

Study Commission of County of Lincoln

Timetable For Study Commission Deliberations and Actions Updated 11/19/2025

This timetable for the deliberations and actions of the Lincoln County Study Commission is established as required by 7-3-186, MCA for the purpose of assuring full public information concerning the Local Government Review process in our County and enabling informed citizen participation.

All meetings of the Study Commission are open to the public every 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Date	Action
November 27, 2024	First Study Commission meeting
December 10, 2024	Montana State University Local Government Center regional Study Commission Trainings in Whitefish, MT.
December 18, 2024	Regular monthly Study Commission meeting and thereafter the third Wednesday at 5:30 pm
February 19, 2025	Timetable established and published
June 18, 2025 5:30 pm Courthouse Room 108	First Public Hearing
February 18, 2026	Adopt a Tentative Report
April 22, 2026 5:30 pm Courthouse Room 108	Public Hearing – Tentative Report
June 17, 2026	Adopt the Final Report
July 6, 2026	Provide the Election Administrator a ballot certificate if a proposal is to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot.
August 19, 2026	If the final report proposes an alteration of local government, prepare public education materials to help citizens understand the proposal and compare the proposal with existing governmental form, structures, and powers
September 16, 2026	Approve public education materials and conduct public forum
December 16, 2026	If the voters approve a proposed alteration of the government, initiate transition planning
If Voters approve, term ends on February 16, 2027 If no changes are made September 16, 202	Study Commission term of office ends Adopt transition advisory plan Deposit all minutes and other Study Commission documents with the county clerk and recorder Submit a copy of the final report and any proposed changes to the MSU Local Government Center