

October 1, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on October 1, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Chanel Geer, Dallas Bowe, Deb Burrell, John Hyslop, Julie, Kathi Hooper, Mark Lauer, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Traci Street and Travis Sigea.

10:15 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. North Lincoln County Annex Heating/AC Options for Repair. Letter to Terminate Lease. Commissioners’ Report:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the September 24, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: none
- North Lincoln County Annex Heating/AC Options for Repair: Discussion of the HVAC issues at the North Lincoln County Annex, where five different systems are in place—two are non-functional, one provides only heat and only one is fully operational. A new forced air system is proposed to replace the failed southside unit, covering that entire portion of the building. The only quote from Comfort Systems USA totals \$17,117 (\$9,032 for heat and \$8,085 for air) and does not including electrical work. The electrician confirmed power can be redirected from the old system. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the replacement totaling \$17,117- paid out of PILT. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of urgency for heat and an additional charge for an electrician. No public comment on the bid from Comfort Systems to replace the heat and air conditioning at the Annex. Motion carried.
- Letter to Terminate Lease: Commissioner Hammons stated a final letter will be sent to formalize the lease termination for the Kootenai Falls concession, as recommended by the county attorney. The concessionaire has vacated the premises and he is currently maintaining the bathrooms. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve this letter and send it out. Second by Commissioner Duram. Commissioners discussed the need for future contracts to more clearly define service responsibilities—especially restroom maintenance—in support of county tourism. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners’ Report:
 - Commissioner Duram reported on attending the recent MACo meeting, which included updates on PILT and SRS funding, national forest management and agency presentations from DNRC and BLM. Discussions included timber cutting efforts, the potential for biomass projects and the need for a sawmill in Lincoln County, specifically Libby.
 - Commissioner Duram proposed placing the crisis diversion grant operation and related mental health initiatives, including the drop-in center, on a future agenda for further discussion. There was agreement to revisit the topic during the week of October 15, pending coordination with relevant officials.

10:45 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker. None.

11:00 AM **Public Hearing Troy Rural Fire District Annexation, Petition #317150:** Present was Brian Berreman.

Commissioner Teske opened the public hearing regarding petition #317150 for the annexation of property at 803 North Fork Keeler Road, Troy, MT 59935, into the Troy Rural Fire District. No public comments or protests were received. Commissioner Duram then read Resolution 2025-32, formally annexing the property into the fire district and noted a typo. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2025-32 to annex property at 803 N Fork Keeler Road Troy, MT into the Troy Rural Fire District. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion of fire service logistics. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:14 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board