

January 27, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on January 27, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram and Bryan Alkire.

09:00 AM **Update from Congressman Ryan Zinke’s Office:** Present were Ben Van Sickle, Darren Short, Garrett Brown, John Bockmier and Steve Howke.

Steve provided an overview of recent statewide meetings and legislative updates, including FY27 grant appropriations, pending Senate transportation and housing legislation, and DHS/FEMA funding status. Discussion covered disaster response to recent flood and wind events, FEMA’s separate billing by event, 25% local match requirements, project assessments and reimbursement challenges. Commissioners discussed impacts to city and county infrastructure, including reservoirs, roads, bridges, landfill capacity, water systems, waste management and long-term waste-to-energy and biomass opportunities. Additional topics included housing growth, subdivision impacts, emergency services and jail capacity needs, insurance and impact fee considerations, water availability issues and the ongoing role of the county in providing mandated services amid funding and legislative constraints.

09:58 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Brent Teske, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board