KITTITAS COUNTY
SOLID WASTE AND MAINTENANCE MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 108 - ELLENSBURG
Regular Meeting

TUESDAY	2:00 PM	October 13, 2026

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice- Chairman, Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Jeff Leichleiter

Others: Jesse Cox, Cody Cupp, Jeanne Killgore and Lisa Lawrence.

Call to Order at 2:02 p.m.

Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit) None

Request for Board Approval and Chair's signature on Amendment No. 6 with SCS Engineers: Discussion was held on Amendment No. 6 reducing the Contract by $106,108 for claims resolutions. Chairman Wachsmith moved to approve the amendment, Vice-Chairman Leichleiter seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0. Chairman Wachsmith excused at 2:04.

Discussion on Solid Waste Dept. Staffing: Jesse informed the Board that Solid Waste is having staffing issues and is currently running on a skeleton crew. Jeanne informed the Board that this has been an ongoing issue in Solid Waste. Further discussion included triage scenarios while the Department is short-staffed in addition to bringing the temporary full-time position to permanent full-time. Jesse informed the Board that he would also be looking at hiring a replacement FTE in the spring in hopes of not having to cut services due to lack of staff. Jeanne out at 2:09.

Solid Waste Updates: Jesse informed the Board that he is working with CDS to assist with creating a Short Plat at the new Transfer Station Property with intentions of leasing it out in the future.

Jesse gave the Board an update on the status of land application at Ryegrass stating that he is meeting with the engineering company tomorrow to discuss it. Jesse informed the Board that he has an upcoming stakeholders meeting with septic haulers to discuss current challenges and future options for septage. Commissioner Leichleiter requested an invite to the meeting.

Discussion was held on wind mitigation at the New Transfer Station including a wall being installed on the MRW Facility and drafting a similar fix on the Transfer Station building. Further discussion included minor traffic revisions at the upper County Transfer Station and signage upgrades consistent with Public Works.

A brief discussion was held on the clean-up requirements at the old Transfer Station property.

Jail Project Update: Cody informed the Board that the project has been extended into January 2027 due to the lack of availability of parts for the recreational yard coverings.

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EOC Project: Cody informed the Board that the concrete pour for sidewalks is scheduled for tomorrow and that asphalt is scheduled for October 22nd.

Discussion/Decision on SaniGlaze Color Selection: Cody presented the Board with a color chart for the Courthouse bathrooms. Discussion was held on paint colors, the anti-bacterial glaze benefits and that one bathroom is scheduled and budgeted for this year and one for next year.

Update on IT Ceiling: Cody gave the Board an update on the air quality concern in IT, stating that he is working on a contract with Clean Images to remedy the concerns. The cleanup is scheduled for Friday but may get pushed back since legal is still reviewing the contract language.

OTHER BUSINESS – No Action to be taken None

Meeting concluded at 2:28 p.m.

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman