

January 28, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on January 28, 2026, 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, Alaena Woody, Alisha Osborne, Feleisha Storkson, Lauren O'Neill, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Sierra Gustin and Traci Street.

10:16 AM Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. Engineering Agreement. PILT Claims.

Commissioners' Report: Present were Jonathan Jameson, Scott Shindledecker and Travis Sigea.

- Approval of minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Teske presented a finalized engineering agreement with Evensen Engineering & Consulting, Inc effective for five years through February 27, 2030. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the contract between Evensen Engineering with Lincoln County for engineering services. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Ugrin Alexander Zadick, PC \$4,076.26 Magnolia Properties, LLC. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
Ugrin Alexander Zadick, PC \$796.10 Torgison. **Motion** by Commission Hammons to approve the claim to the law firm for \$796; amended to \$796.10. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comments. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Teske noted the Inspector General presented awards to the City of Libby, the VFW and the LOR Foundation for their assistance with emergency water and disaster response efforts.

10:30 AM Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items: Present were Jonathan Jameson, Scott Shindledecker and Travis Sigea.

Jonathan Jameson, Precinct 9 Democratic Party representative, requested leadership from all political parties to demonstrate courage and speak out against misinformation from the federal government and thanked the commission.

10:45 AM Appoint Applicants to DUI Task Force: Present were Andy Horton, Cody Ercanbrack, Sarah Long, Scott Shindledecker, Travis Sigea and Virgil Sadewasser.

Commissioner Teske discussed with Libby Police Chief Ercanbrack a recommendation to reestablish the DUI Task Force with formally appointed members, consistent with state best practices. Chief Ercanbrack explained that following the resignation of the former coordinator, the task force structure was reviewed and applicants were solicited to establish official membership approved by the commission. He emphasized the importance of the DUI Task Force in supporting enforcement, training, education and prevention efforts in Lincoln County. The eight applicants include: Andy Horton, Cody Ercanbrack, Kathleen Sheffield, Katie Davis, Kelcy Jene Meyer, Lauren M. O'Neill, Sarah Long and Travis Miller. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the appointments of the applicants to the DUI Task Force as presented. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

The commission noted that Kelcy Jene Meyer expressed interest in the DUI Task Force Coordinator position and the committee recommended her appointment as coordinator. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to appoint her on the recommendation of the committee. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried. Discussion that a new contract with the Coordinator will need to be completed and presented for approval.

11:00 AM Lakeshore Permits – Thompson (Crystal Lake) & Jeschke (Island Lake) – Planning: Present were Jennifer Nelson, Kristin Smith, Scott Shindledecker and Travis Sigea.

Kristin Smith, Planning, presented an after-the-fact lakeshore permit application from Levi Thompson for work completed on Crystal Lake (Two Lakes subdivision lot 12A) that significantly exceeded the scope of the original permit. Staff issued a violation and discussed the matter with the applicant. The Planning Board reviewed the application and concurred with staff's recommendation to deny the permit, citing excavation beyond permitted limits, construction of a retaining wall and artificial beach, removal of vegetation, potential impacts to water quality, fish habitat and scenic values and the risk of creating a public nuisance. The Planning Board recommended denial of the application and requiring restoration of the affected area to its natural condition, subject to specific conditions. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to deny Thompson Contracting per the Lincoln County Planning recommendation with the four conditions. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion noted that the applicant may reapply with a revised plan that complies with regulations and that contractors should coordinate with the Planning Board before beginning work. Jennifer Nelson, a Crystal Lake property owner, expressed concerns from local residents, noting that the contractor exceeded the permitted area, worked near the high-water mark and disturbed the lakeshore. She emphasized the need for timely enforcement, including cease-and-desist orders, fines, remediation and recommended establishing a process to address infractions earlier to save time and resources. No representative for the applicant was present. No further public comment. Motion carried.

Kristin Smith, Planning, presented an after-the-fact lakeshore permit application from Chancy Jeschke (Awesome Pine Amended subdivision lot 5) on Island Lake, where untreated wood pallets were placed across a marshy section of the shoreline to access open water. Staff and the Planning Board noted impacts to marsh habitat, nesting loons and the availability of an existing public boat launch. The Planning Board recommended denial of the application and requiring the property be restored to its original condition. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to deny the request per the planning boards advice with the four restoration conditions. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion that this is the second recent lakeshore violation in the area, emphasizing the importance of enforcing the new lakeshore development law and

monitoring ongoing activity. Jennifer Nelson emphasized critical habitat due to the presence of shoreline-nesting loons. No representative for the applicant was present. No further public comment. Motion carried.

11:23 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board