

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
AUDITORIUM
SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 5, 2023

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

Others: Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; Mandy Buchholz, Office Administrator; Brian Carlson, Budget & Finance Director; Mark Cook, Public Works/CDS Director; Amy Cziske, Treasurer; Bryan Elliott, Auditor; Mike Hougardy, Assessor; and 3 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

LEVY RATES

AUDITOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider possible tax increases for the tax levy rates and amount for the taxes levied in 2023 to be collected in 2024 for the General Fund, County Road Fund, and the Flood Control District.

BRIAN CARLSON, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report regarding the annual statutory requirement to set and certify the levy for real property. He said the Assessor calculates the mill levies for the three funds budgeted by the Board of County Commissioners and receiving property tax which included General Fund, County Road Fund, and Flood Control District. He recommended approving the six Resolutions, as presented.

THOSE PRESENT & REQUESTING TO TESTIFY: CHERYL CHANCE commented on the issues surrounding Craigs Hill and requested the County look at the Deeds and Survey's that have been done since 1933, and how it's subsequently changed over the years. She hoped the County could come together and collaborate with the American Legion. **JEFF WHITMAN** stated most people don't know where Reed Park is, as they know where Craig's Hill, but the problems needed to be addressed. He said there was property donated to the County that should be looked at. **ANGELA LANG** said she started the Craigs Hill movement. She would like to have the County Engineer do some extensive work on surveying the property. She requested the Board to have a Town Hall between the City and County to answer questions. **THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.**

RESOLUTION 2023-202 GENERAL FUND LEVY MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-202, Certifying the General Fund Levy for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed

Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-203 LEVYING TAXES - GENERAL FUND AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-203, For Levying Taxes for the General Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-204 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-204, For Levying Taxes for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-205 CERTIFY LEVY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-205, Certifying the Levy for the County Flood Control Zone District for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-206 LEVY COUNTY ROAD FUND AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-206, Certifying the Levy for the County Road Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RESOLUTION 2023-207 LEVYING TAXES - COUNTY ROAD FUND AUDITOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-207, Levying Taxes for the County Road Fund for Municipal Purposes of Kittitas County, Washington for the Year 2024 According to the Assessed Valuation as Determined in the Year 2023. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AUDITOR

At 2:26 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider Amendments to the 2023 Budget.

BRIAN CARLSON, BUDGET & FINANCE DIRECTOR, reviewed a Staff Report and indicated said the Public Hearing was the second and final

amendments to the 2023 budget. He said their plans for the future were to have three amendments annually, included in the presentation of quarterly financial statements in May, August, and November 2024. He recommended approving a Resolution as presented.

THERE BEING NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2023-208

AMEND 2023 COUNTY BUDGET

AUDITOR


VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-208, Amending the 2023 County Budget. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting concluded at 2:32 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Chairman Cory Wright

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

2:00pm Public Hearing

Regular Meeting

Tuesday December 5, 2023 - 2:00 PM

**Commissioners' Auditorium
205 West 5th Room 109 - Ellensburg**

- 1. Public Hearing to Consider Possible Tax Increases for the Tax Levy Rates and Amount for the Taxes Levied in 2023 to be Collected in 2024 for the General Fund, County Road Fund, and the Flood Control District.**
- 2. Public Hearing to Consider Amendments to the 2023 Budget.**