

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

1:30 P.M.

MARCH 31, 2025

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Bryan Elliott, Auditor; Zack Dehaven, Budget & Finance Director; Andrew Yoder, Assistant Finance Director; Kylee Wuesthoff, Finance Officer; Amy Cziske, Treasurer and one member of the public.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Letter acknowledged by Chairman Osiadacz from Pat Kelleher on 3/28/2025 @ 10:24 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING

BUDGET PRIORITIES

COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 a.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting to discuss & review the 2026 strategic budget priorities.

The Auditor's office provided a recap of the last Special Meeting on March 17, 2025. They reviewed the 2026 budget timeline and proposed process; budget development and the rules of engagement; potential solutions and next steps; fund balance forecast; 2022, 2023 audited budget and 2024 projected; REET 1 vs REET 2; REET 1 revenue & expense review; discussion about sweeping interest to the General Fund; REET 2 split for 2025; discussion on vacancies frozen or eliminated and the difference long term; review of vacancy history of positions at the County.

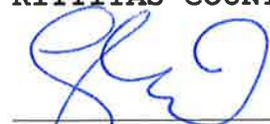
The Board provided direction of things they would like the Auditor's office to work on & develop including a zero-deficit budget; pro forma model; personnel; zero-based budget; facilities planning and to develop a policy for fund balance guidelines.

The meeting was concluded at 2:29 p.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman