

September 11, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a school budget meeting on September 11, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox, Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown and Superintendent of Schools Suzy Rios.

Zoom participation: none

09:02 AM **School Budget Approval:**

Superintendent of Schools, Suzy Rios, presented the fiscal year 2025–26 school district levy budgets. She noted that the budgets aligned with state (OPI) figures, with no block grants or forest funds involved. A drop in transportation budgets was observed. Some schools saw significant increases or decreases in their levies which evened out. She noted changes in enrollment, reappropriated cash and retirement costs. Yaak and McCormick experienced rising student numbers and added new staff to support the growth. She noted McCormick School secured a \$711,000 “science of reading” literacy grant to be distributed over four years. Discussion of mill values and differences in valuations used for elementary, high school, and community college levies. She advised of her participation on a state board for Montana testing standards. She noted growth in the charter school offering more certified technical courses. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the school budget for 2025/26. Second by Commissioner Teske. No public comment. Motion carried.

09:20 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board