

March 11, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on March 11, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Duram and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram (afternoon), Ben, Brett Duvall, Brian Berreman, Bryan Alkire, Crystal Denton, D J Welch, Danielle Faris, Dave Hommes, Feleisha Storkson, Harrison Duhurst, Jesse Haag, Jonathan Jameson, Josh Miller, Karl Yakawich, Maranda Davis, Melanie Howell, Omar Al-shafie, Ray Stout, Sam Scheer, Scott Shindledecker, Sierra Gustin, Traci Street, Travis Sigea and Wendy Drake.

09:30 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Commissioners' Report:** Present was Brian Berreman.

- Approval of minutes. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the March 4, 2026 regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Jackson Murdo & Grant, PC - MEIC \$1,045. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay \$1,045 from PILT. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Hammons noted that the Sheriff's Office is selling a 2014 Ford Explorer to the Eureka Police Department for \$2,500. He also reported receipt of a letter from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation commending Jesse Haag for efforts in responding to the county flood event and substantial damage estimates that contributed to recovery efforts and safety and welfare.
 - Commissioner Duram submitted a request for a letter of recommendation in support of the TFS Community Hall's application for the Rural Tourism Asset Grant. **Motion** to support the letter for the Trego/Fortine/Stryker Community Hall by Commissioner Duram. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried. He noted Eureka Dispatch is receiving new equipment upgrades. HDR met with property owner about a potential site. West Kootenai Fire is working to become a fire district. The America 250 Veterans' procession requested support with traffic control. He expressed a desire for more information sharing during the commissioner report.
 - Commissioner Teske noted Congressman Zinke presented the Lincoln County Sheriff office a check for \$799,000 for patrol vehicles and a body scanner and another check for \$454,000 for Troy Airport reconstruction and emergency services expansion. He noted the land conveyance(s) are still pending.

10:00 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Alex Fread and Brian Berreman. None.

10:30 AM **Public Hearing-Resolution 2026-08 Intent to Adopt the Health Department Fee Schedule:** Present were Alex Fread, Andrew Selle, Brian Berreman, Melanie Howell, Morgan Castilla and Robin Blumberg.

Commissioner Hammons read resolution 2026-08 intent to adopt the Lincoln County Health Department fee schedule. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve resolution 2026-08 a resolution of intent to adopt the Health Department fee schedule. Second by Commissioner Duram. Robin Blumberg from the Health Department clarified that a site inspection is included with the septic permit, covering the initial inspection. Homeowners do not receive a separate pre-inspection site visit; the inspection occurs after the permit application. If a second inspection is needed, there is an additional \$150 fee. No further public comment. Motion carried.

10:45 AM **Notice of Precinct Committee Election Will Be Held:** Present were Alex Fread, Brenda Boswell, Brian Berreman, Jacob Pinard, Melanie Howell, Morgan Castilla and Robin Blumberg.

Melanie Howell, Election Administrator, advised that all Lincoln County Republican Central Committee precinct candidates were unopposed and will be elected by acclamation; therefore, no precinct committee election will be held during the June 2, 2026, primary election.

11:00 AM **Bid Opening – Kootenai Falls Concession. Bid Opening – Temporary Bridge Proposal:** Present were Alex Fread, Andrew Selle, Ashley Denton, Brett McCully, Brian Berreman, Brenda Boswell, Chris Goucher, Jacob Pinard, Kyla Cady, Morgan Castilla and Robin Blumberg.

Kootenai Falls concession bids:

- Cut Above Lawn Care (Andrew Selle) concession agreement \$2,500 per month
- Main Street Perk & Pub concession agreement \$2,000 per month
- Kingdom BBQ concession agreement \$400 per month

Commissioner Teske advised that the three bids will be reviewed and a decision made next week.

Keeler Creek Temporary Bridge Proposal:

- Razz Construction total bid \$1,212,000
- Battle Ridge Builders total bid \$1,279,100
- Noble Excavating, Inc total bid \$974,500
- Thompson Contracting, Inc (TCI) total bid \$887,473

Commissioner Teske advised the four bids will be reviewed, with a recommendation to be presented to the Commission.

11:30 AM **Hall Lakeshore Extension - Planning:** Present were Brian Berreman and Alisha Osborne.

Alisha Osborne presented a request to extend Jim Hall's Glen Lake lakeshore permit for three months due to delays related to county road restrictions that affected completion of the remaining work. Planning staff recommended approval of the extension. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the three-month extension on the approved lakeshore permit through June 26, 2026. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:34 AM Break

02:00 PM **HDR Update Meeting:** Present was Zach Maassen.

Zach Maassen (HDR) presented an update on the biomass project, including highlights from last month's plant tours, a feasibility study update and fatal flaw analysis, with an overview of operations at F.H. Stoltze Land & Lumber. Josh Miller presented information from a Hillsborough MSW site visit in Pinellas County, Florida and discussed biomass availability evaluation. The commission agreed to Zach's request to blend the information into a single report in Q2 for committee comment. Omar Al-Shafie reviewed the project timeline and accomplishments to date and noted the need for additional data on feedstock availability.

03:00 PM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board