

May 7, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for budget meetings on May 7, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Hammons, Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom Participation: None

10:00 AM Clerk and Recorder Budget Meeting: Present were Dallas Bowe and Jeff Koskela.

Corrina Brown, Clerk and Recorder, presented the preliminary Fiscal Year 2026–2027 department budget, including projected revenues of \$198,324 and expenses of \$384,200. She noted that salary and benefit figures are currently based on last year's amounts and will be updated following Salary Committee recommendations and final COLA determinations. She reviewed \$22,200 operating expenses to include; office supplies, printing, security paper and contracted services. It was noted that GIS-related expenses are now funded through the county land and GIS account rather than the general fund budget. She reviewed anticipated revenues, including recording fees, administrative fees and planning-related revenues, noting recording fee structure changes adopted during the 2025 Legislature. Commissioners discussed insurance increase estimates. acknowledging that final wage and contribution figures will be incorporated once available.

10:15 AM IT Department Budget Meeting: Present were Dallas Bowe and Jeff Koskela.

Solomon Alcain, IT Director, presented preliminary budget projection of \$206,342 for the upcoming fiscal year, noting the department is working to maintain a budget similar to the current year despite increased costs for Microsoft licensing, internet service and other technology expenses. He advised that the primary anticipated increases will be wages and benefits. He discussed plans to upgrade the county's aging data server system by building a new NAS-based storage server in-house using reusable components, which could reduce replacement costs to approximately \$3,500–\$4,000 while eliminating Microsoft licensing expenses associated with the current system.

10:30 AM Treasurer Budget Meeting: Present were Dallas Bowe and Jeff Koskela.

Sedaris Carlberg, Treasurer, presented the preliminary Treasurer's Office budget, noting the proposed \$671,576 budget is expected to remain substantially the same as the current year. She explained that travel expenses primarily cover certification school mileage, lodging and back up coverage for the Eureka Annex office. Discussion included upcoming changes to office supply responsibilities, as departments will become responsible for ordering and maintaining their own paper and printer ink supplies beginning July 1, 2026, and will need to budget accordingly for those operational costs.

10:45 AM Planning Budget Meeting: postponed.

10:35 AM Adjourned

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board