

December 17, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on December 17, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram, Alisha Osborne, Tony Wickham and Traci Street.

10:00 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Board Appointments. Letters of Support for Lincoln County Port Authority. Bid Selection for Yaak Community Hall Restoration Project. GIS Contract Renewal. PILT Claims. Commissioners' Report: Present was Alisha Osborne.

- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the December 9, 2025 commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Approval of the December 10, 2025 regular commissioner meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Approval of the minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the December 11, 2025 emergency session. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Board Appointments:
Board of Health: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to reappoint Patty Kincheloe to the Board of Health. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
Fair Board: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to reappoint all five applicants. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried reappointing Daniel Williams, Josh Letcher, Svea Jorgensen, Twila Webb and Megan Morgan.
Planning Board: four vacancies and two new applicants; Curtis McBride and John Boyke. Alisha Osborne advised the Planning Board recommended reappointing John Damon, Paul Johnson, Ernie Anderson and Doug Fryer. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to reappoint the four. Second by Commissioner Hammons. During discussion, Commissioner Duram **amended his motion** to appoint John Damon, Paul Johnson, Doug Fryer and John Boyke, replacing Ernie Anderson. Second by Commissioner Hammons, who would like Ernie involved with a couple of other boards. No public comment. motion carried.
Port Authority Board: Board recommended reappointing Kevin Peck. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to reappoint Kevin Peck. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
Weed Board: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to reappoint John Beebe to the Weed Board. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
Eureka Cemetery Board: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to reappoint Teresa Torres and Janis Neuman. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
Eureka Parks & Trails Board: one vacancy and no applicants.
Troy/Lake Creek TV Board: one vacancy and no applicants.
Troy Rural Fire District Board: one vacancy and two applicants; Crystal Denton and Carrie Dawn Denton. The board recommended Crystal Denton. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to appoint Crystal Denton to the Troy Rural Fire District Board. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- The Commissioners reviewed a request from the Lincoln County Port Authority for letters of support for three grant applications. The requests include support for the Kootenai Falls Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation Project, the Pine Phlats Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation Project and the LCPA Private Land Wildfire Mitigation Project. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to support all three. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of the importance of supporting groups that contribute to positive outcomes for Lincoln County. It was noted that increased grant funding opportunities are becoming available following recent federal actions and that the County's role as an active partner in the MSA makes supporting grant these applications beneficial. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Bid selection for Yaak Community Hall restoration project: postponed
- GIS contract renewal: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept it. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT Claims: none
- Commissioners reviewed a memorandum of understanding with the State of Montana authorizing Lincoln County to use state-approved contractors for debris removal and cleanup projects. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the cooperative purchasing memorandum of understanding with the state of Montana. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion of the importance of allowing local contractors to participate while ensuring state approval requirements are met for long-term debris removal projects. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Teske reported the Lincoln County Port Board addressed agreements and contracts; a neighbor's debris cleanup inquiry and recommended Kevin Peck be reappointed to the board.
 - Commissioner Hammons reported that the roof contractor at Flathead Valley Community College is finishing work, the wet insulation has been removed and parapet will be repaired. The next step will be issuing an RFQ/RFP for mold remediation, as the work must be competitively bid under procurement policy.
 - Commissioner Duram reported wind damage to the event building at the Fairgrounds, noting that an insurance claim may be needed. He also discussed the importance of 310/124 permits through the Conservation District for work in streams, both for emergency response and documentation purposes. Commissioners emphasized providing information to the public on how to obtain permits for work affecting water flow or private property hazards, noting procedures must be followed as recovery progresses.

10:30 AM Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items: Present were none. No public comment.

10:45 AM Park Board Special Levy Ballot Approval – Jim Germany: postponed

10:45 AM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board