

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

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Jeanne Killgore, HR Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Cody Cupp, Assistant Maintenance Director; Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III; Miko Tempski, Deputy Prosecutor III; and two members of the public.

REGULAR MEETING

OFFICE STAFF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Kelleher, spoke in opposition to the COG ED Director and stated he doesn't know how it will ever work and that it seems like it will be messy and expensive.

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 30, 2026.

REQUEST

MAINT TECH RECLASS

MAINTENANCE

Jeanne Killgore, HR Director stated that Director Stacey was not able to be present today but would like to post her vacant Maintenance Tech I as a Maintenance Tech II. She stated that it will allow for them to recruit someone with more experience and will allow Cody Cupp to handle more administrative duties. Director Killgore stated that the cost would be about \$2,500.00 for the year.

The Board approved the request as presented.

UPDATE

COG ED DIRECTOR

COMMISSIONERS

Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director, provided a brief update and distributed a handout outlining the Executive Director Recruitment Subcommittee's timeline and plan.

He shared that the Conference of Governments (COG) has significantly evolved and now has a much broader scope of work. This expanded role allows the COG to take on larger, more impactful projects rather than focusing solely on requesting funds for individual towns or cities.

Director Fredrickson stated he is encouraged by the scope of responsibilities being developed for the Executive Director position. He believes the role will require a strong skill set and the ability to effectively leverage opportunities to support and grow the County's economic development efforts.

LETTER

DNR/WSDOT

COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and authorize Board signature on a letter to DNR & WSDOT regarding Multi-Use Road Safety Account Proviso projects, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LETTER

WDFW/WSDOT

COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and authorize Board signature on a letter to WDFW & WSDOT Regarding Multi-Use Road Safety Account Proviso projects, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 9:37 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 25 minutes, with Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III and Miko Tempski, Deputy Prosecutor III, 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 10:02 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

UPDATE

WHITE BOARD

COMMISSIONERS

The Board reviewed their current whiteboard topics and provided status updates.

Staff was directed to list evaluation dates for each Department Head on the BoCC White Boards for 2026.

DISCUSSION

COUNTY FACEBOOK

COMMISSIONERS

The Board determined that for the week of February 2, 2026, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Flyer for KCCD & Fire Dist. #6 regarding improving defensible space around homes and financial assistance for the cost of thinning and limbing trees and shrubs; Kittitas County Fair is looking for designs to be submitted for the 2026 Fair Poster - Deadline 2/20/2026; Flyer from Field and Stream - Online hunting and fishing license tutorial.

UPDATE

BOCC/ DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS

Each Commissioner was assigned three different Department Heads to meet with on a weekly basis for the year. The assignments for 2026 were determined during a Board of County Commissioners Office Admin meeting and they will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

Each Commissioner reviewed discussions held with their respective departments and exchanged details of those meetings.

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

Commissioner Osiadacz stated that she has asked the County LTAC to consider assisting with the change order shortfall for the Rodeo Grandstands project, and she will report back once they meet.

Commissioner Osiadacz questioned if either of the other Board members had heard anything from Department of Ecology in preparation of droughts this year.

Chairman Wright provided an update on the industrial land bank bill. He also shared that he had a productive but high-level lunch last week with Grant County PUD and feels things are getting back on track with them.

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, stated that the Board asked to follow up on a request to purchase a microwave for the Employee breakroom from last week. The Board stated that the funding would come from the Maintenance Budget.

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, stated that the Board asked to follow up on the BoCC Office move timeline. The Board stated end of February or whenever the furniture can be installed. They directed Staff to return with a quote from Harris Office Supply when it is received.

Meeting concluded at 10:02 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman