

June 16, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for the 2026 Primary Election Canvass in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, County Administrator Matt Williams, Election Administrator Melanie Howell and Election Deputy Sierra Gustin.

Zoom Participation: Jessica Jenson, LC Planning

01:30 PM Commissioner Teske called the meeting to order

Election Administrator Melanie Howell introduced the Election Canvass book and layout with instruction for the canvass board. She spoke on the BP-004 report with the different reasonings for various ballot statuses. She then showed Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons and County Administrator Matt Williams the SB-440 report and that the total votes from there match the abstract votes provided by the Secretary of State and the tabulator reports from Election Day.

Melanie advised that out of the 24 UOCAVA ballots that were sent out she received 13 back. She then noted that 39 Provisional ballots from Election Day were counted on June 8, 2026.

Melanie spoke about the one difference found during the Post Election Audit that was held on June 12, 2026, causing one vote to be added to the House District One race for Roberta McCanse in precinct 8. Commissioner Teske asked about the other races that were audited. Melanie showed Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons and the County Administrator the Tally Sheet tab in the canvass book and then explained the different races that were audited.

Commissioner Teske mentioned finding ways to recruit more election judges for Lincoln County.

Commissioner Teske asked if any known legislation was coming regarding the county being able to choose races and precincts for the Post Election Audit. No known legislation was mentioned.

Commissioner Teske and Commissioner Hammons certified the 2026 Federal Primary Election results.

Commissioner Teske adjourned the meeting at 02:08 PM.

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Sierra Gustin, Election Deputy