

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

WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	November 6, 2024
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Sheriff Clay Myers, Chief Darren Higashiyama, Inspector Chris Whitsett, Facilities Director Patti Stacey, Arden Thomas and Cameron Curtis with Public Works; and one member of the public.

Citizen Comment – Mr. Kelleher shared his concerns on the access to Hanson pit and the no parking access and the no trespassing signs to include hunting concerns.

Discussion on new parking enforcement on Snoqualmie Pass – Sheriff Myers said there is new parking enforcement with Diamond Company. At this time, we don't have any news to provide and don't know the impact of the county roads but will keep the board updated.

Update on Springwood & Stone Road property – Sheriff Myers said that Chief Kokjer will be on top of this and should get legal authorization and a process with respect to access and recommends working with CDS. As for Stone Road, public use compatible, property line fenced, no trespassing, parking issues as this needs to be worked on and would recommend from the board working on a restoration plan for RV park, can't close to the public; right now, open to public and we don't need problems.

Update on Capital Facilities – Chief Higashiyama gave an update on EOC that the request sent to State and working with Public Works to change contract to Sheriff's Office and to expedite when it comes back.

Sheriff Myers asked about the status of the jail front door. Patti said as part of the building it is part of remodel and will go out to bid.

Update on strategic emergency response for Event Center – Chief Higashiyama meeting with Kady and looking into other agency plans, last was updated two years ago, as the contact information for phone and radios change. Sheriff Myers also stated there are areas to work on and that Chief Higashiyama will gather with the stakeholders and work on those areas.

Flock Camera System - Inspector Whitsett mentioned that yesterday the BOCC had approved the recommended L&J Grants, the Flock camera system being one. There will be ten camera deployments and those cameras to be put in play and shared with other agencies. Inspector will be speaking to Public Works on the camera locations. Sheriff Myers mentioned that he had really thought about this system and has had discussions on traffic concerns, seen how other agencies are handling these types of cameras for investigations and solving crimes.

Other Business – Sheriff Myers asked Patti if there was an update on SAR Building and she indicated no.

Commissioner Wright asked if the helipad on I90 still active and Chief Higashiyama replied yes. District 3 may have more responses to this, but Chief Higashiyama mentioned there have been discussions at the Fire Chiefs meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.



Kim Dawson

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman