

Chelan County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 22, 2026

Opening: The meeting is called to order by Chairman Shon Smith at **1:05 P.M.** The following Committee Members are present:

Shon Smith, District 2 Commissioner
Christie Wilder, Plain Valley Ski Trails
Angela Morris, Chelan Douglas Land Trust
Tony Medina, Marina's Edge Resort
Calen Williams, Love Leavenworth
Stephen Maher, Our Valley Our Future/ Run Wenatchee

Also present for meeting:

Jerri Barkley, Visit Chelan County

Public Comment Period: None

December 10, 2025 Minutes Changes

- Add **Action:** Upon motion by Stephen Maher and second by Angela Morris the 2026 Framework recommendation was approved with one abstention: Christie Wilder
- Add 'Tourism Related Facilities' to the Chelan County distribution line in the Framework percentages
- Update the spelling of Jerri's name

Discussion:

By Laws Rev 4

Change meeting date to third Thursday of each month

Action: Upon motion by **Angela Morris** and second by **Tony Medina** the Lodging Tax Advisory By-Laws, Revision 4 were approved unanimously.

Calendar for 2026

Changed to third Thursday of the month

February meeting – in depth RESERVES discussion.

- What have the reserves been used for in the past – Paula to create a report for 2019 to 2025.
- How much should be kept in Reserves?
- Questions regarding how entities apply for the Emergency Fund. Is there still a method/structure for this?
- What qualifies as 'Emergency'?
- Should we publish an RFQ to the community for how to use those funds? Big projects with Countywide implications.

- Proposal: Keep \$500K in Reserves and slowly spend down excess Reserves (approx. \$2 million) over a couple of years. Within that \$2M, set aside \$500,000 to bump up Events by \$100K for the next 5 years.

March meeting – Jerri Barkley to present a yearend report for Visit Chelan County.

2:46 P.M. Meeting Adjourned