

**KITTITAS COUNTY
2024 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG
Special Meeting**

THURSDAY	10:00 AM	October 26, 2023
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Board members present: Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith & Laura Osiasacz

Others: Brian Carlson, Eileen Young, Amy Cziske, Patti Stacey, Zack Dehaven

1. Call to Order

2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit) - none

3. Treasurer's Office - 2024 Personnel Request

Ms. Cziske requested that this item be pulled from the agenda.

4. Public Defender's Department - 2024 Personnel Request

Ms. Murphy discussed her request for an FTE legal assistant. BOCC directed staff to include this in the final 2024 budget.

5. 2024 Projects Budget - Preview of October 31 Meeting

Staff provided updated figures ahead of the scheduled October 31 meeting.

6. 2024 General Fund - Revisions to Draft Budget

Mr. Carlson provided an update to the draft 2024 budget, noting a \$5.5MM General Fund deficit.

7. "Overflow" Staffing - Follow-up Analysis

Mr. Carlson presented a follow-up analysis on behalf of Corrections and Law Enforcement Divisions. BOCC directed staff to proceed with this model, and to report back mid-year with status and budget impact.

8. 2024 Salary Survey - Preliminary Budget Analysis

Mr. Carlson presented a first draft calculation of a "wholesale" implementation of wage ranges and steps for non-bargained employees, reflecting salary-survey data. No action was taken, and staff will continue to develop this and alternate models irrespective of the budget-adoption timeline.

9. Other Business - None

10. Concluded – 11am

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Brian Carlson



Cory Wright, Chairman

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