

**KITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109
Special Meeting**

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM

May 27, 2026

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

Others: Joshua Fredrickson, Arden Thomas, Samantha Cox, Lisa Godden, Public Works; Amy McGuffin, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce; Melissa Schumaier, Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health.

At 11:01 AM Vice Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works Study Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Amy McGuffin addressed the Board of County Commissioners and commended Public Works staff, including Joshua Fredrickson, for coordination and assistance on South County Chamber of Commerce projects, including work associated with the Cle Elum building funding process.

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION OF SIX ELIGIBLE CENSUS TRACTS TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR NOMINATION TO THE OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 PROGRAM

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a proposed Resolution authorizing submission of six eligible census tracts to the Washington State Department of Commerce for nomination to the Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program. Joshua Fredrickson advised the nomination supports economic development, housing, and job creation in eligible areas. Amy McGuffin further explained that County action was required to satisfy program eligibility requirements and that participating municipalities would provide letters of support.

Following discussion, Commissioner Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Resolution 2026-94 and Vice Chairman Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2026-05-27 MINUTES

APPROVED
June 2, 2026

CITY OF CLE ELUM ANNEXATION SR 903

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners regarding the City of Cle Elum's request to annex a section of SR 903/Second Street currently under Washington State Department of Transportation jurisdiction. Joshua Fredrickson explained that land on both sides of the roadway had previously been annexed, but the roadway itself had not, creating a jurisdictional carve-out. Joshua Fredrickson advised that annexation would allow the City to apply urban standards to the roadway edges while the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) would retain jurisdiction over the pavement. Joshua Fredrickson further reviewed the statutory process, including an interlocal agreement and corresponding resolutions by the City and County.

The Board of County Commissioners provided direction to staff to prepare the necessary annexation documents with the City of Cle Elum and return the matter for further Board action.

BEAD BROADBAND AWARD AND CONSULTANT SERVICES

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the County's BEAD broadband award. Joshua Fredrickson reported the County was awarded funding for seven project areas, totaling approximately \$24.6 million in federal funding, with the required match to be provided by the State of Washington. Joshua Fredrickson stated the award would support broadband expansion to remaining underserved rural areas of the County and that eligible consultant and administrative costs are anticipated to be reimbursable under the grant. Joshua Fredrickson also reviewed ongoing coordination with the Washington State Broadband Office, environmental and historical review requirements, and the need to continue consultant support for design, grant compliance, and contract development.

The Board of County Commissioners received the update and directed staff to continue work on the broadband expansion program and related consultant services, with formal agreements to be returned to the Board for consideration.

REVISION TO KCC CHAPTER 13.40 MITIGATION AND METERING PROGRAM

Samantha Cox briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a proposed revision to KCC Chapter 13.40 regarding the Mitigation and Metering Program. Samantha Cox explained the amendment would remove the current two-year requirement for applicants creating a Group B public water system to complete the system and apply for a residential building permit. Samantha Cox advised the change would reduce an unnecessary permitting burden while maintaining the County's intent to support active development and responsible use of water mitigation resources.

The Board of County Commissioners provided direction to continue development of the proposed code revision in coordination with Public Health and to bring the matter forward for the required Board of Health/Board of County Commissioners joint public hearing process.

OTHER BUSINESS


No other business was presented.

Meeting concluded at 11:19 AM.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Lisa Godden, Administrative
Assistant



Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman