

Lincoln County Study Commission

Tentative Report – DRAFT

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1. Introduction

The Lincoln County Study Commission was elected by the voters on November 5, 2024.

The purpose of the study commission, as defined in state law (ADD MCA ref), is “to study the existing form and powers of the county government and procedures for delivery of local government services and compare them with other forms available under the laws of the state.” After completing these two phases of the study, it is the responsibility of the study commission to submit a final report recommending no change, propose an amendment to the existing form of government or offer an alternative form of government to the qualified electors. If some change is deemed necessary, the study commission may submit such proposed change to the electors.

In the conduct of our review, we sought advice and information from a number of people in the county. We interviewed local government officials, surveyed the broader community and held public hearings to hear from the public and all meetings were open to the public.

As a result of the data collected, the Lincoln County Study Commission concludes [insert final determination]

2. Report Summary

The Lincoln County Local Government Review Study Commission has thoroughly studied Lincoln County's current form of government (Elected Form of Commission) and the alternative forms of government available to the counties under state law and recommends the following:

1. Enter recommendation
2. Enter any sub options – if necessary

a. Findings of the Study

After an intensive study of almost two years,

b. Key Provisions of the Proposed Form – if necessary

3. Plan of Government of the Existing Form OR Comparison of Existing and Proposed Forms of Government

4. Appendices