

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

**TUESDAY**

**10:00 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 3, 2024**

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Ben Kokjer, Chief Deputy; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Jeremy Reynolds, Law Enforcement Systems Administrator; Chad Bala, CDS Director; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Kylee Wuesthoff, Finance Officer; Jesse Cox, Environmental Health Manager; and approximately 22 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**

**CLE ELUM-ROSLYN CROSS COUNTRY**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz moved to approve a Proclamation declaring "Cle Elum-Roslyn High School Boys Cross Country Team State Champions Day" on December 6, 2024, and to request the citizens of Kittitas County to celebrate and honor the team. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS - NONE**

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

## MINUTES

DATE	MINUTES
6/13/2024	Joint City of Ellensburg/County Special Meeting
10/23/2024	Public Health Study Session
11/5/2024	BoCC Agenda Session
11/12/2024	HR Study Session
11/12/20204	DPW/CDS Study Session
11/13/2024	Joint Meeting Co. Mgmt Team BoCC
11/18/2024	BoCC Office Admin Meeting
11/19/2024	BoCC Agenda Session
11/26/2024	HR Study Session

### SET PUBLIC HEARING

### JOINT BOH/BOCC

### COMMISSIONERS

Approve Setting a joint Public Hearing with the Kittitas County Board of Health and the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners to consider the 2025 Public Health Fee Schedule, be held on Thursday December 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.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.

### RESOLUTION 2024-201

### CITY OF KENNEWICK

### TREASURER

Approve Resolution No. 2024-201, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kennewick and Kittitas County, Washington, for Contracted Banking Services, through September 1, 2027.

### AGREEMENT

### ACCURATE ELECTRIC UNLIMITED INC.

### SHERIFF

Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Kittitas County and Accurate Electric Unlimited, Inc. in the amount of \$54,605.50, to install new cameras at the Kittitas County Public Works Building.

### RESOLUTION 2024-202

### WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

### SHERIFF

Approve Resolution No. 2024-202, Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office and the Washington Traffic

Safety Commission, in the amount of \$30,000.00, to provide overtime funding for high visibility enforcement, traffic safety emphasis patrols, and related activities in support of Target Zero priorities, from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

**AGREEMENT**

**CITY OF CLE ELUM - SKATE PARK**

**AUDITOR**

Approve a Kittitas County American Rescue Plan Grant Agreement with the City of Cle Elum, in the amount of \$170,000.00, for the City Park/Skate Park Facility, to be completed by December 31, 2026.

**CONTRACT**

**KITTITAS VALLEY EVENT CENTER**

**AUDITOR**

Approve Contract LT-2024-001, Kittitas Valley Event Center - Internal Operations Grant Funding, in the amount of \$200,000.00, for activities and expenditures designed to promote tourism.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING**

**TAX LEVY RATES**

**AUDITOR**

Approve Setting a Public Hearing to consider possible Tax Increases for the Tax Levy Rates and Amounts for the Taxes Levied in 2024 and to be Collected in 2025 for the General Fund, County Road Fund, and Flood Control District, 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.

**LEASE**

**ADDENDUM - CHRIS PRATZ - LOT H-36**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve an Addendum to a Lease Agreement between Kittitas County and Chris Pratz, for Lot H-36, within the Aeronautical Area of Bowers Field.

**LEASE**

**ADDENDUM - CHRIS PRATZ - LOT H-37**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve an Addendum to a Lease Agreement between Kittitas County and Chris Pratz, for Lot H-37, within the Aeronautical Area of Bowers Field.

**RESOLUTION 2024-203**

**DEPT OF ECOLOGY FUNDING**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-203, Authorizing the Public Works Water Resource Manager to Accept Funding from the Washington State Department of Ecology and Sign Funding Agreement No. WRYBIP-KiCPWD-00058.

**RESOLUTION 2024-204**

**CERTIFYING TAXES LEVIED**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Approve Resolution No. 2024-204, Certifying to the County Assessor the Respective Amounts of Taxes Levied for Each Taxing District.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE**

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

**BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS - NONE**

**MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:27 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess into Executive Session with Arden Thomas, Water Resources Program Manager; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; and Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; for 5 minutes, under RCW 42.30.110(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased prices. Action was anticipated.

At 10:32 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

At 10:32 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session with Arden Thomas, Water Resources Program Manager; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; and Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; for 5 minutes, under RCW 42.30.110(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased prices. Action was anticipated.

At 10:37 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session.

Vice-Chairman Osiadacz oved to authorize the Chairman's signature on a Trust Water Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement between Kittitas County and the Browns. Commissioner Wright seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

At 10:38 a.m. Chairman Wachsmith announced the Board would recess back into Executive Session for 5 minutes with Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW 42.30.110 (g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action was anticipated.

At 10:43 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting concluded at 10:43 a.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
Julie Rjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
Brett Wachsmith, Chairman