

December 3, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on December 3, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Bryan Alkire, Chanel Geer, Chris Bachman, Jesse Haag, Lorelle Davies, Maggie Leysens, Ray Stout and Traci Street.

09:45 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Eureka Parks and Trails By-laws. Clerk of Court Approval of Destruction of County Records. PILT Claims. Commissioners' Report: Present were Brian Berreman, Scott Shindledecker and Tricia Brooks.

- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the November 19, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Eureka Parks and Trails Board operation by-laws: Commissioner Duram confirmed review and approval by the County Attorney. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept and approve the Eureka Parks and Trails by-laws. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Clerk of Court approval of destruction of county records: Commissioner Teske read the request. During the discussion, the Clerk of District Court, Tricia Brooks, explained that the records listed for destruction have met the retention requirements per MCA. She noted that all documents are now preserved electronically in the FullCourt Enterprise database, making paper files unnecessary. Eliminating these physical files will free space in the vault and reduce the need for off-site storage. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to allow the Clerk of District Court to take this action. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Advanced Roofing \$79,615.96 – Flathead Valley Community College roof repair. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the invoice for Advanced Roofing. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Teske announced that the EPA and the Lincoln County Health Department will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. in the Ponderosa Room at Libby City Hall to provide an update on the recent mercury spill in the county. He encouraged the public to attend.

10:00 AM Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items: Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

Traci Street from the Tobacco Valley News inquired about an online access link for the EPA public meeting regarding the Libby Mercury spill. The following link was provided: <https://response.epa.gov/spencerroadmercury>.

10:15 AM College Roof Discussion: Present were Boyd White, Brian Berreman, Kevin Peck and Scott Shindledecker.

Commissioner Teske reported that the college roof project had encountered issues after prior approval for repair, including new water damage following a weather event between November 3–6 while temporary roofing was in place. Commissioner Hammons explained concerns raised by Flathead Valley Community College, including the longstanding roof-related damage and the need for confirmation that the facility will be usable for the spring semester beginning in January. Lincoln County insurance representative Kevin Peck stated that the recent water intrusion appears to be a sudden and accidental event likely covered under Advanced Roofing's general liability policy and the contractor has been advised to contact its carrier. He noted that dehumidification and mitigation efforts are ongoing, with ServPro assisting in these efforts and that related costs should be reimbursable. There was discussion regarding the need for an insurance adjuster's evaluation to assess pre-existing versus event-related damage once the roof is repaired and that further work will be required to return the building to safe public occupancy. Kevin will follow up with the contractor's insurer within a week and advise the commission, who will determine next steps to complete the necessary repairs.

10:30 AM EMA – MTDES/FEMA Grant Update and Commitment of Matching Funds: Present were Boyd White, Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

Boyd White, Emergency Management Administrator, requested a county letter of support confirming the match commitment of \$11,997.50 for the Quartz Creek scoping grant project estimated at \$47,990. He will determine whether a specific form is required for the requested commitment letter. Commissioner Teske explained that the project continues to address Quartz Creek's movement affecting the roadway and that engineering work will guide future armoring and permitting. He also reviewed current grant statuses, EMA budget impacts, progress on radio site repairs, upcoming trainings, ongoing coordination with the Corp of Engineers on levy inspections, floodplains and the road department, issues with the Code Red alert system following a security breach and local emergency exercises.

10:46 AM Public Hearing: Amended Plat of Lot 1 of Lasala Subdivision – Righter Family Transfer: Present were Brian Berreman, Kristin Smith and Scott Shindledecker.

Commissioner Teske opened the public hearing on the Righter family transfer. Kristin Smith reviewed the request for the transfer of four lots within a platted subdivision, each with individual access to Lasala Drive and recommended approval subject to nine conditions. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve with the nine conditions. Second by commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:00 AM Final Plat Decision for Industrial Approach Subdivision. Final Plat Decision for Wilderness Club Phase 9: Present were Brian Berreman, Kristin Smith and Scott Shindledecker.

Kristin Smith introduced the final plat application for an 8-lot major subdivision, Industrial Approach Park, noting that it meets the eighteen requirements, including a parkland dedication amount of \$6,723.40. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Maggie Leysens with 406 Engineering expressed her appreciation. No additional public comment. Motion carried.

Kristin Smith presented the final plat application for The Wilderness Club Phase 9, located along Sophie Lake Road, noting that it has met the fifteen conditions, including subconditions. Conditions fourteen and fifteen were amended from 60 to 160 acres. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve final plat for The Wilderness Club Phase 9. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment other than Maggie’s appreciation. Motion carried.

11:15 AM **Forest Service Request to Abandon Road:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker

Noah Pyle, Land Specialist, presented a request from the United States Forest Service to abandon an additional section of road through government lots 7 and 8, following a prior abandonment of lot 1 in November of last year. He noted Nate Gassman advised that the adjoining property owners do not use the road. A public notice will be issued, adjoining property owners will be notified and a public hearing will be scheduled.

11:18 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board