

September 10, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 10, 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, Chanel Geer, Feleisha Storkson, David Green, Jesse Haag, Melanie Howell, Rod Kane, Traci Street and Tyler Hartz.

10:00 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Approve District Budgets. Board Updates:** Present were Brian Berreman, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout and Travis Sigea.

- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the September 3, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried. August 25, 2025 budget meeting minutes-Sheriff's Department. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the August 25 minutes. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried. August 25, 2025 budget meeting minutes-Library. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve August 25, 2025 Library budget meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Montana Association of Counties FY 26 annual dues of \$17,091. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay the PILT claim of MACo \$17,091. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comments. Motion carried. Comfort Systems USA HVAC at North County Annex \$1,870. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay out of PILT. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Commissioner Duram advised of recurring HVAC issues. Temporary repairs are no longer effective and two companies are expected to provide bids for a permanent solution. No public comment. Motion carried.
- The Commission reviewed and discussed various district budgets for FY 2025–2026. Totals included: Bull Lake Rural Fire \$245,031; Eureka Cemetery District \$133,129.55; Eureka Area Dispatch District \$460,868; Libby Park District \$91,584.64; Lincoln County Rural Fire District #1 \$947,147.95; McCormick Rural Volunteer Fire District \$136,699.28; Lincoln Conservation District \$317,631.51; Troy Park District at \$59,540.35; and Troy Rural Fire District \$144,108.20: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the district budgets as submitted. Second by Commissioner Duram as submitted. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Board Updates: The Board of Health will meet Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Commissioner Duram advised the Western Montana Conservation Commission recognized Lincoln County for being proactive in bringing septic permit information online. He mentioned: selenium-related discussions, Eureka Dispatch budget meeting, sewer updates at the Eureka Town Council and he discussed potential electrical solutions at the fairgrounds with Lincoln Electric.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Brian Berreman, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Tony Wickham and Travis Sigea.

Tony Wickham, a resident of Lincoln County, read a letter into the record supporting formal recognition of the Election Administrator position. He urged the Commission to adopt a resolution outlining the role and recommended a rotating supervisory structure with the most senior commissioner (based on the start date of their current term) serving as the Administrator's supervisor-except when that commissioner is up for election, in which case the next most senior would assume the role. He stated that such a resolution would promote stability, accountability, and public trust. Commissioner Teske clarified that the Board adopts such resolutions referencing title rather than individual name and cited the importance of having clear, documented processes.

10:45 AM **Preliminary Plat Decision – Castle Rock Ridge Subdivision:** Present were Brian Berreman, Chrissy Griffin, Jeff Williams, Larissa Van Rixt, Linda Williams, Maggie Leysens and Ray Stout.

Jesse Haag presented Castle Rock Ridge subdivision preliminary plat application recommending approval subject to conditions and based on findings in the staff report. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the Castle Rock Ridge subdivision with the fifteen conditions as submitted from Planning. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Commissioner Duram discussed access and Jesse noted the easement was court ordered with no limitation of usage. Jeff Williams, owner, clarified the primary access to this house was 362 Stone Mountain Road with the primary access off Highway 37. and has historically been via an easement from Highway 37 and this easement was affirmed by court order as an express easement to both lots. He also noted that the two wells on the properties produce 12 and 28 gallons per minute. No further comment. Motion carried.

11:02 AM **Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Brent Teske, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board