the existing membrane rather than a full tear-off). Commissioner Teske noted three bids were received for the Lincoln County Fairgrounds sewer project: Camas Creek Contracting LLC at \$545,999, Noble Excavating at \$518,500 and Thompson Contracting, Inc. at \$615,027. County engineer Andy Evenson will review all bids to ensure they meet standards before a decision is made.

11:30 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board