

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
SOLID WASTE AND MAINTENANCE MINUTES  
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG  
Regular Meeting**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>January 13, 2026</b>
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**Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith Vice- Chairman, and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz**

**Others: Patti Stacey, Cody Cupp and Lisa Lawrence**

**Call to Order at 2:00 p.m.**

**Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit) None**

**Request Board Approval and Chair's Signature on Letter to Department of Ecology to Delegate Signatory Authority on Annual Reports to the Solid Waste Director:**

Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve Chair's signature on Letter to Department of Ecology to delegate signatory authority to the Solid Waste Director. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Request Board Approval and Chair's Signature on Change Order #11 and #12 for New Transfer Station:** Discussion was held on the Change Orders presented. Note: Change Order #11 dated October 2025.

Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve Commissioner Osiadacz to sign as Chair on Change Order #11. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve Chair's on Change Order #12. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Solid Waste Updates – Recycling Policies and Procedures:** Patti presented the Board with an update on changes to Recycling which included the fact that we are unable to take Lithium batteries over 13 pounds and that we will be limiting the quantity of oil and antifreeze disposal to 20 gallons per household per day at the new facility. Discussion was held on testing, costs and public education during the transition to the new facility.

**Unsecured Load Update:** Patti updated the Board with the number of unsecured loads processed since the fee was implemented in October. October 304, November 266, December 168 and 87 in January to date. Discussion was held that the fees collected go to education and outreach. Further discussion included getting more information out to the public and highlighting the Litter Crew Program.

**Discuss Transition to New Facility:** Patti informed the Board that we are still waiting on Fiber installation at the new site and that we are looking at moving the office and the MRW facility in

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mid-February, the Transfer Station in late April after the City of Ellensburg free turn-in and routing our mail to the Courthouse rather than having a mailbox on Hwy 97. A brief discussion was held on continuing the Public Hearing to surplus the existing office due to legal's advice on the wording in the resolution.

**Maintenance Updates:** None

**Request Board approval for Director to sign the Energy Management Plans for Courthouse and Detention Center:** Discussion was held on the Plans, Tier 2 building compliance, reporting, electrical systems survey and tracking energy usage.

Commissioner Wachsmith moved to approve Director to sign the Energy Management Plans. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**Discussion/Decision on Misdemeanant Probation Move:** Discussion was held on Board moving back to the original commissioner's office space behind the Auditorium. The Board agreed that they were not opposed. The Board directed Staff to schedule a walk through and bring back to the Board for official decision.

**Rodeo Arena Project Update:** Cody gave the Board an update on the Rodeo Arena stating the Footings are being poured today. The project is a couple of days behind schedule, and the revised plans have been submitted to the city. Since the project was self-permitted the City's Fire Marshal overruled the County Fire Marshal regarding city standards on the type of pipe required when connecting to City water, which will likely cause a costly change order.

**Staffing Discussion:** Patti informed the Board that the Project Manager position was posted again with a 3% cola, stating there were four applicants so far and that it closes next week. Discussion was held on the possibly need to recalibrate the position noting a similar position with City starting at \$100,000.00. Discussion was held on timing for Patti's position to allow for overlap before her last workday with the County, which is scheduled for October 2, 2026. Further discussion included receiving a retirement letter from Patti to trigger the process to post the position around April and hire in June or July.

**OTHER BUSINESS – No Action to be taken:** A brief discussion was held on the Bowling Alley showing progress including that the lanes should be installed this month.

Meeting concluded at 2:43 p.m.

  
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Lisa Lawrence

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Cory Wright, Chairman