

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

August 25, 2025

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

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Lisa Godden, Public Works; Kelle Vanderberg, City of Ellensburg; Amy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce; and Rob Ogburn, Central Washington University.

At 1:31PM Chairman Laura Osiadacz opened the Public Works Study Session.

NO CITIZEN COMMENTS

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FEDERAL AVIATION
ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE HANGAR
TAXILANE COMPLEX PROJECT**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners of the grant offered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Hangar Taxilane Complex Project which is one of the projects listed in the Airport Layout Plan. The FAA grant offer is 95% of the full design or \$183,986.00. The local match is 5% or \$9,683.00, which is budgeted within Airport Fund 101. Josh Frederickson requested approval of the resolution to accept funding from the FAA for the Hangar Taxilane Complex.

Vice Chairman Cory Wright moved to approve Resolution 2025-147 and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Resolution 2025-147 approved.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTERIM ACTING COUNTY
ENGINEER, NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the need for an interim County Engineer due to the current Engineer's departure effective 8/29/2025. The Board of County Commissioners has the authority and requirement to employ a County Engineer. Josh Frederickson stated that he has been working with HR, and the position has been posted. Josh Fredrickson requested to be appointed as the interim County Engineer as he had served as County Engineer prior to being appointed as Public Works Director and has maintained those qualifications.

08/25/25 MINUTES

APPROVED
9/16/25

Josh Frederickson requested approval of a resolution to designate Public Works Director as interim County Engineer

Vice Chairman Cory Wright moved to approve Resolution 2025-148 and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Resolution 2025-148 approved.

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Josh Frederickson gave an update of (COG) Conference of Governments. He stated that as a part of COG, there is a work program related to infrastructure and promoting economic development comprised of member agencies from all municipalities, incorporated municipalities within Kittitas County, and other representatives from Kittitas County. Josh Fredrickson continued that partnership for framework collaboration for economic development has been developed from the County, Cities within Kittitas County, Central Washington University and the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce. Josh Frederickson gave an overview of the implementation of an Executive Director, overseen by COG, to drive economic development. Josh Fredrickson added that in a recent COG meeting held on 8/20/25 an interlocal was discussed and presented to members of COG. Josh Fredrickson stated that members of COG were asked that it be taken back to their City Counsels for review and discussion.

Josh Frederickson then introduced Rob Ogburn of CWU, BCS (Business Community Services), to share informational analytical data regarding economic challenges. Discussion was held.

FEMA MAP CHANGES - YAKIMA RIVER EASTON REACH

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of Commissioners on flood risk assessments in the Yakima River Easton Reach. Arden Thomas stated that Public Works has submitted the required updated technical information to FEMA and is expecting FEMA to issue a map change based on this new technical information. Arden Thomas recommended that a mailing be sent out to all property owners in the affected area regarding the updated information. Arden Thomas gave an overview to the board of the appeal processes should there be an appeal to the updated map change.

Arden Thomas requested direction on providing the mailing to the owners in the affected areas and advised that FEMA will post the information in the newspaper when they finalize a map change. Direction was given to draft and send out a mailing to the affected area property owners.

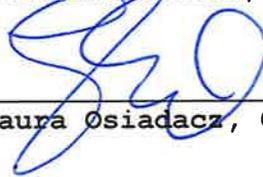
No other business.

Meeting concluded at 2:18 PM

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Godden, Administrative
Assistant



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman