

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

THURSDAY

1:00 P.M.

APRIL 2, 2026

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

Others: Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jeanne Killgore, HR Director; Interview Candidate. Part 2: Leslie Erickson, HR Rep., Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III; James McCubbin, Deputy Prosecutor III.

SPECIAL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

At 1:02 p.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess into an Executive Session with HR Director Killgore and the Interview Candidate for 45 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 was anticipated.

*Candidate left at 1:40 p.m.

At 1:47 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. Direction to HR Director to offer the position to the selected candidate.

*Jeanne Killgore, HR Director left meeting.

*Leslie Erickson, HR Rep., Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III; James McCubbin, Deputy Prosecutor III, joined the meeting.

At 1:47 p.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would recess back into an Executive Session with Leslie Erickson, HR Rep., Therese Murphy, Deputy Prosecutor III; James McCubbin, Deputy Prosecutor III 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. Possible action anticipated.

At 1:57 p.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session.

- Publish letter in next week's Correspondence Log that was delivered by hand on March 26, 2026 to Commissioner Osiadacz.
- Direction to HR staff to treat this correspondence as a whistleblower complaint and enlist the services of an investigator.
- Schedule a Special Meeting with the Coroner next week to discuss the following:
 - Inform her of the BOCC's receipt of this letter.
 - The Board's obligation to treat the as a whistleblower complaint with required associated investigation, and
 - To not take retaliatory action against whistleblowing parties and advise the coroner of the need to consult with her assigned Prosecutor prior to any potential personnel actions to avoid the possibility of such.

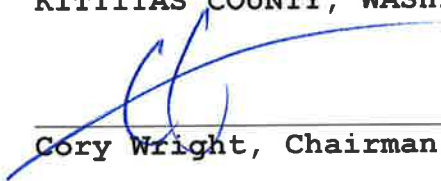
Meeting concluded at 1:57 p.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman