

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

JUNE 22, 2026

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

Others: Joshua Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Stephanie Hartung, Kittitas County Prosecutor's Office; 2 members of the public.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

NO CITIZEN COMMENTS

DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE ENABLING DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY REVIEW BY THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

At the outset of the Study Session, the Board agreed to take Agenda Item No. 5 first. Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the independent financial feasibility review for a proposed countywide public facilities district. Joshua Fredrickson stated the review had been initiated through the Washington State Department of Commerce, which retained Johnson Consulting to complete the analysis.

Joshua Fredrickson reported the review found formation of the public facilities district to be a viable financial mechanism for contemplated projects, including an Upper County Recreation Center, a Lower County Field House, and Aquatic Facility improvements. Joshua Fredrickson explained the district would function as a funding mechanism rather than as the owner of the facilities, and that each future project would require its own independent feasibility review.

Joshua Fredrickson further explained that, if the Board of County Commissioners elects to proceed, the district would be established by Resolution and governed by a separate five-member Board under the applicable RCW's. Discussion included the district's independence from County advisory boards and a possible future voter-approved sales tax funding mechanism as well as a capital stacking plan. In response to the Board questions, Joshua Fredrickson and attendees clarified that prior County funding commitments would not alter the district formation process and that individual projects would each return for separate feasibility reviews.

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APPROVED

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Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to direct staff to prepare enabling documents to accept the Washington State Department of Commerce independent financial feasibility review and return the matter at a future meeting. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the Motion.

Motion passed.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE HANGAR TAXILANE COMPLEX PROJECT.

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Federal Aviation Administration grant for the construction phase of the Hangar Taxilane Complex Project at Bowers Field.

Joshua Fredrickson reported the FAA had previously funded design and was now offering construction and project management grant funding in the amount of \$830,620.05. Joshua Fredrickson stated the local match for 2026 is five percent and is available within the airport fund. Commissioners commented favorably on the continued progress at the airport.

Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to approve resolution 2026-109 accepting federal aviation administration grant for the construction phase of the hanger taxilane complex project. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the Motion.

Motion passed.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE BOWERS FIELD HANGAR TAXILANE COMPLEX PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

Joshua Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the contract award for the Bowers Field Hangar Taxilane Complex Project. Joshua Fredrickson explained that a notice calling for sealed bids was posted on April 27, 2026, and bids were opened on May 21, 2026. Six responsive bids were received.

Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith motioned to approve Resolution 2026-110 to award the contract for the Bowers Field hangar taxilane complex project and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the same. Commissioner Laura Osiadacz seconded the Motion.

Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:46 PM the Board of County Commissioners announced they would recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes with Joshua Fredrickson and Stephanie Hartung per RCW 42.30.110(i), 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.

At 1:51 PM the Board of County Commissioners reconvened out of Executive Session.

No Action Taken.

NO OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting concluded at 1:51 PM

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



Rebecca Cruse, Clerk



Cory Wright, Chairman