

**KITTITAS COUNTY**  
**2026 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOCC AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5<sup>TH</sup> ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15, 2025</b>
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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  
Karen Bowen, Sarah Keith, Kara La Sarge, Katrina Mankus, Kari Elkins,  
Maria Rios, Pat Gigstead, Eileen Murphy, Tasha Potter, Patti Stacey, Lisa  
Murray, Jodi Hammond, Elishia Harvill, Greg Zempel, Nancy Shaff,

**1. Call to Order: 10:00AM**

**2. Citizen Comments – None**

**3. Request to Approve a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Rodeo Arena Seating Improvement Project:**

Patti Stacey request to Approve a Resolution Awarding the Bid to Cascade Central.

**Commissioner Wright makes a motion to approve the Resolution awarding the Bid for the Rodeo Arena Seating Improvement Project. Commissioner Wachsmith seconds the motion and the motion passes.**

**4. 2026 Preliminary Budget Meeting with (CJPS) Criminal Justice Public Safety**

Zack DeHaven discusses the Criminal Justice Public Safety group as a family. Starting with:

**Clerk – No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- Tentative Approval**

**Superior Court- No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- Tentative Approval**

**Juvenile Probation- No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- Tentative Approval**

**Lower District Court- No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- Tentative Approval**

**Coroner- No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- Tentative Approval**

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**Prosecutor- Excluding Civil- 6 Personnel Change Request and No Capital Expenditure Request-**

Prosecutor Greg Zempel discusses the fact that Victim Witness funds are not receiving funding from the Federal or State at the same levels they have in years past. 2 of the requests (DPA and LA) are contingent on a contract with the City of Ellensburg to cover a significant portion of the salary expense. The other 4 personnel positions that are being requested are reclassifications and are a returning ask from the previous year.

Eileen Murphy expresses concerns that if the Prosecutor staff gets reclassification her staff should be reclassified at a higher wage as well.

Zack DeHaven suggests that they re-purpose the Public Health meeting on October 20, 2025, at 10:30 to discuss personnel change requests. Board of County Commissioners agree to Monday's meeting

**Upper District Court-** No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- **Tentative Approval**

**Behavioral Health-** No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- **Tentative Approval**

**Misdemeanant Probation-** No personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- **Tentative Approval**

**Public Defense-** 2 personnel changes and No Capital Expenditure Request- **Tentative Approval**

Commissioner Wachsmith would like to see a 5% reduction on the total expense budget.

**5. Other Business- None**

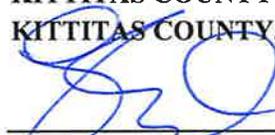
**Meeting adjourned at 10:59AM**



Sue Patterson

**Accountant Assistant III**

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KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman