

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY**

**10:00 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 8, 2022**

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others present: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Brian Carlson, Budget & Finance Manager; Dan Carlson, CDS Director; Sue Higginbotham, Chief Administrator; Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent; Cori McKean, Office Administrator; Sarah Keith, Superior Court Administrator; Katrina Mankus, Juvenile Court Administrator; Darren Higashiyama; Chief Deputy; Sharrie McPherson, Fiscal Analyst; Jeanne Killgore, HR Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Andrew Yoder, Fiscal Analyst; Elishia Harvill, Chief Deputy; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Doug Fessler, IT Director; Stephanie George, Administrative Supervisor.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2023 BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

At 10:00 a.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing continued from December 5, 2022, to consider adopting the 2023 Kittitas County Annual Budget. The record was open.

**BRIAN CARLSON, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR** reviewed the 2023 Preliminary Budget Worksheets, provided updates from December 5, 2022 Budget Hearing and reviewed All Fund Revenues; Expense by Object; Total County Budget by Fund; General Fund Revenues; and General Fund Expenses.

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2022-238**

**2023 BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2022-238, Adopting the Budget for the County of Kittitas, Washington, for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023, placing a moratorium on all new wage adjustments and positions that were un-budgeted for (not including Contractual, COLA's, and budgeted for) until 3/31/2023. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded.

The Board expressed concerns about the financial trends, as well as their concern for adopting the Budget out of balance and stated they were hopeful for the new year to see great strides of improvement in the budget process. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVED**

**12.20.22**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

  
Mandy Buchholz

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman