



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

Public Health Study Session
May 22, 2024 at 10:00 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz, Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Dr. Mark Larson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Citizen Comment (1 minute time limit)

There were no members of the public present.

Department Business

Approve Human Services Administrative Specialist position job description

Chelsey Loeffers reviewed the Human Services Administrative Specialist job description. Mrs. Loeffers noted that this is a position that would dedicate staff to clerk advisory committees, provide administrative support, oversee of the request for proposal and contracting process for the distribution of tax generated revenue into the community, and fiscal oversight. Mrs. Loeffers worked with HR to finalize job description and appropriate wage range. All three members approved of the job description and the department has approval to move forward with the hiring timeline.

Approve Resolution to Authorize The Allocation Of Community Services Millage Tax Revenue To The Kittitas County Public Health Department

Chelsey Loeffers reviewed the Resolution to Authorize the Allocation of Community Services Millage Tax Revenue to the Kittitas County Public Health Department. At the March 27, 2024 Study Session, the BOCC approved the use of the use of 20% of annual Developmental Disabilities milage tax revenue by KCPHD for the purpose of funding administrative costs associated with coordination and provision of community services for persons with developmental disabilities or mental health services. In addition, the milage workgroup also recommend allocation of an additional 2o% of milage revenue annually to support activities of the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Program to address community needs identified in the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Biennial plan or otherwise by DDAC. This is common use of milage funds throughout DD programs in Washington State.

05.01: Motion to approve BOCC Resolution 2024-090 to Authorize the Allocation of Community Services Millage Tax Revenue to the Kittitas County Public Health Department. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve BOCC Resolution 2024-090 to Authorize the Allocation of Community Services Millage Tax Revenue to the Kittitas County Public Health Department. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion

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05.01 carried to approve BOCC Resolution 2024-090 to Authorize the Allocation of Community Services Millage Tax Revenue to the Kittitas County Public Health Department.

1/10th of 1% Funding for School Districts discussion and direction

Chelsey Loeffers presented a proposal to fund Kittitas County public schools through the Kittitas County mental health tax outside of the competitive RFP process by allocating a percentage of the annual revenue to the schools. The board discussed the proposal and discussed ways to ensure that the money allocated to the schools is used for activities and projects that have clear goals and objectives and are in line with the BOCC priorities.

Chelsey Loeffers presented a couple of different funding algorithms.

- Total funds/total student population= base funding rate
- Options for calculation individual district allocations
 - Total students in district x base rate- straight allocation
 - Total students in district x base rate x percentage driver= adjusted allocation

All three commissioners preferred the adjusted allocation model and would like staff to move forward with this direction and create supporting documents and a resolution to review at the next meeting. There was discussion about the BOCC communicating with superintendents to discuss this allocation and use of funds. The BOCC will work with KCPHD staff to determine a timeline for this process.

Erin Moore discussed memorializing funds from the 1/10th funding for the Kittitas County Jail and Behavioral Health Court. The commissioners agreed and Commissioner Wright added that he would like to follow up to see if there is a way to also allocate funding for the Comprehensive Healthcare project that provides crisis responders at KVH through BOCC allocation. All of these currently have contracts for 1/10th funding.

There was also discussion about the BOCC meeting with the 1/10th of 1% board to discuss priorities for the remaining funds that will go through the RFP process. Staff will work with BOCC to schedule a special meeting.

Department of Commerce SFY 2025 Supplemental Homelessness Funds discussion and direction

Chelsey Loeffers informed the Commissioners that there is Department of Commerce funding for Homelessness and Affordable Housing. In the past the funding has gone directly to Hopesource. This year the Commerce funding is required to go through the county. There was discussion about the two different funding sources and department percentage of retention:

- Local Document Recording Fee Support: \$198,877.00
- Additional Consolidated Homeless Grant Funds: \$188,209
- 10% Admin: \$38,708



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The Commissioners approved running the Department of Commerce funding and contracts through Public Health and retaining the 10% for admin. The funds for Consolidated Homeless Grant funds will be passed through to Hopesource. The BOCC has given Mrs. Loeffers direction to follow up on the uses for the Local Document Recording Fee Support funding to be discussed at a future meeting.

Health Officer update

Mark Larson M.D reported briefly on the following:

- Avian Influenza and the work that is being done currently and the recent migration of birds coming through Ellensburg increases the risk of chicken flocks being exposed.
- New air quality guidance coming out that will be much simpler. Air Quality Index (AQI) is currently being used and is less confusing.
- Briefly discussed a study that was done in Los Angeles connecting autism with fluoride.

Other Business

None

Concluded at 10:56am

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Brett Wachsmith, BOCC Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Candi Blackford".

Candi Blackford, Clerk