

June 3, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on June 3, 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: Alaena Woody, Alisha Osborn, Bree Dahm, Dallas Bowe, Jessica Jenson, Katie Anderson, Kristin Smith, Ray Stout, Roland Jorgenson, Scott Shindledecker, Sierra Gustin and Wendy Drake.

10:00 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Commissioners' Report:** Present were Brian Berreman, Scott Shindledecker and Tony Wickham.

- Approval of special meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the May 26th meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Approval of regular meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the regular commissioner meeting minutes for May 27, 2026. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: none
- Commissioner Teske presented the Dog Control Agreement for FY 2026–27 with the City of Libby, noting revisions discussed at the previous meeting. Changes included directing the annual payment through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office rather than the General Fund and adding a \$2,500 annual contribution to the Lincoln County Animal Shelter to assist with spay and neuter clinic fees. Commissioner Teske referenced the **standing motion** made at the May 27, 2026, meeting. No public comment was received. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Hammons reported that Lincoln County's Better Local Bridge Funding request was approved. Funding will be used to repair the Seventeen Mile and Roosevelt bridges.
 - Commissioner Duram reported a leak in the Fairgrounds sewer system that will require excavation and repair. He noted the MACo meeting discussed national emergency declarations and the potential impacts of CI-134 on county budgets along with statutorily required county services.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Brian Berreman and Tony Wickham.

Tony Wickham commended election staff for their professionalism and courteous interactions with voters. He suggested providing an opportunity for public feedback on the election process at a future commissioner meeting and noted that precinct maps could be improved to better help voters identify their polling locations.

10:45 AM **Schiele Preliminary Plat. Montana Lakes 4 Preliminary plat. Court Ordered Exemption Survey-Emergency - Planning:** Present were Adrienne Schiele, Alisha Osborn, Brian Berreman, Kevin Schiele, Kristin Smith and Tony Wickham.

Alisha Osborn, Planning Department, presented the Schiele Preliminary Plat, located approximately five miles southwest of Fortine. The proposal would divide an 11.04-acre parcel into two residential lots. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to grant preliminary plat approval to Schiele subdivision subject to fifteen condition and based on the findings in the staff report. Second by Commissioner Hammons. Discussion of DEQ review. No public comment. Motion carried.

Alisha presented the Montana Lakes 4 Preliminary Plat near Happy's Inn. The proposal would create two residential lots from an existing 25.56-acre parcel. Kristin Smith noted this may be the first county subdivision to include an authorized Notice of Intent to Appropriate groundwater from DNRC, with a five-year requirement to construct a well. She recommended adding a condition that the notice be recorded with the final plat for inclusion in title records and future ownership. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to grant preliminary plat approval to Montana Lakes 4 subdivision subject to the fifteen conditions and based on the findings in the staff report. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, discussed execution of the Emery estate will, which involves division of property among five heirs. She noted no apparent issues of evasion and recommended standard conditions regarding access, sanitation and water permitting. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to draft a comment letter to the court for the Emery estate with the recommended condition. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:08 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board