



KitsapCounty

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2026 Priorities

An Engaged and Connected

Community: Establish strong connections with and among residents, community groups, neighborhoods and organizations through timely, useful, inclusive, and responsive communication, outreach and events. Inform and engage residents where they are, respecting local input in transparent decision-making.

- Improve County branding with broad implementation of consistent, easy to use templates.
- Set a course on a new County Website and governance.
- Publish 2025 accomplishments/highlights.
- Issue RFQ for Rolling Hills GC operations and facilitate Board decision on future of facility.
- Begin update of Port Gamble Heritage Park Framework.
- Monitor and support community advisory council initiatives/events (Silverdale Community Center, Daffodil Festival, Holiday Lights, Discover Kingston, Drive Friendly).
- Complete feasibility assessment for Kingston incorporation.
- Support activities around America's 250th Anniversary.
- Decide on County DMO.

A Safe Community: Engender a feeling of safety for all residents where people are protected and secure, have a sense of community, and care about their neighborhoods. Promote public and traffic safety through careful planning and intentional public facilities and infrastructure.

- Relocate Sheriff's Detectives and determine next steps.
- Improve traffic safety and address speed concerns by providing prioritized options for safe, low-cost traffic slowing measures.
- Partner to support Gorst corridor improvement projects and culvert removals, and WSDOT Planning and Environmental Linkages study.
- Make decision on fire impact fees and respond to fire districts.
- Have Board adopt short term vacation rental policies and begin certification process.
- Evaluate ways to increase capacity to abate nuisance properties and enforce code compliance for violators.
- Evaluate data for opportunities for traffic cameras in Kingston.

A Healthy and Livable Community: Enhance our quality of life through protection of our air quality, water quality, and natural systems and promote open spaces, walkable communities, accessible health care, and educational and recreational opportunities that are welcoming to all people.

- Enhance recreational field capacity in North Kitsap.
- SK parks: use expansion, security, capital budget request, and community meetings.
- Advance an opioid addiction and treatment strategy using settlement funds, possibly related to KRC improvements.
- Facilitate decisions related to Givens Community Center.
- Start sign code update in Q4 and evaluate options and costs of enforcement.
- Continue supporting healthcare workforce expansion at Olympic College campus.
- Update Port Gamble MOA.
- County LTAC 2027 priorities.
- Enetai concerns in Comp Plan.
- Completion of Port Gamble North Gateway Parking Lot.
- Parks Community Meetings.
- Monitor Salisbury Point boat ramp user conflict.
- Gordon Park Master Plan and turf.
- Silverdale Waterfront Park bulkhead.
- Banner Forest resolution.
- Support Bremerton in replacing Salvation Army shelter on 6th Street.





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A Resilient Community: Improve our ability to prepare for and adapt to population growth, economic shifts, and climate changes through environmental safeguards, robust community-focused emergency preparedness and response, sustainable local food systems, diverse housing choices, expanded health care options, and a strong social safety net.

- Improve County emergency preparedness and planning with DEM exercise during Great Shakeout.
- Evaluate options for next steps from 2025 YOTR process and establish Agriculture Advisory Council.
- Track and provide input on any rulemaking regarding emergency bulkhead repair/replacement.
- Provide and support BOCC COOP/COG plan.
- Develop Hansville/Eglon Emergency Route.

A Vibrant Community: Support a thriving local economy with a skilled workforce and successful entrepreneurs and small businesses, and provide expanded access to technology, innovative programs, and a welcoming, understandable regulatory environment.

- Continue refinement of the 2x6 process and develop a 2x4 process for type 1 permits.
- Make progress toward Ridgetop redevelopment plan, issue RFP, and/or secure a developer partner.
- Leverage FIFA activities, events, revenue, and infrastructure for Kitsap County's long-term benefit.
- Evaluate ways to support expansion, availability, and affordability of childcare services, including an assessment of impact fee reductions or waivers.
- Set plan for Silverdale improvements to continue momentum from 2025 plan.
- Have Board approve Silverdale subarea plan.
- Business attraction and development through County's KEDA support (e.g., Silverdale vacant storefronts/mall, North Kitsap healthcare, and South Kitsap economic development).
- Update solid waste rates.
- Support Port of Bremerton economic development as requested.
- Continue Puget Sound Naval Shipyard coordination and SIOP.
- Kingston ATMS rollout.

A Well-Governed Community: Provide inclusive, accessible, and efficient government services and collaborate with local, state, and federal partners, acting always with professionalism and integrity.

- Build and adopt fiscally responsible 2027 budget solutions and create policy handbook.
- Explore impacts of adopting updated Parks impact fees and create Parks Foundation inclusion.
- Accounting closeout of COVID response.
- Vigorously pursue federal and state legislative support and funding.
- Improve security planning and protocols to support County front desk staff members and enable greater in-person access to public services.
- Improve County ethics code and procedures for receiving and evaluating complaints.
- Have Board endorse updated take-home vehicle policy.
- Bring forward capital funding plans for REET.
- Initiate space planning and consolidation for County campus and Givens.
- Work with City of Port Orchard to vacate ROWs and start construction on Courthouse Phase 0 project.
- Get Courthouse modernization direction and budget from Board.
- Work out successful space sharing with Emergency Management and Auditor Elections.
- Complete and receive Board approval for Point no Point Stormwater Plan.
- Consolidate and coordinate County training efforts for easier access, increased enrollment and attendance, and expanded in-person leadership development offerings.
- Create and implement GenAI policy (Phase 1).

