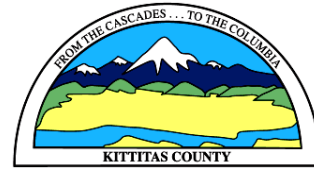


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As your County Auditor, I firmly believe that you should expect your local government to deliver results that improve the function of government and quality of life here in Kittitas County. In that spirit I would like to highlight a few of our accomplishments and give you a preview of what to look forward to in 2024:

This year we:

- Are on track to invest over \$100,000 in Elections Security to improve the physical security of our Elections Center in the courthouse, ballot boxes, and upgrade our elections system software.
- Completed a thorough review of our election processes throughout the 2023 elections cycle to ensure continued delivery of secure and transparent elections during 2024.
- Installed credit/debit card processing capability for recorded documents/marriage licenses. This new feature helped us conveniently serve an additional 227 customers in 2023.
- Submitted a complete and timely 2022 Annual Report to the State Auditor's Office and resolved several significant multi-million-dollar findings from previous years.
- Continued to provide high quality customer-oriented services to both Kittitas County residents and internal departments across our elections, recording, licensing, budget, and finance functions.

Next Steps: In 2024 we will have a very busy Election year with five separate elections (February, March, April, August, and November.) As always, security and transparency will be our top priorities. We will also complete a much-anticipated overhaul of our county financial software, which stands to generate efficiencies of over \$100,000 per year. Lastly, we will continue to build on our strategic plan and make progress in our mission to provide the highest level of customer service across elections, licensing, recording, and financial services to all Kittitas County residents and employees.

If you have any questions or recommendations on how we can serve you better, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (509) 899-3838 or bryan.elliott@co.kittitas.wa.us.

Sincerely,

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