

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

Tuesday	1:00PM	October 29, 2024
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Board members present: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz

Staff: Brian Carlson, Budget and Finance Director, Zack DeHaven, Sue Patterson, Jeanne Kilgore, Amy Cziske, Treasurer, Kylee Wuesthoff, Clay Myers, Sheriff, Chris Whitsett, Steve Panattoni, Nancy Shaff,

1. Call to order: 1:00PM

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

3. 2025 Preliminary Budget Meetings-Continuation of Budget Discussions

Zack DeHaven gave a recap of the projects that have been funded and what remains as undecided. Mr. DeHaven discussed the definition and differences between REET 1 and 2 as well as the acceptable uses for each revenue.

The Board expressed a desire to fund Courthouse Projects including Lower District HVAC, Roof Repair and Lower District Bathroom retile from REET 1 if allowable, and fallback option being the General Fund.

In review of the Sheriff project requests, specifically the Evidence Bay Build-Out and Generator replacement REET 1 funds would be the preferred funding source if allowable. The fallback option for the Generator replacement would be General fund.

County Wide projects including Door Lock replacement and Security Camera maintenance the Board would prefer to be funded through REET 1 with the fallback option being the General Fund.

Morris Sorenson sidewalk replacement was decided to use REET 1 and fallback is the General Fund.

Upper District Court bathroom repairs are directed to use REET 1 funds if applicable with the General Fund as a fallback.

During discussion of the proposed Morgue project, it was determined that many questions remain unanswered and this topic would be best served as a stand alone with a dedicated follow up meeting.

The Board reviewed the remaining personnel requests. Maintenance requested to move the current Project Manager to Assistant Maintenance Director, when hired a 6 month overlap for the Maintenance Tech position for training and approval for the transition of the part-time Maintenance Tech to a full-time position.

The Board approved the proposed promotion and move from part-time to full-time, and reduced the 6 month overlap to 3 months.

After consideration, the personnel request from the Prosecutor's office was denied by the Board.

CDS reiterated their request for a GIS specialist position. The position would primarily be funded through fund 402 with the potential for a portion of the position being shared with the Public Works department. Commissioner Wright would like to pause this request for now and not approve until more information is presented. This will be brought up at the next study session.

The Sheriff's Office requested a Digital Forensic Information position to be funded out of 3/10ths tax revenue. The Commissioners were not opposed to the position, however inquired about mutual aid.

Commissioner Osiadacz would like to see the Fire Marshall consider a cost recovery model for services rendered to municipalities.

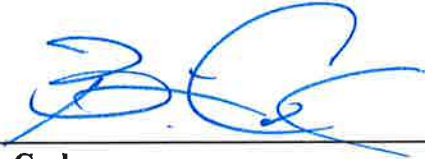
4. Union Negotiations- Closed Session

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 at 1:33pm to discuss collective bargaining. The Board exited closed session at 1:47pm with no action taken.

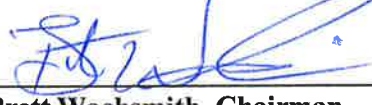
5. Other Business- No Action to be taken

6. Concluded: 1:47PM



Brian Carlson

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman