

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

June 9, 2025

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Reid Burbank, Sally Kraft, Public Works; Stephanie Hartung, Patricia Todd, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Zack DeHaven, Auditor's Office; 1 member of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pat Kelleher submitted comments via email regarding the intersection of No. 6 Road and Kittitas Highway. He requested that the Public Right-of-Way be cleared of any obstruction.

Pat Kelleher submitted comments via email regarding the budget shortfall and the County's partnership with the Grant County PUD, specifically the maintenance of the Vantage Boat Launch facilities.

Pat Kelleher shared that Desert Aire is a good example of working successfully with Grant County PUD.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 DISTRESSED COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KITTITAS.

Josh Fredrickson presented the agreement and associated request for \$1,100,000.00 for the preliminary design of the South Industrial Area Lift Station for the City of Kittitas. This was approved by the Conference of Governments in January 2025 for use of available distressed county sales and use tax. This project will expand sanitary sewer to the south area of the City of Kittitas to help unlock further economic development. Vice-Chairman Cory Wright motioned to approve Resolution 2025-117 and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Resolution 2025-117 approved.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH GRANT COUNTY PUD NO.2 FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 1, 2025 TO JUNE 1, 2026.

Josh Fredrickson presented the cooperative agreement to extend the Kittitas County's partnership with Grant County Public Utility District No. 2 serving patrons of the Vantage Boat Ramp. Vice-

APPROVED
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Chairman Cory Wright noted that Appendix A was not included with The Land Use Cooperative Agreement as stated on page 2. The Board of County Commissioners requested to review Appendix A and continue the discussion of this Resolution at an upcoming meeting.

FIRE DISTRICT 3 HELIPAD - SURVEY UPDATE

Josh Fredrickson requested direction regarding the completed land survey of the Fire District 3 parcel in Easton. Josh Fredrickson noted the 4 - 8 feet overlap in the boundary line, between the Fire District 3 and the Railroad. Pursuing Quiet Title action is a viable option to clean up the discrepancy and establish a clear boundary. Once the title gets cleared up, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to move forward with the project.

WATER DISTRICT 6 (VANTAGE) SANITARY SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Josh Fredrickson updated the Board of County Commissioners about a development proposal for a large resort hotel in Vantage and the impact this will have on the current wastewater system. The wastewater facility is owned and operated by Water District 6. Josh Fredrickson shared the need for an assessment of the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. A request for funding had been presented to the Conference Of Government (COG). This request was supported by COG. It was proposed to solicit consulting services through an Request For Proposals (RFP), funding would be utilizing 2025 Fund 108 (Distressed County Sales and Use Tax). Josh Fredrickson requested authorization to create enabling documents to solicit for an RFP and use the Distressed County Sales and Use Tax for this project. Vice-Chair Cory Wright clarified that while we are providing support it is up to the District to manage the outcome. The Board of County Commissioners directed staff to prepare enabling documents.

NO. 6 ROAD AND KITTITAS HWY INTERSECTION STUDY UPDATE

Josh Fredrickson provided an update on the Kittitas Highway and No. 6 intersection. Josh reviewed the improvements that have been implemented over the last few years to help mitigate crashes and speed at the intersection. The County has contacted the resident who lives on the corner with the white fence regarding the removal of the fence from the road right-of-way. Additional mitigation measures are also being considered. This intersection has been included in the 2025 safety plan for Highway Safety Improvement Plan funding (HSIP) and awards will be announced in the fall. Vice-Chair Cory Wright requested more "active" solutions. Chair Laura Osiadacz asked what time of day the crashes occurred, Josh Fredrickson shared that most crashes were during the day. Chair Laura Osiadacz also asked about utilizing rumble strips, Josh Fredrickson shared that this was done in the past and the rumble strips were eventually filled in. Vice-Chair Cory Wright requested cost estimates for changing the stop sign and adding paint marks to the road. Josh Fredrickson will prepare the estimates and bring forward these costs to the June 23, 2025 Study Session.

At 1:57 the Board of County Commissioners announced that they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Josh Fredrickson, Reid Burbank, Zack DeHaven, Patricia Todd, and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110 (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. No action taken.

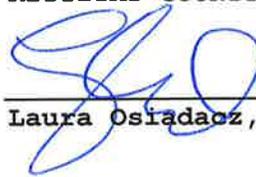
At 2:07 the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session.

Meeting concluded at 2:07 PM.



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Laura Osiodacz, Chairman