

KITTITAS COUNTY
2026 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
BOCC AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG

MONDAY	10:30AM	OCTOBER 20, 2025
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Board members present: Commissioner Cory Wright & Commissioner Brett Wachsmith

Staff Present: Zack DeHaven, Bryan Elliott, Andrew Yoder, Sue Patterson
Sarah Keith, Katrina Mankus, Maria Rios, Eileen Murphy, Amy Cziske
Lisa Murray, Greg Zempel, Nancy Shaff, Clay Myers, Steve Panattoni,
Chris Whitsett, Stephanie Hartung, Chad Bala, Todd Davis, Cody Cupp,
Reid Burbank

- 1. Call to Order: 10:00AM**
- 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. Discussion/Decision-Personnel Requests**

Discussion/Decision-Proposed Project

Discussion/Decision-Vacant Positions

Zack DeHaven presents the **Personnel Requests** that are a one-time request for overlapping retired administrator for the Auditors office and the retirement for the Facility/Solid Waste Director. **Both Requests Approved by the Board.**

The Current Personnel Request that are reclassification of current staff is Denied by the Board.

APPROVED
11/4/25

The additional positions for Prosecutor will not be approved until a signed contract with the City of Ellensburg is presented.

It was discussed that the two additional positions in Public Defense department will remain unfilled until the department determines readiness to proceed next year.

Project Request:

Sheriff Generator is Approved with REET funding

Sheriff Police Dog is Approved with \$35K proposed donations.

IT HVAC Replacement- \$35K Approved with REET funding

Probation Security Window- \$30K Approved with REET funding

Upper District Court- HVAC Replacement- \$75K Approved with REET funding

Event Center- Barn Electrical Upgrade \$50K Approved with REET funding

Vacant Positions: No Action Taken. No Hiring Freeze

4. Other Business- None

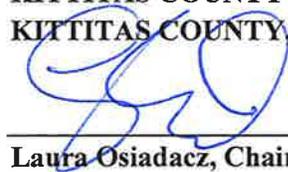
Meeting adjourned at 10:53AM



Sue Patterson

Accountant Assistant III

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman