

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
LAW AND JUSTICE STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109 - ELLENSBURG  
Regular Meeting**

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>June 3, 2020</b>
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Board members present: Commissioners Laura Osiadacz and Cory Wright.

**Others:** Sheriff Clay Myers and Patti Johnson Director of Maintenance.

**Financial Impact on Manhunt:** Sheriff Myers advised that currently the overtime, supplies, and tow bills are around \$40,000.00. If the other Law Enforcement agencies were to charge us we would roughly be at a quarter of a million dollars. Therefore, we will be submitting for a Budget Amendment. Overtime is going to be reduced in the upcoming week and not as much for this week.

**Evidence Storage:** Sheriff Myers mentioned the Sheriff's Office will have to expand the storage significantly as we have a couple homicides that generate a tremendous amount of evidence, such as vehicles. An option is an impound lot, however we would have to pay a daily fee which is expensive.

The other impacts to evidence are the Legislature on firearms as we are storing many firearms due to high risk protections orders. We are looking at leasing another storage unit and working on getting a cost. Patti asked Sheriff Myers if he has looked into buying the building would it be better to purchase, and it would be to our benefit. Sheriff Myers said he did look into that at one time, but it was not approved by the previous Board. Sheriff indicated we have three units now and we would need one more. Sheriff asked the Board if they would like a purchase cost vs lease cost. Commissioner Wright mentioned he prefers to prioritize projects as the uncertainty right now and mentioned that maybe there is other funding out there or another avenue. Sheriff Myers and Patti both agreed to work on lease costs.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sheriff Myers mentioned for Concealed Pistol Licenses (CPL) within the office we have developed a process where the staff will schedule one person at a time to process and hopes to get that published this week.

Meeting adjourned at 0830 a.m.

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Clay Myers, Sheriff

  
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