

July 1, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on July 1, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Duram, Commissioner Hammons and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Chanel Geer, Dallas Bowe, Darren Short, Jessica Jenson, Jonathan Jameson, Katie Anderson, KMS, Linda, Ray Stout, Roland Jorgenson, Scott Shindledecker, Sierra Gustin and Traci Street.

09:45 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Commissioners' Report:** Present was Brian Berreman.

- Approval of regular meeting minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the June 24, 2026, regular commissioner meeting minutes. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- PILT claims: Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C. \$3,933.96 Torgison. **Motion** by commissioner Duram to pay the \$3,933.96. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.
Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C. \$944.61 Magnolia Properties LLC. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the PILT claim for \$944.61. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Commissioners' Report:
 - Commissioner Duram reported the fairgrounds event with Abayance Bay was successful, drawing approximately 2,600–2,700 attendees and 100+ campers. One noise complaint was resolved, and the event was financially positive. Organizers plan to return next year.
 - Commissioner Teske reminded everyone of the upcoming Fourth of July event in Troy and encouraged everyone to use common sense and celebrate safely.

10:00 AM **USFS:** No representative was present.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Brian Berreman, Charlotte Peterson, Doug Allen, Jennifer Nelson, Jesse Haag, Ken Davis, Ryden Nicholson, Sedaris Carlberg and Tony Wickham.

Tony Wickham commented on election administration, noting that only eight ballots were signed in error and that the state election audit found no issues. He praised Elections Administrator Melanie Howell for her leadership and performance and expressed support for her return from administrative leave.

Charlotte Peterson, an election judge, expressed support for Elections Administrator Melanie Howell, describing her as professional and committed to election integrity. She urged that any investigation be thorough and include allegations involving other individuals. She stated she would provide additional information to the commissioners by email.

Jennifer Nelson requested that the Commission direct the Planning Department to develop a cell tower ordinance establishing a public review process and standards for tower placement, citing concerns about impacts on scenic views and future development.

10:45 AM **Final Plat Approvals – Robinson Subdivision and Castle Rock Ridge Subdivision -canceled:** Present were Brian Berreman, Charlotte Peterson, Doug Allen, Jesse Haag, Ken Davis, Ryden Nicholson and Tony Wickham.

Jesse Haag, Planning Director, presented the final plat for the two-lot Robinson Subdivision near Troy, confirming all 12 conditions of approval had been met. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the final plat. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comments. Motion carried.

10:47 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board