

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

OCTOBER 28, 2024

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Shelise Smithgall, Administrative Assistant; Jeanne Killgore, HR Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Zack DeHaven, Assistant Finance Director; Kylee Wuesthoff, Finance Officer; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Molly McDowell, Deputy Prosecutor I; and 4 members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kelleher asked questions about funds relating to the Recreation Tourism Plan.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAFS & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action forms and vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending October 25, 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024-186

SHERIFF'S SALE MRT

PROSECUTOR

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-186, to Ratify the Board of County Commissioners' Unanimous Vote to Authorize a Sheriff's Sale of the Real Property Located at 1000 Mountain River Trails Road Cle Elum, WA 98922. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EASEMENT**PUGET SOUND ENERGY****COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve an Easement between Kittitas County and Puget Sound Energy, Inc. for Lot C-30 at Bowers Field Airport Binding Site Plan Amendment, subject to the Prosecutors confirmation of no discrepancies with the provider, upon checking with Director, Josh Fredrickson. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATE UPPER CO. RECREATION PUBLIC FACILITIES DIST. COMMISSIONERS

There was an update on the Upper County Recreation Public Facilities District. Representatives reported there is a legislative bill being drafted to change the RCW. The change would allow for a Public Facility District to be formed at the County level. The Board said they were encouraged to see the support on a legislative level.

DISCUSSION**INVESTMENT INTEREST****TREASURER**

There was discussion regarding investment interest and whether the County should sweep appropriated funds that are in the investment pool and put them in the General Fund. The Board said they would like to wait until after next week's election results regarding the Road Levy before they have further discussion and make a decision on the issue.

BENEFITS**2025 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS****HUMAN RESOURCES**

Jeanne Killgore, HR Director, provided information on the dental rates for 2025. She said UHC has been the cheaper plan over Willamette, but in 2025, UHC will be more expensive. It would be an increase of \$2.36 per month and would affect most employees. The Board determined to flip-flop which plan is paid for by the county versus the buy-up plan, and have employees pay the difference in 2025, if they subscribe to UHC.

Ms. Killgore provided information on an FSA plan. She said Alliant could build it into the benefit system, if the County wanted to. There is an administrative fee of \$2,400.00. The Board authorized the FSA plan to be an option for employees for 2025. It was noted the employees could put up to \$5,000.00 in the plan, per year.

DISCUSSION**COUNTY FACEBOOK****COMMISSIONERS**

The Board determined that for the week of October 28, 2024, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Wildfire Ready Neighbors from KCFD1; a reminder to vote next week on November 5th; and for Trick-or-Treaters to come to County offices on Halloween.

UPDATE**BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS****COMMISSIONERS**


Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis for the year. The assignments for 2024 were determined at the Board of County Commissioners Office Admin. meeting earlier on and they will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in individually over the past week.

The meeting concluded at 9:45 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD
Julie Kjorsvik**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman