

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

WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	May 7, 2025
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via WebEX) and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith. **Others:** Sheriff Myers, Inspector Chris Whitsett, Superintendent Steve Panattoni; Sheriff's Office, Budget & Finance Director Zack DeHaven; Auditor's Office and Deputy Prosecutor Patricia Todd; Prosecutor's Office.

Citizen Comments: None

Discuss Local Budget: Sheriff mentioned that the Management Team made a presentation on budget and asked if the board had any significant concerns for 2025/2026 years as the 2025 budget was adopted. Commissioner Wachsmith and Zack spoke on pro forma which will be discussed at Budget Retreat.

Request to fill vacant Line and Jail positions (Action Item) - Sheriff advised the jail revenues and charge rates have increased and the Board was not comfortable with projected revenue and so three positions were not filled and with respect to the revenue we are \$600,000, first quarter this year and last year as the US Marshalls is driving this daily rate and bed days are running 50% with inmates and no indications it will change. Sheriff Myers mentioned there is an increase in revenue of half million in 1st quarter, along with existing revenue, so we would like to refill the line and jail positions and don't believe a budget amendment is needed and Zack agreed. The jail cost is \$108,000 and for Line \$134,000. Sheriff Myers advised that they don't need the startup cost for a vehicle and equipment, so the cost is less. Commissioner Wachsmith is fine with this, and Chairman Osiadacz said as long as finance agrees she is okay with this. Approved action.

Sheriff mentioned that there is one unfilled clerical position too, and looking at reorganizing specifically to fleet/training. If this works out, we will ask to reactivate this position, and this position will not need a budget amendment.

Discuss DOJ/Jail Grants: Commissioner Wachsmith asked if the President cuts have been affecting us, DOJ Grants, and Superintendent Panattoni said the money is not going anywhere and we are on track, the July 1st we will be starting with our Grant, 115 Waiver.

Other Business: Sheriff informed the board that he wants to put containers at Bowers field as we have EM, Jail, and Sheriff's Office equipment, so instead of leasing we can purchase containers starting at \$3,500 each and delivered. Per Zack, the 1/10th monies for jail project are under budget.

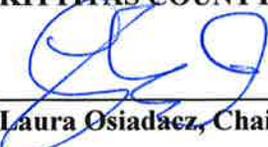
At 8:20 a.m. Request from Commissioner Wachsmith enter in Executive Session - RCW 42.30.110(iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. At 8:46 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.



Kim Dawson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

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