

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

January 27, 2025

Board members present: Vice-Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Sally Kraft, Public Works; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

At 1:30PM Vice-Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments

2024 KITTITAS COUNTY AIRPORT ANNUAL REPORT

The Airport Advisory Committee (AAC) charter adopted December 21, 2020 requires an annual report be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Josh Fredrickson provided the Board of County Commissioners with accomplishments for 2024 and an update on long-range goals of economic development and growth. The AAC and staff collaborated to develop an improved T-hangar waitlist policy. In the fourth quarter, the FAA rescinded their previously issued approval to remove the crosswind runway. This has impacted the design of the parallel taxiway project. Staff continues to work with the FAA on the process to remove the crosswind runway.

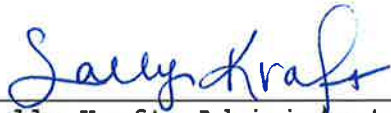
PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT AWARDS

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on three projects that the Conference of Governments (COG) has motioned to support through funds from Kittitas County Distressed County Sales and Use Tax (.09 funds). These funds are for the purpose of supporting economic growth and financing public infrastructure. The projects are two specific infrastructure projects, one for Town of South Cle Elum and one for City Kittitas, and the third is for ongoing support of the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. Town of South Cle Elum water main design in the amount of up to one (1) million dollars. City of Kittitas sanitary sewer design in the amount of one (1) point one (1) million dollars. Chamber of Commerce funding in the amount of one-hundred-eighty (180) thousand dollars. Funding is available in the Public Facilities Fun (Fund 108). The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to bring forth enabling documents for consideration at an upcoming Agenda.

**POTENTIAL ELLENSBURG WATER COMPANY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

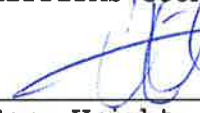
Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed interlocal agreement with Ellensburg Water Company (EWC). The EWC has an agreement with D.R. Horton to address the sedimentation caused by Whiskey Creek floodwaters entering the canal. This agreement ends in March 2025. Because the Whiskey Creek siphon project is not completed, the Bender Road flow restrictor will still be in place. The EWC will likely need to remove sediment from the canal this year. Kittitas County Public Works is proposing to reimburse the EWC for their sediment removal cost over a two-year period. This cost is expected to be about \$4,000 per year and would come out of the fund reserve. Board of County Commissioners directed Staff to bring forth enabling documents for consideration at a future Agenda.

Meeting concluded at 1:57PM



Sally Kraft, Administrative
Assistant

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Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman