

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 16, 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; Kasey Knutson, Human Services Manager; Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health Director; Laurie Holt, Developmental Disabilities Specialist; Audelia Martinez, Health Promotion Manager; Cambron Walker, Health Promotion Specialist II; Whitney Wheelock, Medical Assistant; Kate Johnson, Communicable Disease Manager; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; and approximately 10 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

5-YEAR HOMELESS HOUSING PLAN

PUBLIC HEALTH

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN OSIADACZ** opened a Public Hearing to consider adopting the 2025-2030 Local Homeless Housing Plan for Kittitas County.

KASEY KNUTSON, HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER, reviewed a Staff Report and said the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee recommended the final version of the plan back in October. The Washington State Department of Commerce requires public notice, participation, plan components and reporting, and stakeholder engagement. As of this date everything's been satisfied and all they need to do is wait an additional 30 days before officially adopting the plan.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: JOAN NESLEND said a lot of the plan was done with a lot of thought and was a coordinated approach to help those who are homeless in our County. She was proud of it and believed it would be successful. **STEPHANIE BOHMAN, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**, thanked the County for putting the plan together as it will assist with more affordable home ownership since a large part of our population is not able to be in home equity due to rising price of homes. **JESSICA KARRAKER** felt the plan was good, but HopeSource being one of the largest benefactors, she was concerned there's no third party to look at how the funds are being spent. She thought it's a conflict of interest to have someone be a committee member and be a recipient of the funds. **THERESA PLUE** said she has friends living off the streets who are trying to figure out available resources and said there'd be a benefit to be able to sit in with the HopeSource counselors. She agreed a third-party review should be put into place and hoped HopeSource wasn't the only one benefiting so much financially. **SARAH NORTON** explained how she's

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read the plan and that HopeSource is a type of government biocracy.
**THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF
THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

VICE-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT moved to instruct Staff to bring the 5-Year plan forward to the Commissioners Agenda Session on January 20, 2026, for possible adoption. **COMMISSIONER WACHSMITH** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was concluded at 2:15 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman