

**KITTITAS COUNTY
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
BOCC CONFERENCE ROOM, 205 WEST 5TH - ELLENSBURG**

Wednesday	9:00 AM	November 29, 2023
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Board members present: Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz
Others: Brian Carlson, Zack DeHaven, Clay Meyers

- 1. Call to order: 9:00 AM**

- 2. Citizen Comments (1 min. time limit):** None

- 3.** Mr. Carlson oriented the board to the current state of the draft budget. The general fund deficit at this time is \$ 7.6 MM. The discussion that followed was to consider equipment requests, projects, and budgeted deviations from historic-mean actual expenditures that remained in the Sheriff's draft budget within its "administration" and "law enforcement" divisions. The group discussed additional revisions made to published materials following a Sheriff command staff meeting the day before. Chairman Wright expressed a desire to reduce the general fund deficit to \$ 6.75 MM. The board unanimously agreed that approximately \$800 K be reduced from the Sheriff general fund budget, so as to bring the final adopted General Fund deficit to \$6.75 MM. BOCC directed Sheriff to identify specific reductions to be made within/among his division budgets.

- 4.** A proposal to move toward a centrally managed motor pool had been presented at a prior meeting, and time was set aside for discussion. After reviewing materials Chairman Wright inquired about lease flexibility and ownership of vehicles. The commitment would be four years with a buyout option should the leasing option no longer be desired. Commissioner Wachsmith asked if there would be an impact to the 2024 budget. As currently constructed, Finance staff does not anticipate any impact to the 2024 budget, rather a redeployment of current appropriations. The commissioners


expressed were agreeable to this pilot program as presented. There were no additional budget-related decisions or actions.

5. Concluded: 10:05 AM



Brian Carlson

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Cory Wright, Chairman