

RESOLUTION 2016- 26

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT TRANSFER OF THE HISTORIC LINCOLN CEMETERY
FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest (H-LNC) by authority of the Townsite Act, proposes a land conveyance of the Old Lincoln Cemetery and surrounding 4.77 acres to Lewis and Clark County ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has consulted with the Forest Service, Lincoln area residents, and the Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society and agreed to participate in the process for land exchange for the benefit of the Lincoln area residents; and

WHEREAS, the Old Lincoln Cemetery has cultural and historical value that may be best protected under County ownership; and

WHEREAS, the Old Lincoln Cemetery is an active and unpermitted cemetery on Forest Service land;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That as a condition of the transfer of real property under the Townsite Act, the following mitigation measures will be adhered to:

1. The County will manage and maintain the property as a cemetery in perpetuity.
2. The County will create a Cemetery District for the daily operations and maintenance of the property.
3. The County will preserve and protect the historical portion of the cemetery in accordance with any applicable standards or conditions of transfer.
4. The County will coordinate the restoration of the three pioneer grave fences to historical standards within one year of execution of the transfer.
5. The County will ensure the maintenance of the restored pioneer grave fences in perpetuity as funding is available.
6. The County will coordinate the design, manufacture, and implementation of two interpretive signs to be completed and installed within two (2) years of execution of the transfer.
7. The County will coordinate the nomination of the Old Lincoln Townsite to the National Register of Historic Places within five (5) years of execution of the transfer.



Dated this 06 day of May, 2016.

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael Murray
Michael Murray, Chairman

ATTEST:



Paulette DeHart
Paulette J. DeHart, Clerk of Board