

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

August 25, 2025

Present: Rebecca Wood, Chairman; Nathan Schutte, Commissioner, not present for the morning session, 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.

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

Action Item – Kendall Automotive Credit Application

This is the company who can provide services for the vanbulances.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to approve signing the credit application for Kendall Automotive Group, Inc. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

9:40am Chairman Wood adjourned the Ambulance District and reconvened the regular meeting.

Minutes and Claims

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to accept the minutes for August 18, 2025 as presented. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to pay the Lincoln County accounts payable for \$24,289.58. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

9:45am Action Items

Tax Cancellation for Farmhouse Grocery – Treasurer Youts

Treasurer, Ann Youts, explained the circumstances leading to the request to cancel the interest and penalties. She presented the cancellation to the commissioners for discussion. Chairman Wood and Commissioner Ridinger discussed whether to approve or deny. After consideration, they decided the circumstance did not warrant cancellation.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to deny the request for cancellation for Farmhouse Grocery. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Cure Minutes for August 18, 2025

Clerk Hohnhorst explained there was a duplicate payment that was missed when approving the claims for that day. The Commissioners need to cure the minutes to reflect the correct amount for claims.

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Chairman Wood made a motion to cure the minutes for August 18, 2025 for the claim amount to be \$17,560.35. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Walker Flooring Estimates for the Lincoln County Care Center

Chairman Wood stated she asked Walker Flooring to bid replacing the carpet in the front entrance and the TV room with tiles so they can be replaced individually as needed. The flooring is old and in need of replacement.

Commissioner Ridinger made a motion to approve the Walker Flooring estimates for the entrance at \$5,848.45 and the TV room at \$5,631.71. Chairman Wood seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

10:00am Discussion on the grout and front doors in the Courthouse.

Chairman Wood talked to Josh at Big D Construction regarding the grout coming up in the main floor bathrooms. He suggested using flexible grout instead of replacing the subfloor. Clerk Hohnhorst stated that the contractor who repaired the grout had used the flexible grout, and it didn't work; nothing will. The subflooring was not replaced according to the original building plans during construction.

Discussion on the front door. A new frame has been ordered; it will be approximately 3 weeks before the installation to correct the problem.

Continued discussion on the subfloor in the bathrooms. Since it was in the scope of work, Big D should replace the subfloor.

Correspondence and Old Business

Chairman Wood reviewed the financial report from BRP for the Care Center.

Chairman Wood read the letter from Jack Hall into the record regarding his opinion of the Idaho Constitution being unlawful.

Discussion on a property with a break in the chain of title that was once owned by the County. CA Galloway stated a title company is working on a quitclaim deed to fix the break in title.

Commissioner Ridinger asked about the age of the windows in the courthouse and stated there is a grant that could help to replace them.

10:17am Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting for a break before opening the Planning & Zoning Work Session at 11:00. The regular meeting will reconvene after the Planning & Zoning Public Hearing at 1:00pm.

1:15pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood gave a recap of the morning portion of the meeting to Commissioner Schutte including the action items, and the discussion on the grout and doors. She asked his opinion on

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the courthouse bathrooms; he agrees Big D should replace the subfloor and use flexible grout. She also gave a summary on the action item to replace the flooring at the Care Center.

1:27pm Chairman Wood adjourned the regular meeting for a break before opening the Ambulance District and County Public Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets.

2:00pm Chairman Wood reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood closed the regular meeting to open the Ambulance District Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Clerk Hohnhorst reviewed the Ambulance District FY26 budget. Discussion: Salary rate increases, Medical Director salary increase, adding the loading system lease payment to the budget. The proposed budget for FY2026 is \$555,113.00 which is a \$9,055 increase from FY2025. Fire's budget stayed close to FY2025. The overall proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$626,613.00, a 1.5% increase.

Discussion on the Revenue Budget projections: the County's contribution decreased by \$57,000.00. This was done by a change in protocol and administration.

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve the Ambulance District Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented for \$626,613.00. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

Chairman Wood adjourned the Ambulance District meeting for and reconvened the regular meeting.

Chairman Wood opened Lincoln County Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Clerk Hohnhorst reviewed the FY2026 stating there have been no changes since the last budget work session. Discussion on a formula to split the SIRCOMM payment with the cities. The budget reflects paying the full amount to SIRCOMM and billing the cities accordingly by dispatched calls to the cities. The proposed budget for FY2026 is \$5,805,129.00, a 6.7% increase overall. Discussion on each department's increase in the general fund.

Discussion on the Revenue Budget projections. There were a few funds showing a decrease in revenue. The decreases were calculated by using FY2025 actuals to make the projections for FY2026.

Discussion on cash forward amounts to be transferred. Property tax revenue went up due to new construction.

Commissioner Schutte made a motion to approve the Lincoln County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented for \$5,805,129.00. Commissioner Ridinger seconded. Vote unanimously in favor, motion carries.

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2:40pm Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully,

Cindi Sievers, Clerk for Minutes



Rebecca Wood, Chairman

Attest:



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