

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

**MONDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board 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 February 6, 2026.

**LETTER**

**NATIONAL CO. GOV MONTH**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize Board signature on a letter to teachers inviting their students to participate in the National County Government Month Coloring Contest, as presented. Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**CERTIFICATE**

**RETIREMENT - TIM REDEL**

**COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve Board signature on a Certificate of Appreciation to Tim Redel, Misdemeanant Probation Officer for his dedicated service to the citizens of Kittitas County from January 21, 2003, through May 31, 2026. Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPROVED**  
2/17/26

**SPECIAL EVENT****YAKIMA RIVER CANYON MARATHON****COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to Approve a Special Event Application to hold the annual Yakima River Canyon Marathon and Half Marathon, on Saturday March 28, 2026, and to grant a waiver to Kittitas County Code Chapter 5.20.160 - Closing Hours, and Penal Bond, conditioned upon recommendations from Public Works, Sheriff's Office, Public Health and the Fire Marshal. Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**APPOINTMENT****VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD - BARRY****COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve the appointment of Ed Barry to the Kittitas County Veterans Advisory Board for a 2-year term, effective immediately and to expire 12/31/2027. Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**PROPOSAL****HARRIS OFFICE - COMMISSIONERS RELOCATION****COMMISSIONERS**

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator, presented a proposal from Harris Office Interiors in the amount of \$16,697.00, not including taxes. She stated that, upon the Chair's signature approving the proposal, the order could be placed and the office move scheduled.

Commissioner Osiadacz and Chairman Wright discussed that the District #3 Commissioner had requested no updated furniture, as he uses personal furniture. However, the Board expressed a desire to maintain a unified and professional appearance in the offices moving forward. Concerns were also discussed regarding the availability of selected furniture items in the future, particularly when the office may be vacant and a new Commissioner takes office.

Staff was directed to request that Harris amend the proposal to include furniture for the District #3 office. The intent is for the furniture to be temporarily "borrowed" by Misdemeanant Probation until a future election results in a new Commissioner. At that time, the Board of County Commissioners will reassign the furniture back to the District #3 office, and Misdemeanant Probation will be responsible for obtaining replacement office furniture. This arrangement reflects that Misdemeanant Probation will be relocating to the current BoCC office space.

Commissioner Osiadacz moved to approve and authorize the Chair's signature on an amended furniture proposal from Harris Office Interiors in the amount of \$20,020.00, not including taxes, to include furniture for the District #3 office. Chairman Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**UPDATE****WHITE BOARD****COMMISSIONERS**

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

**DISCUSSION**

**COUNTY FACEBOOK**

**COMMISSIONERS**

The Board determined that for the week of February 9, 2026, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Notice of the Holiday on Monday February 16, 2026 and the County Closures; Announcement of the Annual National County Government Month Coloring Contest inviting local kids to submit their artwork for a chance to win a seasons fair pass; Post about BoCC Meetings on the website and where to find them as well as how to sign up for meeting notifications.

**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.

Chairman Wright provided a final update on the Deathridge Well conclusion. He updated the Board on the CEDS Community Meeting that took place last Tuesday and stated there will be additional meetings and he didn't see an issue if the Board wanted to attend any of them as there is no decisions being made. He also provided a brief updated on the PSE Turbines, after his recent meeting.

Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator, shared that the Employee Recognition packets are ready to go for them to do at an upcoming Agenda Sessions.

She also shared that all the Audio files are finally completed and transferred to State Archives - 14 years' worth.

Meeting concluded at 9:36 a.m.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Mandy Buchholz

Cory Wright, Chairman