KITTITAS COUNTY
FINANCE STUDY SESSION MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Special Meeting

TUESDAY	10:00AM	August 11, 2026

Board members present: Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz

Staff: Zack DeHaven, Sue Patterson, Reid Burbank, Josh Fredrickson, Chris Whitsett, Clay Myers and Nancy Shaff

Meeting called order at 10:00AM

Citizen Comment: None

Consider Road Diversion for Traffic Safety Services (Discussion/Decision)

Zack DeHaven presented information regarding whether to reinstate the Road Fund diversion to the General Fund for 2027. The diversion has not been taken since 2022. Reinstating the diversion would provide approximately $400,000 in additional General Fund revenue but would reduce funding available for Road Fund maintenance and capital projects. The Commissioners discussed the financial impact on both funds.

Motion: A motion was made to reinstate the Road Fund diversion for 2027 at roughly 50% split. The total diversion was set at 200,000K in diversion from road levy to the General Fund in support of traffic safety related activities. The motion passed.

Unfreeze Funding for Sheriff's Office Deputy Position in 2026 (Discussion/Decision)

Zack DeHaven presented a request to unfreeze a Deputy Sheriff position for the remainder of 2026. The position is currently on the approved FTE roster but was frozen during the 2026 budget process. Staff noted the position is included in the 2027 Preliminary Budget and that unfreezing the position would support patrol operations while reducing future budget flexibility. The Board reviewed the estimated 2026 fiscal impact of approximately 25,000K and discussed the request.

Commissioner Laura Osiadacz moved to unfreeze the Deputy Sheriff position for the remainder of 2026. Commissioner Brett Wachsmith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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10/6/2026

OTHER BUSINESS- Commissioner Osiadacz would like to discuss REET II available funding for 2027. She would like REET II funds to go toward the Road. Building Permits in the County. There are no REET II obligations for 2027 as this time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34AM

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Sue Patterson, Accounting Assistant III

Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner, Acting Chair