

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

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

JULY 14, 2025

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Zack DeHaven, Budget & Finance Director and 8 members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Osiadacz opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Candice Comfort, voiced her support for the recent recommendations made by the County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC). She spoke to the unkept facilities that the City of Ellensburg is responsible for. She stated that they need a sustainability plan and when they maintain what we have now, then they should be considered for funds towards new facilities.

Julie Ann Clemons, stated that she was appalled by the City of Ellensburg Council comments on July 7th regarding the City Pool. She stated that she appreciates the decisions that the County LTAC made and echo's Candice's comments. She said the City needs to get it together.

Jennifer Patterson, explained that the City of Ellensburg is not making an effort to seek funding from other agencies and before they throw a fit about the County LTAC recommendation, they should try and exhaust all other options for funding. She felt LTAC made the right call.

Issac Comfort, stated that the City of Ellensburg needs to take care of the pool, and you don't get more responsibilities when you can't care of the ones you already have.

Chairman Osiadacz stated that the Board received an email of comments from Joylyn Schneider, which supported the County LTAC recommendations.

AGREEMENT

BUGS AND FLIES INC.

AUDITOR

APPROVED
8/5/2025

Vice-Chairman Wright moved to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Bugs and Flies to provide Apple Maggot Spraying Services from July 14, 2025 through October 31, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. Chairman Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

UPDATE

LTAC RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Osiadacz gave an update on the Kittitas County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) meeting held on July 9, 2025. She reviewed the makeup of the Committee and stated there was 10 million dollars to award. She reviewed the projects received and the amounts applied for. Jessica Karraker, LTAC Member reviewed the reasons why the applications were or were not supported. She stated the applications that received funding were shovel-ready projects and they had concrete plans. She explained that it was really difficult to not support the City of Ellensburg's request. She stated that the applications were all listed with a completion date by 2026. There was some discussion around if the application came back in the future they could potentially support it with changes.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action Forms and Vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending July 11, 2025.

UPDATE

WHITE BOARD

COMMISSIONERS

The Board reviewed their current whiteboard topics and provided status updates.

DISCUSSION

COUNTY FACEBOOK

COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined that for the week of July 14, 2025, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Public Health Department Press Release asking residents to complete a survey to help shape the expansion of Kittitas County Veterans Services; Clay Myers 40 years of service award; Chip Seal Schedule.

UPDATE

BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis for the year. The assignments for 2025 were determined at the Board of County Commissioners Office Admin meeting earlier on and they will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES

Chairman Osiadacz gave a brief review of the Large Capital Lodging Tax Grants received.

Meeting concluded at 9:35 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Mandy Buchholz

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman