

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

WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	April 2, 2025
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Sheriff Myers, Chief Deputy Higashiyama, Nancy Shaff with Sheriff's Office, Josh Frederickson, Cameron Curtis, Reid Burbank with Public Works, and Zack DeHaven, Bryan Elliott with Auditor's Office.

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion on County Road Diversion Funds: Sheriff Myers briefed the Board on the Sheriff's Office traffic enforcement on county roads and how there were a few years that were paid by Public Works for either capital projects to county road diversions or was to balance the budget. Annually there was around \$300,000 and not sure what it was used for last year. Josh mentioned per RCW, we collect and divert road funds within the county. In 2021-22 was last time collected because of SAR building. Chairman Osiadacz questions what occurred in 2019, and Josh said we did do a levy shift for water banking.

Josh mentioned \$8.4M for road fund balance by dropping chip seals, vacancies, and land for county shop. Next year it will take \$1-1.5M every year to maintain.

Josh mentioned the exchange of lower precinct of property was to go to Sheriff's Office, but we don't own the property per Sheriff, the county does. Sheriff again mentioned in 2023 for the 2022 funds that the county road was the final piece to balance budget. In 2024, we were expecting those funds, what are the boards direction. Zack DeHaven mentioned the general fund did pay for the construction delay, the diversion did stop, and no funds transferred.

Sheriff Myers explained what type of traffic enforcement is done and reported to help support and pay for roads and advised he is not looking for a decision but needs to pick up this conversation of the money not shifting over. Commissioner Wright said he would like to incorporate where money goes for the road levy and would like Sheriff to help support.

At 8:25 a.m. Request from Chairman Osiadacz to enter Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price. At 9:00 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. Chairman Osiadacz mentioned to move foward awarding bid with existing funds.

Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.



Kim Dawson

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

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