

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY**

**2:30 P.M.**

**MARCH 20, 2003**

Those in attendance: Commissioners Max Golladay, Perry Huston, and Bruce Coe

Others: Shannon Carlson, Deputy Clerk of the Board; David Bowen, Auditor; Gene Dana, Sheriff; Rob Degroot, Undersheriff; and Clay Meyers, Operations Chief.

**STUDY SESSION**

**JAIL DISCUSSION**

**SHERIFF**

At 2:40 P.M. a study session was held to discuss some of the problems that the Sheriff's Department is having with the jail.

Commissioner Coe asked what booking restrictions are in place and why have they changed. Clay Meyers explained that there are still some restrictions in place however, after talking with the judges and Prosecuting attorneys the judges are the only ones with the judicial power to place booking restrictions. Warrants are court orders and have to be carried out and booked in the jail. It should not be the officer's responsibility or the Corrections staff to deny someone to be booked into the jail because then they are taking a huge liability.

Mr. Meyers explained that the current jail population is 109. They have made accommodations taking the 45-bed population and increasing it to accommodate 75. Sheriff Dana said that they are trying to push the home monitoring and people just didn't want to take that option because they would have to pay out of pocket and up front for the service.

Mr. Meyers presented figures for modifications for the newly acquired motel and also the figures for transporting post trial prisoners to Sunnyside. The Sheriff's Department is also taking 25% off for good time for those that qualify to try and get them out sooner to make additional room.

Commissioner Golladay suggested that the jail ship all state prisoners to another facility and then bill the state for all costs incurred. The Sheriff's Department could also try and obtain a state order setting the maximum capacity for the jail that way they could refuse inmates and insist that state prisoners go else where.

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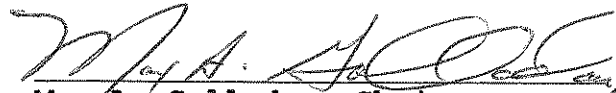
Commissioner Huston stressed the importance of getting together and challenging the state to pay for the mandates that go unfunded. Commissioner Huston made of list of information that he wanted the Sheriff's Department to gather in order to make a decision on what to do with the over flow of prisoners.

At 4:00 P.M., the Study Session was adjourned.

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