

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

TUESDAY

2:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19, 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; Darren Higashiyama, Jesse Eldred, Deputy Prosecutor II; Jayme Ayling, Planning Manager; Josh Fredrickson, Engineer; Mark Cook, Zack Torrence Smith; Patti Stacey, Facilities Director; and approximately 20 members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARING

KITTCOM PROPOSITION

PROSECUTOR

At 2:00 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider a Resolution to submit a proposition to the voters of Kittitas County: authorizing a two-tenths of one percent Sales & Use Tax to fund costs.

JERRY PETTIT, KITTCOM ADVISORY MEMBER, requested the Board approve a Resolution to submit a proposition to the voters of Kittitas County. He reviewed how the increase in sales and use tax would allow for improvement of the countywide emergency communication systems and facilities. **RICH ELLIOTT, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF KITTCOM**, reviewed information on the make-up of the citizens advisory committee, their meetings, process, challenges, and recommendations.

THOSE PRESENT & TESTIFYING: **BILL ESSMAN** testified in support of the proposed Resolution. **JESSICA KARRAKER** said she served as a member of the committee, supported KITTCOM, but felt the small businesses weren't represented enough. She did not believe they looked at all the options available for Federal and State grant funding. **JIM ALAN** said he also served on the advisory committee and how it's unacceptable to have locations within the County that have no communication. He said he toured the current facility and saw systems that he saw back in the 1970's. He did not want to see the services go outside the County.

THERE BEING NO OTHERS REQUESTING TO TESTIFY, THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

RESOLUTION 2023-224

KITTCOM PROPOSITION

PROSECUTOR

VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Resolution No. 2023-224, to Submit a Proposition to the Voters of Kittitas County: Authorizing a Two-Tenths of One Percent (0.2%) Sales and Use Tax to Fund Costs

At approximately 2:24 p.m. **CHAIRMAN WRIGHT** opened a Public Hearing to consider the 2024-2029 Six-Year Capital Improvement Program.

JAYME AYLING, PLANNING MANAGER, reviewed a Staff Report and described the proposed Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for 2024-2029. He said the proposed capital improvements will help to provide adequate public facilities including County-owned buildings land, parks, and roads. Other public facility plans that are not under Kittitas County ownership are also listed in the CIP or included by reference, such as plans for water, sewer, fire, schools, and parks. The Plan does not cover routine maintenance, furniture, or equipment.

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

ORDINANCE 2023-009

6-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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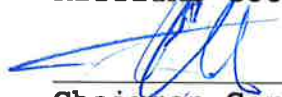
VICE-CHAIRMAN WACHSMITH moved to approve Ordinance No. 2023-009, Adopting the Kittitas County Capital Improvement Program for the Planning Period 2024-2029. **COMMISSIONER OSIADACZ** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was concluded at 2:28 p.m.

CLERK OF THE BOARD


Julie Kjorsvik

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Chairman Cory Wright