

December 31, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on December 31, 2025, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram, and Administrative Assistant Nikki Fox.

Zoom participation: Alanena Woody, John Hyslop, Ray Stout, Kathi Hooper, Darren Short, Brian Berreman, Lincoln County NOC and the Lincoln County Health Department.

0900 - Present were Melody Kraayeveld, Bryan Alkire and Matt Stull.

DEQ - Asbestos Superfund Response Post Flood

Commissioner Teske opened discussion regarding flood-related asbestos concerns. Melody Kraayeveld provided an update regarding the potential release of contaminated materials from the mine site. She confirmed there had been no flooding at the mine site. She explained that DEQ plans to work with DES and FEMA to test and mitigate any potential contamination. Melody stated that initial inspections of creek beds and private properties will begin in the spring, as needed. Commissioner Teske asked whether any properties were known to be contaminated. Melody confirmed none are known at this time. She did note prior knowledge that the levee across from the Port Authority contains vermiculite.

Commissioner Teske discussed the potential impact if the levee were to fail and emphasized that mitigation should be a priority. He asked whether the nearby Pioneer Park had been deemed clean. After discussion, it was determined that the park should be a priority, and Commissioner Teske and Melody agreed to coordinate an on-site inspection the following day. Commissioner Teske requested clarification regarding DEQ priorities versus FEMA priorities. He noted that while the Port Authority will manage its own property, the affected residents are county citizens. Commissioner Teske also asked about potential contamination concerns in Troy. Melody confirmed there is no acute concern at this time, but testing will be conducted. Melody concluded by advising that any property owners concerned about newly exposed contaminated materials should be referred to ARP.

Debris Tech Contract

Commissioner Teske presented the contract at discussion. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve contract as presented. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Commissioner Duram stated his desire to utilize local contractors whenever possible. Commissioner Teske clarified that the contract is for debris management services, not contractor debris removal. Commissioner Hammons questioned the fee schedule. Commissioner Teske responded that the budget will need to be closely monitored and that a process for monitoring expenditures will need to be developed. Commissioner Duram amended his motion to specify that contract fees shall not exceed \$80,000. No public comment. Motion carried.

0921 Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikki Fox, Administrative Assistant