

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

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Patti Stacey, Facilities Director; Cody Cupp, Assistant Maintenance Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director 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. *Note there were no PAF's at this meeting.

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 20, 2026.

DISCUSSION

BELSAAS & SMITH

COMMISSIONERS

Patti Stacey, Facilities Director, presented the Board with a DRAFT Change Order from Belsaas & Smith to renovate the current BoCC Office Space into a "secure" location for the Misdemeanant Probation office. She said the documents aren't ready just yet, but the Change Order will be for \$28,482.39 plus tax. She said she would bring it forward at a future Agenda for approval.

LETTER

REPRESENTATIVE SCHRIER

COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and authorize Board

APPROVED
3/3/26

signature on a letter to the Representative Kim Schrier, M.D., for her support to secure 2 million in federal funding through the HUD appropriations bill. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION

CABLE BOCC OFFICE

COMMISSIONERS

Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator explained with the BoCC Office move that a discussion amongst Staff and Chairman Wright had occurred on whether to keep cable since the new office configuration doesn't have the same type of setting where it can be seen/heard by everyone easily and that it is not used that much. Staff was directed to bring it up at a future meeting. The Board directed Staff to cancel it.

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 23, 2026, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Press Release from the Treasurer's Office regarding the penny shortage and need for exact change when it comes to cash payments; BoCC Office closure; Everbridge Sign Up steps; City of Ellensburg closing 6th and water from March 2 - 4, 2026 for the HVAC for the Jail.

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 asked if the Board had any interest in formally pursuing a contribution from the County to assist financially to the America 250 celebration. She stated she was thinking 10K-15K. The Board was supportive and directed her to work with the Auditor's Office to formalize it.

At 9:45 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session for 5 minutes, 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 9:50 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

At 9:50 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session for 10 minutes, 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 10:00 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

Meeting concluded at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman