

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AGENDA SESSION
REGULAR MEETING**

TUESDAY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 19, 2026

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Kasey Knutsen, Human Services Manager; Cody Cupp, Facilities Maintenance Director; Chad Bala, CDS Director; Josh Fredrickson, Public Works Director; Jesse Cox, Solid Waste Director; Devin Duncan, Law Enforcement Clerk; Arden Thomas, Water Resource Program Manager; Zack DeHaven, Budget & Finance Director; Jamey Ayling, Planning Manager; Darren Higashiyama, Chief Deputy; Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; Brittney Faris, Misdemeanant Probation Officer; and Pat Gigstead, Chief Probation Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Chairman Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNTY EMPLOYEES - NONE

PROCLAMATIONS - NONE

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

The Board of County Commissioners recognized the following employees for milestones: 5 Years - Brittany Faris and Alan Lindemoen; 10 Years - Justin Turnbull; 20 Years - Matthew Peebles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At the conclusion of reviewing each item Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Osiadacz seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVED

June 2, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

At the conclusion of reviewing each item Vice-Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended, by removing Consent Item B. Chairman Wright seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES

DATE	MINUTES
4/14/2026	Solid Waste/Maintenance Study Session
4/27/2026	Event Center Study Session
4/28/2026	Chamber ADO Special Meeting
4/30/2026	Elected Official Salaries
5/4/2026	BoCC Office Admin Meeting
5/5/2026	BoCC Agenda Session
5/6/2026	Sheriff's Study Session-Cancelled
5/11/2026	Public Works Study Session
5/11/2026	BOCC Office Admin Meeting
5/11/2026	CDS Study Session-Cancelled
5/12/2026	Solid Waste Study
5/25/2026	Public Works Study Session-Cancelled

AGREEMENT

THE FERGUSON GROUP

COMMISSIONERS

Approve a Professional Services Agreement between Kittitas County and The Ferguson Group, in the amount of \$84,000.00, from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

SET PUBLIC HEARING

AMEND 2026 BUDGET

AUDITOR

Approve Setting a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution to Amend the 2026 Adopted Budget, to be held on Tuesday June 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Auditorium, Room 109, Kittitas County Courthouse 205 West 5th Avenue Ellensburg, WA and to authorize the Clerk to publish said notice.

RESOLUTION 2026-086

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM

COMMISSIONERS

Approve Resolution No. 2026-086, Adopting the Amendments of the Kittitas County Employee Wellness Program Policy and Bylaws.

AGREEMENT

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE

PUBLIC HEALTH

Approve an Agreement for Services between Kittitas County and Comprehensive Healthcare, in the amount of \$400,000.00 to provide Crisis Care Management at Kittitas Valley Healthcare, from January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2027.

AGREEMENT

WA STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT

SHERIFF

Acknowledge Grant Agreement No. E26-241 between the Washington State Military Department, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$25,254.00, for the period June 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

CONTRACT

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SHERIFF

Acknowledge a Contract with the Bureau of Land Management in the amount of \$20,000.00 to provide Law Enforcement services, as needed, from June 16, 2026, through June 15, 2027.

AGREEMENT

MOLINA HEALTHCARE OF WASHINGTON

SHERIFF

Acknowledge an Agreement between Kittitas County and Molina Healthcare of Washington, Inc. to provide Reentry Targeted Case Management to those incarcerated who qualify for services through Washington State Medicaid.

RESOLUTION 2026-087

INTER-FLUVE, INC.

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2026-087, Authorizing Chair Signature on Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with Inter0Fluve, Inc. for the Lower Kittitas Reach Floodplain Reconnection Project Restoration Engineering, Design, and Permitting Services.

RESOLUTION 2026-088

CWU TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2026-088, Adopting the CWU Technology Transfer Center Feasibility Study, Capital Stacking Plan and Grant Support Documents.

RESOLUTION 2026-089

CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS BYLAWS

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2026-089, Adopting Amendments to the Conference of Governments Bylaws.

RESOLUTION 2026-090

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

PUBLIC WORKS

Approve Resolution No. 2026-090, Adopting Amendments to the Airport Advisory Committee Bylaws.

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - NONE

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

BOARD DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:12 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would enter into an Executive Session for five minutes with Chad Bala, Community Development Services Director; Jamey Ayling, Planning Manager; and Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW

42.30.110(1)(i)(ii)Litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. There was no action anticipated.

At 10:17 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

At 10:17 a.m. Chairman Wright announced the Board would enter back into an Executive Session for 10 minutes with Chad Bala, Community Development Services Director; Jamey Ayling, Planning Manager; and Stephanie Hartung, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, under RCW

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At 10:27 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

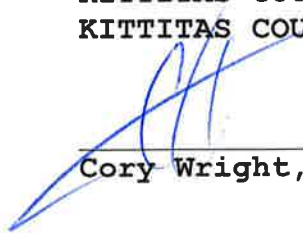
The meeting concluded at 10:27 a.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD



Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Cory Wright, Chairman