

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITTTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
AUDITORIUM  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY**

**10:30 A.M.**

**DECEMBER 1, 2025**

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Cory Wright & Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Zack DeHaven, Budget & Finance Director; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; Reid Burbank, Finance Manager; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Bryan Elliott, Auditor; and 1 member of the public.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Pat Kelleher encouraged people to read the book "People, Politics, and Public Power". He felt the county should focus on core county functions that truly serve the public interest.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**AUDITOR**

At 10:30 a.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the 2025 adopted County budget.

**ZACK DeHAVEN, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR,** reviewed a Staff Report and proposed 2025 budget amendments.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: PAT KELLEHER** expressed his appreciation to Zack DeHaven for his extra efforts in providing information to assist the public with understanding the budget process. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-234**

**2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution 2025-234, Amending the 2025 County Budget. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2026 BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

At 10:37 a.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the 2026 County budget.

**ZACK DeHAVEN, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR,** reviewed a Staff Report and acknowledged the long process and hard work that went into the proposed budget for 2026.

**APPROVED**  
12/16/25

**THERE BEING NO ONE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-235**

**2026 BUDGET**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-235, Adopting the Budget for Kittitas County for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TAX LEVY RATES**

**AUDITOR**

At 10:46 a.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider possible Tax increases for the Tax Levy Rates and amount for the Taxes Levied in 2025 to be collected in 2026, for the County General Fund, County Road Fund, and County Flood Control District.

**ZACK DeHAVEN, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR,** reviewed a Staff Report and statutory requirements to set and certify the tax levy for real property to be collected in 2026.

**THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: PAT KELLEHER** spoke about the 1% levy lift and how it's good to talk about inflation. He felt the County has an expense problem, not a revenue problem, and encouraged the Board to send a flag to employees and property tax owners that they'll hold the line. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

**RESOLUTION 2025-236**

**GENERAL FUND LEVY**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-236, Certifying the General Fund Levy for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2025-237**

**GENERAL FUND LEVY**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-237, Levying Taxes for the General Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2025-238**

**COUNTY ROAD FUND**

**AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-238, Certifying the Levy for the County Road Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the

Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2025-239                      COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DIST.                      AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-239, Certifying the Levy for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2025-240                      COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DIST.                      AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-240, Levying Taxes for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION 2025-241                      COUNTY ROAD FUND                      AUDITOR**

**VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** moved to approve Resolution No. 2025-241, Levying Taxes for the County Road Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2026 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2025. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 11:06 a.m.

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

  
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Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman