

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:02 AM</b>	<b>December 2, 2020</b>
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Board members present: Brett Wachsmith Chairman, Commissioners Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz (via WebEx).

**Others via WebEx:** Sheriff Clay Myers, Inspector Chris Whitsett, Chief Deputy Ben Kokjer, Jail Superintendent Steve Panattoni, Judy Pless with Auditor's Office.

Sheriff Myers – Looking for budget direction. We received from Judy Pless on Sunday budget information and asked if there is anything specific or any direction from the board.

Sheriff Myers said that one of the philosophies is that we look at just straight percentages. In other words, we have 21% percentage of the budget is Sheriff's Office, so 21% of \$2.5 million is shade over \$500,000 for us. I didn't know if you are looking at everybody take a percentage of their budget and what percentage is yours for \$2.5 and that is what we expect. I'm not recommending that; I'm just saying that is one of the philosophies we have used in the past. Interesting, Wachsmith said he did not remember that being used, even in Treasurer Office. There are some departments that would have more to cut than other, at least that's what it seemed in the past at least. That is correct, Judy said we looked at as whose budget percentage over all, but there are some departments that can't cut based upon the percentages, so to come up with total that the budget is out of balance and apply to back to percentage doesn't work entirely throughout the general fund budget.

Sheriff Myers – I would like to request a carryover, primarily because of COVID we were not to get our vehicles equip and bids stuff done in order to get our cars built this year, so we're scheduling them out those vehicles to get built next year.

Sheriff Myers concern is that the car industry is pushing us back a year and then we are pushing ourselves back another year with our builds so at some point that catches up with us and then we have a year where we have two full years of cars to build.

Commission Wright, mentioned he has no issues with carryover, shifting money one year to next the vehicles are first in line to be replaced. Concerned about trend here and not sure what to do with vehicle management a lot is build cost.

Sheriff said I know you are working on a fleet plans and if there is something beneficial or we can contribute, please keep us in mind.

Chairman Wachsmith mentioned going back to your request; I'm fine with allowing carryover as Cory said. Laura Osiadacz supports of the carryover as well.

Sheriff asked Judy if there was anything that she needed from us for the carryover. No, Judy said she got the letter she will work with Sharrie to make sure she includes that in the vehicle build budget.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 AM

  
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**Kim Dawson**

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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**Brett Wachsmith, Chairman**