

## September 2, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a regular session on September 2, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske, Commissioner Hammons, County Administrator Matt Williams and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram, Alaena Woody, Brandon Theis, Dallas Bowe, DJ Welch, Gary Rodgers, Darren Short, Jacob Ohonich, Jennifer Curtiss, Jesse Haag, Jessica Jenson, Justin Horner, Katie Anderson, Kerri Teisberg, Michael Miller, Ray Stout, Roland Jorgenson, Sierra Gustin, Traci Street and Wendy Drake.

10:00 AM **Administrative Issues/Old Business: Approve Minutes. PILT Claims. Claim Approvals. Notices to Proceed. Grant Approvals. Roadless Rule Rescission Letter Consideration. Proclamations & Commendations. County Administrator's Report. Commissioners Report:** Present were Brian Berreman, Dean Riley, Justin Burich, Patty Rambo, Tom Lane and Tom Maxwell.

- Approval of Minutes: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the regular minutes for August 26, 2026. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comment. Motion carried. \*draft minutes are available upon request.
- PILT Claims: none
- Claim Approvals: **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve the claims. Second by Commissioner Duram. Discussion of the claims approval process, including email review, one commissioner sign-off and final approval at a meeting. No public comment. Motion carried.
- Notices to Proceed: none
- Grant Approvals: none
- Roadless Rule Rescission Letter Consideration: It was agreed to draft and submit a letter supporting rescission of the Roadless Rule.
- Proclamation & Commendations: none
- County Administrator's Report: Administrator Williams reported that the ballot has been proofed and finalized and thanked Sierra Gustin for her assistance. He reported meeting with Lincoln County Health Department staff and recognized their efforts and partnerships in keeping county residents safe and healthy.
- Commissioners Report:
  - Commissioner Duram participated via Zoom from the Western Montana Conservation Commission meeting in Kalispell, discussing water, septic and legislative issues.

10:15 AM **U.S. Forest Service:** No representative was present.

10:30 AM **Public Comment Time Non-Agenda Items:** Present were Ann German, Brian Berreman, Dean Riley, Justin Burich, Patty Rambo, Tom Lane and Tom Maxwell.

Jacob Ohonich acknowledged the County's response to his public records request and expressed concerns regarding the timeliness of the acknowledgment. He also questioned the purpose of the Commissioners' reports. Commissioner Teske advised that discussions with the U.S. Forest Service remain ongoing, with no decisions or resolutions reached.

10:45 AM **Resolution 2026-25 Creating the West Kootenai Fire District:** Present were Ann German, Brian Berreman, Dean Riley, Justin Burich, Patty Rambo, Tom Lane and Tom Maxwell.

Administrator Williams, read Resolution 2026-25 creating the West Kootenai Rural Fire District. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve Resolution 2026-25. **Second** by Commissioner Hammons. Commissioner Duram expressed support for the district and thanked the West Kootenai Fire Department and community members for their efforts. Tom Maxwell, Treasurer of the West Kootenai Fire Protection Company, questioned standard language in the resolution. No additional public comment. Motion carried. Justin Burich presented a letter requesting a brief period to organize.

11:00 AM **County Treasurer's Report:** Present were Brian Berreman and Sedaris Carlberg.

Sedaris Carlberg, Treasurer, presented the cash reconciliation report noting a \$122.33 difference between the June and July cash reconciliation, which remains under review. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve it. **Second** by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:15 AM **Rodgers Lakeshore Construction Permit (Glen Lake) Review and Decision. Peace Ridge Acres Final Plat Approval - Planning:** Present were Brian Berreman and Kristin Smith.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, presented Rodgers Lakeshore Construction Permit application on Glen Lake. She advised the Planning Board reviewed the application and recommended approval. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to grant approval of the Rodgers Lakeshore Construction project subject to the 13 conditions identified in the report. Second by Commissioner Duram. No public comments. Motion carried.

Kristin Smith, Planning Department, reviewed the Peace Ridge Acres final plat, a three-lot subdivision, and advised that all 27 conditions of preliminary approval had been met. **Motion** by Commissioner Duram to approve the final plat for Peace Ridge Subdivision. Second by Commissioner Hammons. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:30 AM **Final FY 2026/2027 Budget Resolution and Adoption:** Present were Brian Berreman, Dallas Bowe and Wendy Drake.

Administrator Williams read Resolution 2026-26 adopting levies for Lincoln County for fiscal year 2026-2027. **Motion** by Commissioner Hammons to approve Resolution 2026-26. **Second** by Commissioner Duram. Administrator Williams presented a structural summary of the County's fiscal position and noted that the budget challenge cannot be addressed through service reductions alone, requiring exploration of outside funding sources. Commissioner Duram noted the County's unique circumstances and the need for creative solutions. Commissioner Teske discussed the potential restoration of stumpage revenue and the importance of this fiscal information for discussions with the congressional delegation. No public comment. Motion carried.

11:50 AM **Adjourned**

**LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Brent Teske, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board