

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
AGENDA SESSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY**

**10:00 A.M.**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Sarah Keith, Superior Court Administrator; Doug Fessler, IT Director; Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health Director; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Cameron Curtis, Engineer; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Barbara Demory, Lower District Court Administrator; Paul Sander, Lower District Court Judge; Erin Moore, Deputy Public Health Director; Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer; Chad Bala, CDS Director; Devin Duncan, Law Enforcement Clerk; Maria Gomez Rios, Lower District Court Administrator; Emily Brown, Treatment Court Coordinator; and approximately 12 members of the public.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Wachsmith called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Wachsmith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES - NONE**

**PROCLAMATION - NONE**

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

**CERTIFICATE**

**BARBARA DEMORY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve a Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Demory, for dedicated service and commitment to the citizen of Kittitas County from September 18, 2014, through December 31, 2024. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED

12-3-24

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve the Agenda, as presented.  
Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

## CONSENT AGENDA

At the conclusion of reviewing each item Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Wright seconded.  
Motion carried 3-0.

## MINUTES

| DATE       | MINUTES                                  |
|------------|--|
| 10/7/2024  | 2025 Budget Meeting                      |
| 10/11/2024 | 2025 Budget Meeting (9:00 am)            |
| 10/11/2024 | 2025 Budget Meeting (2 pm)               |
| 10/22/2024 | CDS Study Session (Special Meeting)      |
| 10/22/2024 | HR Study Session                         |
| 10/22/2024 | Chamber CEO - ADO                        |
| 10/23/2024 | Executive Session                        |
| 10/28/2024 | Public Works Study Session               |
| 10/28/2024 | The Ferguson Group                       |
| 11/4/2024  | BoCC Office Admin Meeting                |
| 11/4/2024  | 1/10 <sup>th</sup> of 1% Committee       |
| 11/6/2024  | Sheriff's Study Session                  |
| 11/6/2024  | Public Hearing - Annual Comp Plan Docket |
| 11/11/2024 | Cancelled - BoCC Office Admin Meeting    |
| 11/12/2024 | BoCC Office Admin Meeting                |

## AGREEMENT

## HOPESOURCE - TEMP COLD WEATHER SHELTER

## PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Kittitas County and HopeSource, in the amount of \$178,989.30, for the 2024/2025 Temporary Cold Weather Shelter, beginning September 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

## RESOLUTION 2024-195

## TOWN OF SOUTH CLE ELUM

## SHERIFF

Approve Resolution No. 2024-195, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of South Cle Elum, Washington and Kittitas County Washington for Law Enforcement Services, from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## U.S. IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS

## SHERIFF

Acknowledge a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, to be reimbursed costs incurred when

providing resources to joint operations.

**RESOLUTION 2024-196**

**CITY OF KITTITAS**

**SHERIFF**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-196, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kittitas, Washington and Kittitas County, Washington for the Housing of Inmates, from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027.

**SET APPEAL HEARING**

**DOCKET ITEM 2024-13**

**CDS**

Approve Setting a SEPA Appeal Hearing of the 2024 Kittitas County Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan Docket Item #2024-13, to be held on December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING**

**ANNUAL DOCKET**

**CDS**

Approve Setting a Public Hearing to consider the 2024 Kittitas County Annual Docket of Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments (Docket Items 2024-11 through 2024-13 and reconsideration of Docket Item 2024-08), to be held on December 9, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

**CALL FOR BIDS**

**FURNISH FUEL FOR 2025**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve a Notice of Call for Bids to Furnish Fuel for Calendar Year 2025, to be accepted until December 5, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kittitas County Public Works Department, 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 1, Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

**CALL FOR BIDS**

**STEEL MODULAR BRIDGE**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve a Notice of Call for Bids to Supply a 40' x 16' Steel Modular Bridge, to be accepted until December 5, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kittitas County Public Works Department, 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 1, Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING**

**MARKOVICH ROAD VACATION**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve Setting a Public Hearing to consider a Road Vacation of a portion of Markovich Road Public Right-of-Way, to be held on Tuesday December 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

Approve an Addendum to a Lease Agreement between Kittitas County and Valley Fence, Inc. for land located at Bowers Field within the Industrial Area.

**RESOLUTION 2024-197****VANTAGE HWY PAVING****PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-197, Awarding a Contract for the 2024 Vantage Highway Paving Project (CRP 320-24) to Interstate Concrete & Asphalt dba American Rock Products in the amount of \$2,043,715.00, and to Authorize the County Engineer to Sign the Contract Documents.

**RESOLUTION 2024-198****KC CONSERVATION DISTRICT****PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-198, Authorizing the Chairman's Signature on an Interlocal Agreement between Kittitas County Flood Control Zone District and the Kittitas County Conservation District.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE****CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Wachsmith noted receipt of an email dated November 18, 2024, from Pat Kelleher, who requested his comments be included as part of the Agenda, regarding Stone Road - Yakima River.

Theresa Plue commented on the Cold Weather Shelter contract. She felt the operations should be looked at carefully through this winter, so they can learn about the data and users.

Pat Kelleher said he was an advocate for public recreation in Kittitas County. He asked the Board of County Commissioners to include \$100,000.00 in the Capital Recreation Improvement Budget, to help support the BLM in the Yakima Canyon.

**BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS**

Erin Moore, Deputy Public Health Director, reviewed the recommendations to award funding from the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Tax Advisory Board. Their recommendations to award funding included Community Builders, Comprehensive Healthcare, HopeSource, Kittitas County Friends of Animals, Kittitas County Health Network, Kittitas County Recovery Community Organization, Kittitas County Superior Court, and the Upper Kittitas County Senior Center.

Commissioner Wright moved to fund the following per the Advisory Board's recommendation: Comprehensive Healthcare, HopeSource, Kittitas County Recovery Community Organization, Kittitas County Superior Court, and the

Upper Kittitas County Senior Center. Chairman Wachsmith seconded.  
Motion carried 2-1. Vice-Chairman Osiadacz voted against the motion.

Commissioner Wright moved to send the Kittitas County Friends of Animals and the Kittitas County Health Network back to Staff and to fund the Boys & Girls Club of the Columbia Basin, in the amount of \$250,000.00. Chairman Wachsmith seconded.

Commissioner Wright expressed concerns about the Kittitas County Friends of Animals and lack of eligibility criteria for those using the program. He would like to see some of the language tightened up and adhering to the RCW, regarding the Kittitas County Health Network, and refer it back to Staff. He said the Community Builders are already receiving funding and he'd like to see more on what they are encountering and the outcomes, as well as quantifying the numbers.

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz said she opposed not funding the Community Builders. She felt the committee did a great job of reviewing all the requests and was in favor of funding what they recommended. She said Dr. Larson has already indicated how there's a lack of resources for youth in the Upper County, and turning away high school youth was a bad idea. Motion failed 1-2.

Chairman Wachsmith moved to fund the requests from Community Builders in the amount of \$416,003.62, Kittitas County Friends of Animals in the amount of \$60,000.00, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Columbia Basin, in the amount of \$306,988.00. Vice-Chairman Osiadacz seconded.

Chairman Wachsmith said the Community Builders are a valuable resource in the Upper County for youth, and they scored the third highest from the Committee's recommendations. He said the Boys & Girls Club was a huge focus and how the Kittitas County Friends of Animals came back with good proposals. Commissioner Wright said he'd support the Kittitas County Friends of Animals proposal, but would still like clarification on the eligibility requirements. He said he didn't want to cut the Community Builders, but would like to see correlating data, even if it's relating to behavior issues in school, crime, etc.

Motion approved 3-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE**


**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 10:51 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD

  
Julie Kjorsvik

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman