

**KITTITAS COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AND MAINTENANCE MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting**

TUESDAY	2:00 PM	August 12, 2025
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice- Chairman Cory Wright (Absent), and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith

Others: Patti Stacey, Lisa Lawrence, Cody Cupp and Jeanne Killgore (Out at 2:30 p.m.)

Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.

Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit) None

Solid Waste Updates: Patti informed the Board that she is working on the new Transfer Station Project with the change orders below. Patti informed the Board that she is rejecting the quality of 314 yards of concrete on the recent pour of a portion of the tip floor. Discussion was held on ECP and that they have had their engineers on site. Further discussion included ECP's cement supplier and the assumption that there was too much lime in the mix.

Patti informed the Board that she is still waiting on the money due from Public Works for the purchase of Water Rights at the new Transfer Station property, letting them know that is why she hasn't started the new entrance to Cle Elum Transfer Station Project.

Grinder Replacement – Discussion: Patti informed the Board that she has applied for a Federal EPA Grant for the purchase of a new electric grinder with solar power capabilities. Patti let the Board know that the application has made it to the final round and that she should hear in December if it is awarded. Discussion was held on the \$600,000.00 purchase cost along with an approximately \$70,000.00 trade in value of the current grinder. Further discussion included timeframes and the long lead time once the machine is ordered, since it is not an in-stock item and has to be built. Board approved working with Manufacturer to get machine manufacturing started.

Request Board Approval of Change Order No. 8 for New Transfer Station: Discussion was held on Change order No. 8 increase to the contract in the amount of \$104,401.24 due to design issues. Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve, Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Discussion was held on going after the Engineer to re-coup funds. Motion passed 2-0.

Request Board Approval of Change Order No. 9 for New Transfer Station: Discussion was held on Change order No. 9. Patti informed the Board the Staff Report was wrong as she found an error saving some money with an increase to the contract in the amount of \$127,737.00 rather than \$131,198.00. Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve, Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

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Facilities Updates: Cody gave the Board an update on the Jail kitchen leak and repairs. Discussion was held on the Jail siding repair project and the cost of the jail detention hardware. Further discussion included the original Jail build design issues.

Staffing Discussion/Decision: Patti presented the Board with a Staff Report requesting to hire a Project Manager for the Maintenance Department. Discussion was held on the projects currently on the books and the need for additional staff to manage them.

At 2:23 p.m. Chairman Osiadacz announced the Board would recess into executive Session for 5 minutes with no action anticipated. Per RCW 42.30.110 (d) To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. At 2:28 p.m. the Board reconvened from Executive Session, no action was taken.

Further discussion took place on the need and cost of a project manager position. The Board supported the position and directed staff to move forward with a Project Manager Position.

Discussion on Moving Probation to Courthouse: Patti informed the Board that she needed to budget for the remodel. Discussion was held on what the reception area in the hallway would look like. The Board directed staff to provide costs and move forward with moving Probation to the Courthouse.

Other Business – No Action to be taken

Patti informed the Board that she would be bringing a call for bid notification to their Voucher session on Thursday. A brief discussion was held on the upcoming public hearing for a rate increase to the Solid Waste Fee Schedule. Discussion was held on the new hires in maintenance and the posting of the Maintenance Tech position.

Concluded at 2:43 p.m.



Lisa Lawrence

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman