

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JANUARY 26, 2026

Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice Chairman Brett Wachsmith, and Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Lisa Godden, Public Works; Chad Bala, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office; 1 member of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kelleher expressed that he would like to participate in the vault toilet placement and design at the fishing pond; He also shared concerns regarding prior Bowers Field Airport and incubator building transactions.

2025 KITTITAS COUNTY AIRPORT ANNUAL REPORT

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the 2025 Annual Report from the Airport Advisory Committee. Joshua Fredrickson advised of accomplishments regarding development, operations, maintenance, long-terms goals and funding. Joshua Fredrickson highlighted efforts to develop a wildlife hazard evaluation and management plan which has already been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners; Obtaining a Carb Loan to extend electrical service to hangar areas; the Hangar Taxi-lane project; Ongoing partnership with Central Washington University for foreign object debris awareness walks to clean up debris; Finalizing controlled burns, reducing habitat of small critters; Economic Development focusing on leasing, marketing and developing airport business/industrial land with the goal to increase lease revenue and reduce reliance on FAA and General Fund dollars.

Chairman Cory Wright thanked Joshua Fredrickson for his work on airport operations and business development and recognized airport land as a key economic development asset.

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WASHINGTON STATE 2026 AVIATION LEGISLATION

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on new legislation that the Washington Airport Management Association has communicated. Joshua Fredrickson stated there had been no information received as to the impact at Bowers Field Airport and asked the Board of County Commissioners if there were any questions regarding the new legislation.

Chairman Cory Wright requested additional review, coordination with state representatives and follow-up information on potential impacts.

Joshua Fredrickson will gather additional information and provide findings to the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY AND RESILIENCY (C-PACER) PROGRAM

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on C-PACER, a program intended as a financing tool for long-term funding of commercial improvements including energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation, etc. Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners that there was an inquiry from an individual entity who reached out requesting that the County consider the program for future projects.

Joshua Fredrickson requested direction from the Board of County Commissioners if Public Works should continue to move forward with obtaining further information on the C-PACER program as well as preparing the enabling documents to create the program.

Chairman Cory Wright inquired if the County is responsible for the property tax. Joshua Fredrickson indicated the County does not collect or distribute payments.

Chairman Cory Wright asked a question of Chad Bala, Community Development Services regarding County roles.

Chad Bala, Community Development Services briefed the Board of County Commissioners on further information regarding the C-PACER program.

Joshua Fredrickson stated that this is an opt-in option, it is not a requirement and that it provides an opportunity for private investors to seek additional funding through private capital for their developments.

The Board of County Commissioners directed Joshua Fredrickson and Chad Bala to collaborate and conduct further research to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at a future date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 1

At 1:57PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes with Josh Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110(b) - To consider the selection of a site or acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. Action anticipated.

At 2:02PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session.

Vice Chairman, Brett Wachsmith, moved to approve Chair Signature on two Trust Water Right Purchase and Sale Agreements between Kittitas County and Suncadia and to direct staff to prepare enabling documents. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2

At 2:04PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes with Josh Fredrickson and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)- To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price.

At 2:09PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session requesting an additional 5 minutes for further discussion.

At 2:10PM the Board of County Commissioners announced an additional recess to continue Executive Session for 5 minutes.

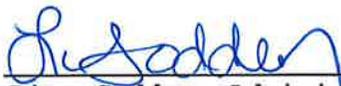
At 2:15PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session.

No Action Taken.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting concluded at 2:15 PM

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Lisa Godden, Administrative
Assistant



Cory Wright, Chairman