

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

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

JANUARY 26, 2026

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Jeanne Killgore, HR Director; Patti Stacey, Facilities Maintenance Director; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, and one member of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Wright opened the Office Administration meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

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 23, 2026.

APPOINTMENT

FAIR BOARD - 4 DIRECTORS

COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the appointment of Casey Ross (3-year term to end 12/31/2028), Patricia Todd (3-year term to end 12/31/2028), Diana Tasker (3-year term ending 12/31/2026 - completing a former member's term), and Matt Barsness (3-year term ending 12/31/2027 - completing a former member's term) to the Kittitas County Fair Board. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DECISION

BOCC OFFICE RELOCATION

COMMISSIONER

APPROVED

2/3/26

Patti Stacey, Facilities Maintenance Director, requested the Board give official direction on the BoCC Office relocation. The Board agreed to move the BoCC Office back to their old location behind the Auditorium and open up their current office space for Misdemeanant Probation to move in from the Morris Sorenson Building. The Board asked Staff to add the topic to next Monday's Admin Meeting to finalize a timeline for the move.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:26 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 10 minutes, with Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW 42.30.110 (g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action anticipated.

At 9:36 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

At 9:36 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session for 10 minutes, with Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW 42.30.110 (g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action anticipated.

At 9:46 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

At 9:46 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session for 5 minutes, with Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW 42.30.110 (g), to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW 42.30.140(4), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a

OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES - There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in, individually, over the past week.

Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator, questioned if the Board was interested in the General Fund or EIC Fund purchasing a microwave for the Employee break room at the Courthouse. She explained that the one in there has broke and a request came in from an Employee. The Board stated they were unsure that was a practice they wanted to get involved in. Patti Stacey, Facilities Maintenance Director, stated the Maintenance Fund could probably take care of it. Staff was directed to bring the subject back for next week's Office Admin Meeting, for a decision.

Commissioner Laura Osiadacz gave an update on the Easton Meeting with Debbie Bogart and that she will be participating in their monthly newsletter as well.

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, stated that she was looped in to responses from two of the three Commissioners to a gentleman recently appointed to the State Public Works Board, where the gentleman was reaching out to see if they would like an opportunity to meet with him. The Board discussed the request and decided that Chairman Wright would be the lead and report back on his meeting once it's set up.

Meeting concluded at 9:56 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman