

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

TUESDAY

3:00 P.M.

JANUARY 20, 2026

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

Others: County Auditor Bryan Elliott; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Lisa Bugni, LTAC Clerk.

LTAC Committee members: Jessica Karraker, Roylene Crawford, & Victor Woodward.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE

LTAC JOINT MEETING WITH BOCC COMMISSIONERS

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Wright opened a Joint Special Meeting with the Board and members from the County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Bryan Elliott, Auditor, reviewed the last 5 year trend along with the current budget through October 2025. Highlights included but were not limited to: current balance, committed funds, existing and upcoming bonds, and projections for 2026 income.

CONTRACT UPDATE: LTAC Clerk Lisa Bugni explained that the Contracts have been sent and are under review with the appropriate parties. Once input is received the contracts will be presented to legal for their review and approval.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS APPROACH: The Board and Committee discussed how best to inform and engage the community regarding funding disbursements and projects. The Committee will put together a "Year in Review" as well as individual press releases that highlight specific projects upon completion. Media releases will be brought in front of the Board of County Commissioners for their review and approval.

2026 PRIORITIES - The Committee highlighted the following as their priorities:

- Better, more comprehensive communication between the Committee and the Board.
- Review the Event Center Master Plan in comparison to the County 10-Year Strategic Plan to find overlaps, gaps, etc. The goal is to align and accomplish like items.
- Access Plan - This is being sent to the Chamber for execution.

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- Engage the Municipalities in an effort to award small capital grants for "City" projects.
- The Committee would like to find a way to capture the economic impacts to the County when hosting weekend sporting events at local complexes.

MEMBERSHIP & BYLAWS - Chairman Wright brought forth the current Committee Bylaws which do not align with the State RCW. Chairman Wright asked the Committee to review the Bylaws and to ensure they align with the State's requirements . An annual review of the Committee membership is required and was executed. The membership review will continue in January of each year commencing in 2027.

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

The meeting concluded at 4:20 p.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Jodi Larsen

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Cory Wright, Chairman