

June 10, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 10, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram, Commissioner Hammons, County Administrator Matt Williams and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Bree Dahm, Bryan Alkire, Jessica Jenson, Jonathan Jameson, Kathleen Sheffield, Katie Anderson, Melanie Howell, Ray Stout, Traci Street and Wendy Drake.

09:33 AM **Lake Koocanusa Triennial:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

Commissioner Duram discussed the ongoing triennial review and noted that no new scientific evidence is available to challenge the current findings. The Board agreed to submit a letter maintaining its previous position regarding selenium standards while acknowledging the review findings.

09:45 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Resolution 2026-16 Set Elected Officials' Salaries. Resolution 2026-17 Set Justice of the Peace Salaries. Commissioners' Report:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

- Approval of regular meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the June 3, 2026, regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Approval of compensation board special meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the June 4th minutes. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Complete Restoration \$212,940.80 for interior restoration of water damage at Flathead Valley Community College. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay the PILT claim of \$212,940.80. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public Comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Duram read Resolution 2026-16 setting elected officials' salaries. The Compensation Board approved a 1.5% COLA increase for elected officials, effective July 1, 2026. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept Resolution 2026-16. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Hammons read Resolution 2026-17 establishing Justice Court office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding recognized holidays and setting the Justice of the Peace salary of \$69,319.62 effective July 1, 2026. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2026-17. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Hammons reported on the recent Board of Health meeting, noting a pending liaison appointment, approval of a vaccine letter, potential Board of Health involvement in kratom enforcement efforts, approval of a variance for the Kootenai Falls concession stand to allow an onsite water tank system and a planned community health assessment.
 - Commissioner Duram discussed the need for additional behavioral health resources in North Lincoln County. Matt Williams provided information on veterans' access to tele-mental health services and efforts to address barriers related to state licensure and federal preemption within VA community care. He noted that delays in VA services can qualify veterans for community care, but cross-state licensing restrictions can limit continuity of mental health treatment. He described efforts through his nonprofit work to support federal action to expand access to tele-mental health services for veterans. Commissioner Duram provided updates on a county pasture lease payment, Trego Community Hall CBDG grant project and technology upgrades by the Eureka Dispatch.

10:00 AM **LC Employee's Wage Discussion:** Present were Brian Berreman and Scott Shindledecker.

Commissioner Teske led discussion on employee wage adjustments, noting retention concerns and rising insurance costs. The Compensation Board recommended a 1.5% increase and the Board agreed, citing budget constraints while recognizing the importance of maintaining employee insurance benefits and addressing ongoing workforce retention challenges. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to increase the wages of the employees of Lincoln County by 1.5%. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried. This information will be sent to Human Resources for inclusion in final budget figures and the Board will schedule a session to finalize the county budget.

10:15 AM **Drug Task Force Support Letter:** Present was Brian Berreman.

Commissioner Teske read a proposed letter of support for the Northwest Montana Drug Task Force, affirming continued support for HIDA grant funding and recognizing the task force's role in supporting local law enforcement and regional public safety efforts. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to sign and approve the support letter. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present was Brian Berreman. None

10:45 AM **PCT Rate Renewals - MACo:** Present were Brian Berreman, Hope Barker, Jesse Knapp, Kevin Peck, Scott Shindledecker, Suzanne Resch and Tessa Knapp.

Hope Barker, MACo Property & Casualty, presented the 2026–27 property and casualty renewal, including a 16.77% overall increase driven primarily by higher property valuations and rising replacement costs. She reviewed coverage changes, loss performance, risk management services and noted that certain contract-based "eligible entities" may be added under the program and provided eligibility criteria.

11:18 AM **County Bid Openings: 1) Display Ad 2) Election Ballot Printing 3) Gas & Diesel 4) Janitorial Services 5) legal/Display Advertising:** Present were Brian Berreman, Jesse Knapp, Scott Shindledecker, Suzanne Resch and Tessa Knapp.

Commissioner Teske introduced bid openings:

Display Ad: Two bids were received from Kootenai Valley Record (KVR) and The Western News (WN). KVR submitted rates of \$5.00 for the first folio, \$3.00 for additional folios, \$4.00 per column inch for display advertising and additional display ad \$2.00 per column inch, including color. WN submitted rates of \$0.75 for the first folio, \$0.00 for additional folios, \$1.50 for display advertising and \$0.00 for additional display advertising. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to accept The Western News bid. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

Election Ballot Printing: One bid was received from Eagle Printing for election ballot printing services. Pricing included ballots at \$0.23 per sheet for front-only printing and \$0.32 per sheet for front-and-back printing. Instruction sheets on #24 bond white paper were quoted at \$0.55 per sheet. Secrecy envelopes (size #10 non-window) were priced at \$0.70 each and affidavit envelopes (white, size #11) were priced at \$0.11 each, plus shipping. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept the bid. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

Gas & Diesel: One bid was received from Golden State Oil Inc. The bid proposed OPIS pricing of Reg Gas, No. 1 and No. 2 Diesel plus a vendor markup of \$0.20 per gallon for Libby, \$0.25 per gallon for Troy and \$0.45 per gallon for Eureka. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to accept the bid from Golden State Oil. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

Janitorial Services: One bid was received from Macks Mountain Home Cleaning. The bid included annual cleaning services for the Lincoln County Courthouse (\$23,246), Sheriff's Office (\$9,528), Annex (\$23,428), Library (\$14,162), ARP Building-503 California Ave.(\$6,610) and Lincoln County Youth Court-418 Main Ave. (\$6,028). **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept the bid. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

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11:30 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board