**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**DATE:** 7/3/06  
**TIME:** 9:40 a.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Bowen, Alan Crankovich, Perry Huston  
**DEPARTMENT:** Sheriff  
**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clayton Myers, Undersheriff, Debbie Myers, Office Assistant

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<th>Budget Amendment to purchase a River Boat.</th>
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| DISCUSSION: | Undersheriff Myers stated they need to step up and actively patrol the Yakima River due to increased gang activity, threats, etc. It’s getting so busy there has also been an increase in boating accidents and MIP, mostly occurring on the lower stretch of the river; Umptaneum Rec area, Bighorn, and Rosa areas. They have an inflateable but it is just a working platform used mostly on rescues. They can’t use an inflateable for patrolling. If they get a new boat they would need a 16-18 foot aluminum jet boat. The new boat would be used for rivers and lakes, the big boat they currently have would mostly be used on the Columbia and the inflateable could be staged near Suncadia for fast, easy access.  
Sheriff’s Dept. currently has $25,000 in their boat fund reserve. They should be able to purchase a boat without affecting the general fund.  
There was some discussion on staffing. Myers stated they have some Overtime built in. They started the year at $12,000, so they should be ok. |
| ACTION: | The Commissioners gave their approval to go ahead and purchase the boat. |