

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

THURSDAY	10:30AM	OCTOBER 23, 2025
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Board members present: Commissioner Cory Wright & Commissioner Brett Wachsmith

Staff Present: Zack DeHaven, Bryan Elliott, Andrew Yoder, Sue Patterson
 Lisa Murray, Josh Fredrickson, Reid Burbank

Others: Pat Kelleher

1. Call to Order: 10:30AM

2. Citizen Comments – Pat Kelleher

Pat Kelleher states that Recreations need more Capital Projects and is disappointed that Recreation is not funded.

3. Request to Approve a Resolution Declaring the County’s Official Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures from Proceeds of a Future Borrowing.

Commissioner Brett Wachsmith makes a motion to approve Resolution 2025-210. Commissioner Cory Wright seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4. 2026 Preliminary Budget Meeting with Public Works:

Zack DeHaven discusses the Special Revenue Funds of Public Works. County Broadband and County Road are the biggest expenses. Josh Fredrickson presents the proposed budget to the Board and provides a fund-level overview.

Airport 101- Mostly Grant funded by FAA and Washington State Department of Transportation. The airport generates revenue through leases, rentals, and state and federal grants. The Public Works Director serves as Airport Manager, supported by staff for maintenance and operations. A property transfer with Central Washington University and the City of Ellensburg is in progress. Grant funding will support design of a new taxilane and create additional hangar lease lots.

County Road Fund 106- Road, Bridges, Snow Plowing and Chip Sealing are among top responsibilities. Not enough grant funding is available as in past years and the focus has been placed on maintenance of existing infrastructure as well as reevaluation of the 6-year plan. Josh Fredrickson explains how they have had to contract out for Striping of the road because it is more cost effective.

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Flood Fund 107- Revenue Sources are Property Tax, State Grants and Permit Fees. Capital expenses are anticipated for many projects. Fund reserve will be needed for critical facility compliance efforts currently expected to be constructed after 20026

Public Facilities Fund 108- Revenues come from Tax and Interest. Expenses are from the operating cost. It was noted that COG funding may be available for this fund.

Parks and Recreation Fund 113- Revenue sources are REET II. The proposed budget accounts for maintenance activities of existing facilities as well as Capital Improvements Capital Projects include Maintenance and Operations of Vantage Boat Launch Restrooms, Gladmar Park, Ryan Thompson Park and Manastash Trail Head parking

Water Mitigation Fund 403- The Water Mitigation and Water Metering programs that protect the county's water supply and groundwater users. Funding comes from mitigation and metering fees as well as grants. The 2026 budget includes programming for the purchase of additional water rights, a grant-funded vulnerability assessment, and professional services to support ongoing departmental work.

ER&R Fund 501- Public Works presented the 2026 Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund budget, which manages the purchase, maintenance, and repair of county equipment and materials. The fund is supported through equipment rental rates and material sales, with 2026 plans including replacement of existing equipment.

County Broadband Fund 305- Public Works presented the 2026 County Broadband Fund budget, which uses state and federal grant funding to expand broadband access in Kittitas County. Construction for the first project is expected in 2025, with additional projects in 2026, including funding through the BEAD program.

5. Other Business: None

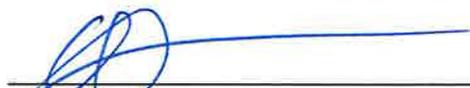
Meeting adjourned at 11:16AM



Sue Patterson

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Cory Wright, Commissioner