

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

**MONDAY**

**9:00 A.M.**

**MARCH 16, 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; Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health Director; Patti Stacey, Facilities 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.

**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 March 13, 2026.

**UPDATE**

**TEANAWAY PROJECT UPDATE**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health Director, provided a status update on the Teanaway Project. She stated that Staff met with HopeSource and Pacifica Law Group where changes were reviewed and recommended. She shared that the meeting went really well and everyone was in agreement with the discussed changes. She stated that Pacifica Law Group can produce documents to memorialize what was discussed for the Board to approve. She wanted to make sure there were no concerns before they did any additional work. The Board stated that they were in support of the work product being produced for their consideration.

**APPROVED**  
4/7/2026

**RESOLUTION CITY OF ELLENSBURG/ILA KITTITAS CO. MAINTENANCE**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-053, Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ellensburg and Kittitas County Maintenance for Maintenance Services at the Cold Weather Shelter. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RESOLUTION SOLID WASTE ADMIN BUILDING CLOSED SOLID WASTE**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-054, a Resolution Authorizing the Closure of the Kittitas County Solid Waste Admin Office from March 30 - April 3, 2026. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ACKNOWLEDGE RESIGNATION FAIR BOARD - BLUME COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to acknowledge and approve the recommendation from the Executive Board - Fair Board to accept the resignation effective immediately from Fair Board Director Andrea Blume. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPOINTMENT JAMES WATTERSON DIST.#3 WEED DIST COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to appoint James Watterson to the Kittitas County Noxious Weed District #3 Representative, effective immediately and to expire on March 6, 2028. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**REAPPOINTMENT LITTLE/PERKINS HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to reappoint Dr. Robert Perkins and John Little to the Kittitas County Housing Authority Board for a 5 Year Term, effective immediately and expiring April 6, 2031. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RATIFY SENATOR CANTWELL & MURRAY COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and ratify Board signature on a letter to Senator Cantwell & Senator Murray regarding CWU's Request for \$3,000,000 in FY 2027 Congressionally Directed Spending for the Old Heat Commercialization Center in Ellensburg. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**RATIFY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRIER-OLD HEAT COMMISSIONERS**

Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve and ratify Board signature on a letter to Representative Schrier regarding CWU's Request for \$3,000,000 in FY 2027 Community Project Funding for the Old Heat

Commercialization Center in Ellensburg. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**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 March 16, 2026, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Proclamation Declaring March 20, 2026, as Ronan Stewart Day in Kittitas County - WIAA 1B/2B Wrestling State Champion; Proclamation Declaring March 30, 2026, as Cle Elum Roslyn High School Girls Basketball Team State Champions Day in Kittitas County; Kittitas County Employee Milestones (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Regular Agenda Session approved).

The Board determined for the following week since there will be no regular Office Admin Meeting, they would have two Facebook posts scheduled to be shared. One for the Treasurer's Office notice that Autopay is going away and the other for the Solid Waste Admin. Building Closure from March 30, 2026 - April 3, 2026.

**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.

Meeting concluded at 9:26 a.m.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

  
Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman