

December 24, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on December 24, 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, Jesse Haag, John McNeese, Kathi Hooper and Will Lausen.

02:00 PM Discussion with ER Assist Inc Regarding Recovery Efforts. Debris Contract Manager Discussion and Decision: Present were Bryan Alkire, DJ Welch, Laurel Matula and Matt Stull.

Commissioner Teske called the special meeting to order to discuss flood-related waterway debris removal. Laurel Matula of ER Assist reported that FEMA and State preliminary damage assessment teams will be onsite next week to evaluate debris from the flood event. She explained that FEMA requires both a debris monitor and a debris hauler to document, verify and remove eligible debris. She recommended emergency procurement of a debris monitor with normal procurement to follow for both services. She advised DEQ will be onsite Monday to conduct potential asbestos testing.

John McNeese of Debris Tech described the company's experience with FEMA debris monitoring and stated they are prepared to assist with drone surveys, mapping and documentation. Discussion followed regarding asbestos disposal, landfill coordination, privately owned property access and coordination with Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Laurel advised the County must submit a declaration letter to USDA NRCS for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, noting FEMA focuses on improved properties while NRCS focuses on watershed impacts. She stated that following submission of the declaration letter, the County will then have 30 days to identify affected locations. Commissioner Duram reported a water-related sewer line failure in Eureka associated with the Tobacco River level.

The Commission discussed contractor coordination and agreed to issue an RFQ/RFP using a proposal-based process rather than low bid due to the specialized nature of the work. Engineering services will continue under the County's existing contract as needed.

2:26 PM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board