

LINCOLN COUNTY STUDY COMMISSION MINUTES 19NOV25 17:30

Call to order, roll call, John B via zoom, Greg B absent. Pledge

Other attendees: Glen Garrison, Terry Blattman, John Bebee, Ray Stout

Glen Garrison public comment: Concern of non-Troy residents influencing Troy elections, concerns if 2 more at-large county commissioner seats added, then Troy area concerns diluted even more. Submitted 1 page excerpt from MCA 7-4-2104

Discuss our timeline change to accommodate surveys still trickling in.

September and October 2025 minutes reviewed and approved, moved by Ernie, second by John, unanimous

John reported community survey demographics looking good (noted about 2/3 female respondents), survey will close in December. Greg and John working on themes from results. We also discussed utilizing Key Informant Interviews (county citizens with established business/executive experience) early next year

Terry Blattman also commented on county tax appeal board echoing Glen's concerns, claiming it is corrupt. Also concerned that property tax appeal board seats should be increased to 5 members total, as conflict of interest and lack of experience are negatively affecting the appeal board. Suggested a tax appeal board selection committee. Perhaps a 'Lincoln County property tax advocate' position could also help this situation.

John Bebee with the Libby review commission, suggested our board join the Libby board for a Co-operative study

Ernie moved to adjourn, John second, unanimous at 18:31

Prepared by Mike France

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike France", followed by the date "7/15/26".