

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
BOCC AUDITORIUM ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 215 - ELLENSBURG**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>October 16, 2024</b>
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Board members present: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz  
Staff: Brian Carlson, Budget and Finance Director, Bryan Elliott, Auditor, Zack DeHaven, Andrew Yoder, Sue Patterson, Patti Stacey, Jeanne Kilgore, Amy Cziske, Treasurer, Clay Myers, Sheriff, Chris Whitsett, Nancy Shaff, Jill Beedle

**1. Call to order: 9:00am**

**2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit): None**

**3. Union Negotiations- Closed Session**

**CLOSED SESSION – RCW 42.30.140(4)(B) - The OPMA does not apply to that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.**

**The Board entered closed session to discuss collective bargaining. The Board exited closed session with no action taken.**

**4. 2025 Preliminary Budget Meeting with the Sheriff**

Mr. Carlson discussed BOCC considerations. The County has a \$10MM problem with a 3-year runway.

Mr. Carlson gave an overview of the Sheriffs Revenue and Expenses.

Jill Beedle from the Sheriff's office stated the Fire Marshal does not need a new truck but still requires a new transmission.

Commissioner Wright asked for more information on the "Vehicle Maintenance Fund" and how the figure of \$1MM was derived. Sheriff, Clay Myers explained the Vehicle Maintenance fund is a vehicle fund for new vehicles and maintenance. This bucket of money or seed money would

be for the purchase of new vehicles for the next 2 years. Jill Beedle explained how the state contract purchasing program works and the difficulties experienced with availability. There are 7 vehicles that the Sheriff's office would like to replace. Commissioner Wright asked to compare with Enterprise Fleet Lease program. This topic is on hold for now.

**Commissioner Wright talked about the Funding for the EOC Building. He would like to use the REET fund. Commissioners agreed unanimously.**


Project requested also included a Generator, Evidence Bay build-out, Security cameras, Entry remodel. Chris Whitsett stated they are waiting for grant funding to become available. It is possible to push some projects out for another year. Clay Myers said it is possible to cut this ask in half. Commissioners would like to continue this conversation later.

Consolidation of the Public Disclosure Request workload was brought up as potential for a centralized department. One designated department to handle PDR's.

Commissioners would like to take another look at "5% Better"

**5. Other Business**

**6. Concluded: 10:50AM**

  
Brian Carlson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman