

June 17, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 17, 2026, in the Lincoln County Annex, Eureka, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram, Commissioner Hammons and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: County Administrator Matt Williams, Anna Edwards, Brian Berreman, Boyd White, DJ Welch, Gary Edwards, Jeff, Jesse Haag, Jessica Jenson, Jonathan Jameson, Katie Anderson, Kyle Corwin, Melanie Howell and Rachel Reynolds, Ray Stout, Scott Shindledecker and Vanessa Cruz.

10:00 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Approve By-laws for Opioid Abatement Governance Committee. Norgard Trail Easement. Lincoln County/DNRC. Board Training. Commissioners' Report:** Present were none.

- Approval of regular meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the June 10, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: HDR Engineering Inc biomass project \$9,580.12 **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to pay HDR \$5,677.50, amended to \$9,580.12. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Opioid Abatement Governance Committee By-Laws: The Commission reviewed proposed by-laws establishing a formal process for reviewing and recommending expenditures of opioid settlement funds, including public input and transparency measures. Comments from the Victim/Witness Advocate were acknowledged for future committee consideration. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the bylaws for the Lincoln County Opioid Abatement Governance Committee. Second by Commissioner Duram. No further public comment. Motion carried.
- Norgard Trail Easement (Lincoln County/DNRC): The Commission reviewed a DNRC right-of-way grant for approximately 0.65 acres needed to complete the remaining section of the Norgard Trail easement. The \$21,872 fee will be covered through a grant at no cost to the County and the easement has received all required state and land use approvals. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to accept the right-of-way grant. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Board Training: The Commission discussed funding board training in 2026 to accommodate newly appointed board members and improve participation. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to fund county board training for 2026. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Libby Volunteer Fire Department AFG Grant Support Letter: Commissioner Teske read a request for a letter of support for the Libby Volunteer Fire Department's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application to replace an aging fire engine. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the support letter request for the Libby Volunteer Fire Department new engine. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Teske reported the Lincoln County Port Authority met. Discussion included the 580 Case backhoe, which received no bids and is being considered as a potential trade-in, conveying approximately two acres of property to Lincoln County for ARP stockpile storage, with the County responsible for survey and boundary adjustment costs. Updates were provided on flood damage assessments for the water intake and walking trails, a boundary line adjustment to address a small property boundary issue involving Nomad's property and the new Industrial Way road/water and sewer area and approval of the Port Authority's FY 2027 budget.

10:15 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were none. No comments were received.

10:30 AM **FY25 EMPG Grant – Boyd White:** Present were none.

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG): Boyd White, EMA, presented the 2025 EMPG approval letter from Montana Disaster Emergency Services for \$22,720 with an equal match and requested a signature on the required documents. Discussion included grant delays at the federal level, budget considerations and the upcoming 2026/27 EMPG grant cycle with additional funding details are pending.

10:45 AM **Final Plat Review & Approval of Lodgepole Flats and Edwards II Subdivisions - Planning:** Present were none.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, presented the final plat for Lodgepole Flats Subdivision, located off Pipe Creek Road, creating three lots from a 15-acre parcel. The subdivision received preliminary approval with 15 conditions, which were reviewed and verified as satisfied, including water rights requirements. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the final plat for Lodgepole Flats subdivision. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

Jesse presented the final plat for Edwards II Subdivision off Rawlings Road, creating two approximately two-acre lots. All 12 preliminary plat conditions were met. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the Edwards II subdivision final plat. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:00 AM **County Bid Openings: 1) County Printing 2) Road Oil 3) Portable Restrooms 4) Gravel Crushing:** Present were none.

County Bid Openings: Commissioner Teske noted *county printing* was removed from consideration as the current contract remains in place through 2027. One bid for *county road oil* was received from McAsphalt Industries Limited, with pricing ranging from \$6.80–\$7.97 per gallon depending on product and delivery location. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to accept the bid from McAsphalt for the county road oil. Seconded by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried. No bids were received for *portable restrooms*, which will remain open for further action. Two bids were received for *gravel crushing and stockpiling* from Thompson Contracting (TCI) and Noble Excavating. TCI submitted pricing of \$29 per ton (\$40/cubic yard) for Libby 3/8 clean chips and Troy 5/8 crush at \$11.50 per ton (\$16/cubic yard) and 3/4 crush at \$10.50 per ton (\$15/cubic yard). Noble Excavating submitted pricing of \$8.85 per cubic yard for 3/4 road gravel, with the

same pricing applied for Troy 5/8 and 3/4 gravel, plus mobilization costs of \$4,000 for Libby and \$6,650 for Troy. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram for Noble Excavating. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:15 AM **Keeler Creek Bridge Replacement Option Decision:** Present were none.

Discussion of two Keeler Creek bridge repair options: repairing the existing bridge for an estimated \$275,000 or pursuing a replacement bridge with a temporary crossing during construction. Kyle Corwin, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), advised that BRIC funding may conflict with FEMA funding opportunities and recommended using current codes and standards to support FEMA Public Assistance eligibility for bridge replacement, with reimbursement based on actual project costs. Vanessa Cruz, ER Assist, explained that the bridge and levee must be funded separately, noting that the levee is eligible under a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 80/20 cost-share program but is not eligible for FEMA Public Assistance (\$275,000 vs \$150,000), while bridge replacement is eligible under FEMA Public Assistance. Jesse Haag advised permitting agencies expressed concerns about restoring the bridge to its previous condition due to capacity limitations, making floodplain permitting unlikely. Jesse noted that the levee was constructed by the Corps following a 1974 washout, that a previous county funding application was unsuccessful and that replacing the bridge rather than restoring it would be the more feasible option. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to repair the established levee. Second by Commissioner Hammons. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve construction of the new bridge. Second by Commissioner Duram. DJ Welch, Troy Road Foreman, clarified that the proposed bridge is a single-span bridge of double length. There were no further public comments. Both motions carried.

11:30 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board