

December 19, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a emergency session on December 19, 2025, in the Lincoln County Emergency Operating Center in Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox, Jesse Haag, Wendy Drake, Nick Holloway, Boyd White, John Bleile, Ken Parks, Jon Muir, Brad Davis, and Laurel Matula.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram

830 Emergency Bridge Replacement

An emergency meeting was called to order to address the critical need for repair or replacement of the Keeler Road Bridge. Open discussion was held regarding the current lack of usability of the bridge and the significant impacts this closure has caused, including critical delays to emergency services, interruption of school bus routes, and requiring residents to travel an additional 50 minutes to access essential services. The Commission discussed potential options for both a temporary bridge solution and a permanent replacement. Following discussion, the Commission reached consensus that it would be more fiscally responsible to proceed with a permanent repair rather than purchase a temporary bridge option and later fund a permanent repair. John Muir reported that he is reviewing procurement requirements and is working to obtain three bids in accordance with procurement policy. He stated that he has already reached out to potential bidders. Commissioner Duram requested clarification regarding the current structural integrity and safety status of the bridge. Commissioner Teske noted that a detailed “to-do” list should be developed to outline next steps and required tasks moving forward.

0851 Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant