

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

Tuesday	9:00AM	October 29, 2024
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Board members present: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz

Staff: Josh Fredrickson, Reid Burbank, Brian Carlson, Zack DeHaven, Sue Patterson

Other: Pat Kelleher

1. **Call to order:** 9:02am
2. **Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit):** Pat Kelleher requests \$100, 000 from Hotel Motel fund or the REET 2 fund to the BLM for capital improvements for the Yakima River Canyon.
3. **2025 Preliminary Budget Meetings with Public Works & Airport**
Public Works Director, Josh Fredrickson discusses the 7 funds of Public Works and their Revenues and Expenses. County Road fund 106 is the primary fund that makes up the majority of Revenues and Expenses for Public Works.

Fund 108- Public Facilities Budget – Primarily funded by sales and use tax. Revenue averages \$1MM plus a year. Year to date fund balance is \$4084,496

Fund 113- Park and Recreation/Tourism Budget- Revenue sources are General Fund and Real Estate Excise Tax II-Currently the proposed budget accounts primarily for maintenance activities.

Fund 101-Airport- Revenue source is the General Fund, Agriculture, Building and Hanger lease. Tie down rentals. Also included are Grants from both the FAA and WSDOT. Property transfer is being proposed for the main hangar to CWU and the current Centerfuse building would come in under County ownership. Public Works is requesting \$315K influx from the General Fund. Capital projects total for 2025 is \$549K.

Fund 107-Flood Control Budget- Revenue Sources is Property Tax: State Grants and Permit fees. Revenue for 2025 is estimated \$ 2,111,366 MM. Capital expenditures is 88% and driven by projects. A larger capital cost is the Whiskey Creek syphon project. Total capital projects amount is \$4.9 MM

Fund 403-Water Mitigation Budget- Revenue sources are received from water metering fees, licenses, permits and renewals and grant sources. \$3.8MM is the expected revenue for 2025. Capital Expenditures are \$3.69MM and that includes several large Water Right purchases.

Fund 106-County Road Budget-Revenue sources include Road Levy, Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax, Permits and Grant opportunities. Josh Fredrickson states the impact of the road levy lift will drive what revisions are needed. Depending on the vote the budget may need to be changed. At this time, they are continuing as if the Levy Lid were to pass. Revenue for 2025 is budgeted for \$21.7 MM. Road maintenance includes chip sealing, snow plowing, sand, gravel, crack patching, ditch cleaning and other services.

Fund 501 ER&R- Equipment Rental & Revolving Budget- Revenue sources include rental rates for equipment used and sale of county owned material to the County Road Fund. Budgeted revenue for 2025 is \$3.99MM. Budgeted expenses for 2025 are \$4.4MM. Equipment purchases are proposed to allow for replacement of existing equipment. Discussion was had regarding purchasing land for a new Lower County shop. Possible option is to relocate leased to leased land at the airport. Commissions would like to see that plan considered.

Commissioner Wright is not ready to fund the BLM as the road fund may need to be reevaluated and possible funding may be REET 2.

Josh Fredrickson brings up the Springwood Ranch property and states that will be a further discussion.

4. Collective Bargaining- NONE

5. Concluded: 9:51AM


Sue Patterson, Clerk

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman