

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
REGULAR MEETING**

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 5, 2026

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Chad Bala, CDS Director; Jamey Ayling, Planning Official; and two members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Osiadacz opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Karraker, LTAC Member, spoke regarding the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) language on a large check and the discussions that the LTAC had regarding it.

CALENDAR

WEEK AT A GLANCE

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed their weekly calendar.

PAF/VOUCHERS

REVIEW OF PAF'S & VOUCHERS

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners approved and signed County Employee Personnel Action Forms and Vouchers.

CORRESPONDENCE LOG

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE LOG

COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the weekly Correspondence Log, a listing of all incoming mail and correspondence for the week ending January 2, 2026.

DISCUSSION

LTAC CHECK LANGUAGE

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz explained that she met with the LTAC following the Board meeting at which the LTAC check language was discussed. She provided a brief summary of the intent behind the check and stated that, since Commissioner Wright had provided feedback on this action item during the December 22, 2025 Office Admin Meeting, but was unable to be in person to speak to it, the matter was brought back to allow him to share his concerns. Commissioner Osiadacz noted

that she believes there has been some confusion surrounding the intent of the check and felt that following today's discussion, the Board could move forward.

The Board discussed what Commissioners Wright and Wachsmith were comfortable with regarding any type of celebration and the appropriate timing of any celebrations, such as a ribbon cutting or groundbreaking ceremony. Commissioner Wright stressed that he did not feel any celebration should occur until projects are fully completed. Additional discussion took place regarding the types of community outreach the Board would be comfortable supporting.

Jessica Karraker, LTAC Member, stated that the committee's intent is simply to celebrate the projects that have been awarded funding and noted that if the check itself is the issue, it could be eliminated.

The Board requested that Amy McGuffin, Chamber CEO, draft proposed language for a press release and an outreach plan for review by the LTAC and the Board of County Commissioners, with the intent to implement at a later date.

Ms. Karraker also suggested holding an additional joint meeting between the Board of County Commissioners and the LTAC to review the press release language and to provide a year-end recap of LTAC accomplishments. She requested that Legal be present for the meeting.

The Board agreed to hold a joint meeting to review the press release language developed by the Chamber and to receive a year-end recap from the LTAC.

REAPPOINTMENTS 2026 BOARDS COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS COMMISSIONERS

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, presented and reviewed the 2026 requests for reappointment. She stated that the following members had responded and were seeking reappointment:

Reappointment of Steve Russell, Robert Eddings, Amy Cziske, Jarred Fudacz & Ben Kokjer for a 3-year term to the Kittitas County Fair Board, effective 1/1/2026 and to expire 12/31/2028.

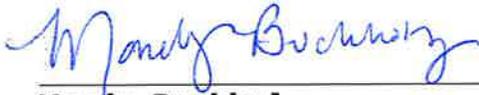
Reappointment of Nicole Gessel to the Kittitas County Board of Equalization for a 3-year term, effective 1/1/2026 and to expire 12/31/2028.

Reappointment of Pamela Tuggle Miles, Doug Fessler, and Dr. Mark Larson to the Kittitas MH & CD Tax Advisory Board for a 3-year term, effective 1/1/2026 and to expire 12/31/2028.

Reappointment of Hope Isitt and Jason Self to the Kittitas County

Meeting concluded at 9:50 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Mandy Buchholz

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Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner