

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

June 16, 2025

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Nathan Schutte, Commissioner, Tim Ridinger, Commissioner, 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.

Opened the Board of Equalization

Assessor Anaya discussed the valuation and process for assessment on the storage unit business whose valuation is in dispute. The business owner added two more storage units and the valuation to his property showed a huge increase. He wants to have the valuation reassessed. The Assessor reached out to other resources, one of which being the State, which suggested a hybrid model for assessment of this type of business. Discussion using a set value of \$100.00 per unit or using a dollar amount per square foot assessment. Assessor Anaya proposed a valuation reduction for storage unit businesses to \$100.00 per unit for this year.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to use an income approach of \$100.00 per unit for property valuation. Clerk Hohnhorst stated this may not be the time to make the motion and discussed the BOE process. No second.

This item will be tabled for the Board of Equalization next Monday.

9:43 Chairman Wood adjourned the Board of Equalization and reconvened the regular meeting.

Minutes and Claims

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to accept the minutes for June 9, 2025 as presented. Commissioner Schutte seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to pay the Lincoln County accounts payable for \$17,597.43. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Action Items

Alcohol Beverage License

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve the Alcohol Beverage License for Main Stop, 102 S Greenwood, Shoshone, ID. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

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Disaster Services Consultant Agreement, LBYD Federal, LLC

Lincoln County's All Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) needed updated. This company is doing a 5-year updated HMP for Lincoln County. This agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to approve the Disaster Services Consultant Agreement No. 07218, LBYD Federal, LLC for the 5-year All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Schutte seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Tax Cancellation Discussion – Action Item

Treasurer Youts stated that the property owner came to inform her that the Homeowner's Exemption had been taken off the property. Madison Wacht stated that her mortgage lender already had paid the first half of the property tax, and it raised her payment by \$500.00 because it caused a shortage in the escrow account. Assessor Anaya stated the reason the homeowner's exemption was taken off was because the mail sent to the address on file had been returned. Madison stated that the mail service was not forwarding her mail for a long period of time. She spent a lot of time trying to get that issue resolved. Madison presented proof of how long she has been a resident in her home. Discussion on the way to cancel the back homeowner's exemption and how to return the overage already paid. Discussion moving forward to resolve the issue.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to approve cancelling taxes due to a mistaken removal of homeowner's exemption in the amount of \$1,436.84 for parcel number RPS0100022005A. Commissioner Schutte seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

10:14am Executive Session

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

10:34am Chairman Wood adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Tri-County Weed Budget Discussion

Denise Helsley presented her proposed budget and discussed the amounts in the different funds for review with the Commissioners and Clerk Hohnhorst. Discussion on revenue from levy and how to reduce her proposed budget.

11:00am Budget Work Session with Clerk Hohnhorst

Clerk Hohnhorst reviewed the revenue projection for FY2026 with the Board. Discussion on the cash reserve plan and the proposal of a resolution reversing the requirement for maintaining a 50% reserve in certain funds. Clerk Hohnhorst is still waiting on some FY2026 revenue numbers

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from the State but feels confident the current projection is sufficient to move forward with departmental expense budgets.

11:30am Correspondence and Old Business

Clerk Hohnhorst wants to propose a 4-day work week beginning fiscal year 2026. She discussed the research she's done showing an increase in productivity and revenue by having extended hours to allow those who work time to do business with the County. Discussion on how this would look for the County and each department. Commissioners would like to look at the research and review this again.

Commissioner Schutte discussed the Southern Idaho Solid Waste proposed budget increase. Commissioners discussed the amount to increase the solid waste assessment fees on the property tax bill to cover the solid waste fee to the County. Clerk Hohnhorst suggested taking solid waste out of the 50% cash reserve plan since it's outside the general fund line. Discussion on when to have the public hearing to determine the fee increase.

Chairman Wood talked about the local events coming up: Lincoln County Live History Days; Theme for 2025 is Basque Families of Lincoln County, and Farmer's Market on Fridays on the courthouse lawn. She mentioned the courthouse will be closed Thursday June 19, 2025 to honor the federal holiday.

12:00pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting for lunch and will be back at 1:00pm for Planning & Zoning.

1:00pm Chairman Wood closed the regular meeting to open the Planning & Zoning Work Session.

2:10pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Clerk Hohnhorst addressed the Mayor of Shoshone to discuss the cash surplus in the City Patrol fund. She discussed how the fund is currently set up in the budget and carried over each new fiscal year and asked how to move forward for FY2026's budget. She discussed options for how the City of Shoshone would pay the County for city patrol. Currently the City of Shoshone pays quarterly based on the approved maximum budget for the department, however Clerk Hohnhorst feels it would benefit the City to pay based on actual expenses not to exceed the approved budget. The Mayor will take the information to the next city council meeting and talk about the options. Clerk Hohnhorst feels this will help the county and the city's budgeting process.

2:16pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

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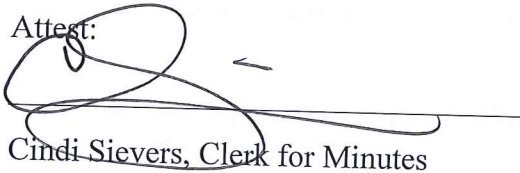
Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes

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Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:

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Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes