

# LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Regular Meeting

August 18, 2025

**Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Nathan Schutte, Commissioner, Tim Ridinger, Commissioner, not present, Jennifer Hohnhorst, Clerk, Cindi Sievers, Clerk for minutes.**

9:30am Chairman Wood called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Wood closed the regular meeting to open the Ambulance District meeting to approve claims.

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to pay the Ambulance District accounts payable for \$171.10. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Minutes & Claims

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to accept the minutes for August 14, 2025 as corrected. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to pay the Lincoln County accounts payable for \$17,582.27. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

9:42am Action Items

Resolution 2025-11 to Retire Sheriff K-9

**Commissioner read Resolution 2025-11 into the record as a motion to approve. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

CSI Second Semester Payment Approval

Clerk Hohnhorst explained the student didn't receive approval for the second semester on her application. CSI approves one semester at a time, and the student was not aware since her application stated Fall and Spring of the academic year. CSI will pay the second semester with the commissioners' approval.

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve paying the second semester for Student ID #434420 in the amount of \$500.00. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

SIFcare Discussion with Clerk Hohnhorst

Clerk Hohnhorst discussed the meeting she had with the SIF Representative and explained the program and how it works. There is no added expense to the county, the county just has to sign up for the program.

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**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve SIFcare enrollment. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

Community Center Purlin Repair

Commissioner Schutte discussed the issue with the purlin installed and stated that the cost to repair will be estimated at \$600.00.

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve the purlin repair and not to exceed \$600.00. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

Catering Permit for Iron Horse Saloon

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve the catering permit for Iron Horse Saloon, 210 N. Rail Street, to cater a wedding at 650 Marley Road, Richfield, ID. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

Chairman Wood moved the action item for the Certified Local Government Board to the afternoon.

**Chairman Wood made a motion to amend the agenda and move the discussion on Deeds and Recordings. Commissioner Schutte seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

Discussion on Deeds and Recordings with County Attorney (CA) Patrick Galloway

CA Galloway was present to clarify and give his advice on procedures for deeds. He discussed the standard for the Recorder's office to record documents and the Statute for the Assessor's office to process deeds. He stated that other counties' processes differ between each county. Discussion on the communication between the Clerk and Assessor's offices to process a deed and not have it returned as Unable To Process (UTP). Clerk Hohnhorst discussed the increase in UTPs coming in and having to re-record a deed because it did not meet the Assessor's protocol to process. She stated that customer service should be the priority for protocols between the 2 offices. Chairman Wood addressed this is not the first time the County has been given advice from County's legal counsel. She asked what could be done to accommodate the customer from the Assessor and Clerk's offices. Assessor Anaya explained the process of accepting a deed in her office. Discussion on how names appear on a deed and the variations that cause the Assessor's office to label the deed as UTP. Continued discussion on ways to help the customer to complete the deed process.

CA Galloway discussed a property that has an issue on ownership because of a break in title from 1909 to 1995. He is asking the Commissioners to consider doing a Quitclaim Deed to ensure a chain of title. Chairman Wood asked to get a timeline from the Treasurer's office when the owner started paying property taxes which is done after ownership has been transferred to an owner. This should help with dates of transfer.

**10:32am Commissioner Schutte made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. C Chairman Wood seconded. Roll Call Vote Commissioner**

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**Schutte, yes, Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimously in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

11:02am Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and the regular meeting to open the Planning & Zoning work session.

11:56am Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

**Commissioner Schutte made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. C Chairman Wood seconded. Roll Call Vote Commissioner Schutte, yes, Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimously in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

12:10pm Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and the regular meeting for lunch.

1:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Public Hearing to Adopt New Fees for Solid Waste

There were no attendees from the public for the hearing.

Commissioner Schutte explained the need to increase the fees; increase cost in hauling waste, a new employee for safety requirements, and new equipment. Chairman Wood stated the revenue from last year's fees was not enough to stay with the current rates for the new costs for solid waste. Chairman Wood read the notice for public hearing into the record noting the current fees and the new fees; published July 13, 2025 with summary of Resolution 2025-XX (TBD on the date of the public hearing). She stated there were discussions on other options to lower costs but were not feasible.

**Commissioner Schutte read Resolution 2025-12 into the record for approval. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.**

1:10pm Correspondence and Old Business

Chairman Wood discussed the meeting on the Neher Park Grant project.

Chairman Wood discussed the Certified Local Government Board and the resumes for selection. She stated that CA Galloway has not had a chance to review the documents and would like to reschedule after he has reviewed the documents.

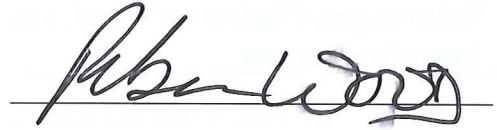
**1:19pm Commissioner Schutte made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to IC 74-206(1)(b) Personnel. C Chairman Wood seconded. Roll Call Vote Commissioner Schutte, yes, Chairman Wood, yes. Vote unanimously in favor, meeting adjourned to Executive Session.**

1:35pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes