

May 14, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for budget meetings on May 14, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Teske and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom Participation: Commissioner Duram

10:00 AM **Victim Witness, Budget Meeting**: postponed

10:15 AM **Library Budget Meeting**: Present were Brian Berreman, Dallas Bowe, Dustina Deans, Marcia Boris and Mike Mason.

Dustina Deans, Library Director, presented the FY 2026–27 library budget, outlining an overall increase of approximately \$71,500. Increases include office supplies for paper and ink, technology and website hosting/contracts, reinstated operating and book supplies, education supplies to rebuild the book budget, recreation and programming, communications and transportation, publicity, utilities, repairs and maintenance, travel, training and vehicle insurance. The budget also reflects higher costs for shipping, fuel and copier contracts, as well as a renewed focus on programming, speakers, staff training opportunities and restoring library collections and services.

10:30 AM **County Attorney Budget Meeting**: Present were Brian Berreman, Dallas Bowe and Marcia Boris.

Marcia Boris, County Attorney, requested a \$500 budget increase for paper and toner costs and noted that several major expenses, including case management, conference, and travel costs, occur later in the fiscal year and are not yet reflected in current expenditures. She also reported use of an intern for office support and briefly reviewed contingency funds and increased jury and witness-related costs.

10:45 AM **Maintenance Budget Meeting**: Present was Brian Berreman.

Joe Nagle, Maintenance Director, reported the department is on track with its budget, noting that a soft winter this past year helped operations. He referenced ongoing maintenance needs and indicated planned future heating unit replacements, while cleaning services will be rebid and costs remain uncertain. He also reviewed seasonal maintenance activities at J. Neils Park and advised there were no requested increases aside from expected wages and insurance.

11:00 AM **ARP Budget Meeting**: Present was Brian Berreman.

Amanda Harcourt, ARP Director, presented a two-year budget prepared for the state MOU and provided a one-year breakdown for the county budget cycle. Discussion that ARP is located in a county-owned building with DEQ reimbursing for use rather than paying rent and that none of the ARP budget is charged to the county. She highlighted a new annual software cost for four Bluebeam licenses totaling approximately \$1,200 and noted that the remainder of the budget includes routine operational and program costs with no significant increases anticipated beyond wages.

11:05 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board