

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

MONDAY

9:00 A.M.

MAY 18, 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; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; 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 - 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 May 15, 2026.

DISCUSSION

PROSECUTOR STUDY SESSION

COMMISSIONERS

Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, explained that she would like the Board to consider setting up regular study sessions with the Prosecutor's Office. She stated that she thinks this could be a very helpful tool for her Department to update the BOCC on Department happenings: report on crime trends (increases and decreases), victim/witness updates, including changes to state funding and how that impacts local entities, as well as civil updates (could include litigation updates here), among other topics. She stated that she envisions this being a short, organized, regular update to the BOCC (monthly). Vice-Chairman Wachsmith questioned if they should consider trying them out

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quarterly at first and if more are needed they could either add an additional special meeting or they could consider moving them to County Code and having them be monthly. Commissioner Osiadacz explained that they only have one study session with an Elected Officials' office and they see more of those cancelled than held. She stated she also doesn't want to see these Agendas with topics relating to staff, whether that is salary requests, reclassification requests etc., those need to remain with HR Study Sessions. The Board agreed to quarterly updates for now and will see how it goes.

LETTER WDFW - SUPPORT FOR LAND ACQUISITION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Osiadacz presented a letter for Board signature for consideration. She stated that it was similar to the letter they sent last year and is showing support for WDFW's acquisition of approximately 3,480 acres of property adjacent to Umptanum Road. Vice Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve Board signature on a letter to Mike Livingston, South Central Regional Director of WDFW, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

DISCUSSION DRAFT RESOLUTION OPPORTUNITY ZONE COMMISSIONERS

Amy McGuffin, Chamber CEO presented a Draft Resolution for the Board to discuss and give feedback on. Chairman Wright stated he would meet with Ms. McGuffin after the meeting to go over some additional details he would like to see added to the document before the Board adopts a Resolution supporting the submission of the application for six eligible census tracts to the WA State Department of Commerce for nomination to the Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program, and then will bring back the Resolution for consideration.

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 May 18, 2026, they would post the following on their Facebook page: Memorial Day Closures; Employee Milestone Recognition; WDFW Green DOT Road Access education piece.

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.

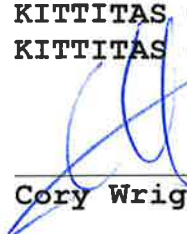
OTHER BUSINESS/GENERAL UPDATES - There were general updates on meetings & conversations that the Board participated in, individually, over the past week.

Meeting concluded at 9:39 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR


Mandy Buchholz

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Cory Wright, Chairman