

KITTITAS COUNTY
FINANCE STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG

Thursday	1:30PM	July 18, 2024
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner Cory Wright

Staff Present: Brian Carlson, Finance Director, Zack DeHaven, Sue Patterson, Andrew Yoder, Kylee Wuesthoff

Others: Anne Leichleiter, Boys and Girls Club
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, Ellensburg City Manager

1. Call to Order: 1:30PM

2. Citizen Comments - none

3. Consideration of Additional Funding, Boys & Girls Club of Columbia Basin

Ann Leichleiter of the Boys & Girls Club discusses the need for \$300K to continue the program and to expand the program to include Ellensburg and Thorp. Other funding options have been obtained and they are seeking other sources for funding.

Commissioner Cory Wright makes a motion to fund \$200K to the Boys and Girls Club. Chairman Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion and the motion passes.

4. Consideration of ARPA Grant Award to Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce for “Kittitas County Strong” Small Business Grant Program

Amy McGuffin from the Chamber of Commerce is seeking ARPA grant funding for small businesses. The proposal is for \$200K, awarded in \$5K increments. The Commissioners request for more data and research. More discussion in September to follow.

5. 2025 Budget – Analysis and General Discussion

Mr. Carlson discusses the General fund and countywide deficit. Highlighted was that the coming budgeted deficit will almost certainly be realized as methodology for budget construction continues to improve. There are many topics still to be finalized that will have a significant impact on the overall budget, including union negotiations and several large-scale projects. Mr. Carlson stressed the importance of long-term planning and the alignment of organizational objectives as a means of combating the increasing financial pressures.

6. Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 2:28PM



Brian Carlson

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman