

KITTITAS COUNTY
FINANCE STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
BOCC AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG

THURSDAY	1:30PM	OCTOBER 16, 2025
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner Cory Wright & Commissioner Brett Wachsmith

Staff Present: Zack DeHaven, Bryan Elliott, Andrew Yoder, Sue Patterson
Sarah Keith, Katrina Mankus, Kari Elkins, Paul Sander, Jeanne Killgore,
Eileen Murphy, Amy Cziske, Lisa Murray, Greg Zempel, Nancy Shaff,
Josh Fredrickson, Reid Burbank

- 1. Call to Order: 1:30PM**
- 2. Citizen Comments – Pat Kelleher sends public comment in via email**

Chairman
Stop digging.
BOCC approved pay increases
Revenues are flat
Expenses increased \$4 million
Payroll is the major cost to general fund.
Freeze new hire
Freeze non-essential replacement hires.
You put yourself in the model of higher wages now you must live within your budget like every other household.
revenues=what you can expense
Regards
Pat Kelleher

3. Budget Family Overview (Discussion)

Zack DeHaven states the deficit at 2.86MM. **A decrease is needed, and the Board of County Commissioners would collectively like to see a 2% decrease across all families.**

4. Interest Earning Non-Staffed County Funds (Discussion/Decision)

Zack DeHaven recommends sweeping the interest earnings from non-staffed county funds into the General Fund. This change will help with the current financial pressure of the General Fund.
Board of County Commissioners Approve. Resolution to follow

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5. Personnel Requests Overview (Discussion/Decision)

Andrew Yoder presents the personnel requests, reclassifications as well as overlaps for succession purposes for 2026. Commissioner Wachsmith is in favor of the Auditor and Solid Waste/Facility Maintenance overlap. Decisions will be made on Monday, Oct 20th at 10:30am.

6. Vacant Position Update (Discussion)

Andrew Yoder from the Auditors' office in the Finance Department has compiled a list of vacant positions and their impact on the 2026 budget. Discussion was had and a decision will be made on Monday, Oct 20th at 10:30am.

7. Capital Project Requests

Departments have submitted their Capital Project request for the 2026 budget year.

Sheriff's request

Generator for \$100,000 will come from REET funding.

Commission Cory Wright asked if it was possible to share the Public Works Tractor with the Event Center to delete the need for a new tractor.

Other Project request will be pushed to the Monay Oct 20th meeting at 10:30am.

8. REET Update- Resolution for Grandstands Commitment (Discussion/Decision)

Zack DeHaven request approval for REET funding for the Grandstands Commitment.

Resolution authorizing up to \$6 Million in funding to be allocated from County REET revenues over the next 10 years.

Commissioner Cory Wright made a motion to approve the resolution presented and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion and the motion passed.

9. Other Business

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110(G): To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action, hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public.

The Board entered executive session at 2:15 PM to discuss the performance of a public employee for an anticipated length of 10 minutes. Anticipated action: none. The Board exited executive session at 2:25 PM with no action taken.

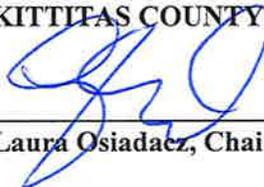
Meeting adjourned at 2:25PM

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Sue Patterson

Accountant Assistant III



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman