

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>July 2, 2025</b>
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**Board members present:** Commissioner Cory Wright, Commissioner Brett Wachsmith and Chairman Laura Osiadacz.

**Others:** Sheriff Myers, Inspector Chris Whitsett, Chief Administrative Deputy Nancy Shaff, Dora VanEpps with Auditor's Office and one member of the public.

**Citizen Comments** – None.

**Sheriff's Office Operations update and budget impacts:** Sheriff Myers gave an update on the potential impacts relating to the Chelan County homicide and our cost right now is \$130,000 in overtime and we are not sure where this places us in the budget as there are other overtime responses as well.

**Cle Elum bankruptcy potential impacts:** Sheriff Myers mentioned an impact for the Sheriff's Office could affect SAR. Sheriff is looking for alternatives for SAR and will work with Cle Elum and get back to board.

**Homeland Security Grants – 2025 federal fiscal year:** Sheriff indicated he received information that a number of homeland security grants for Tactical team training and equipment will not be available to us. We are currently working on actuals for 2026; the ballpark is \$75,00.00.

**Other Business:** Sheriff mentioned an increase in academy training costs and will discuss this increase with WASPC.

Sheriff Myers gave a brief overview of the calls and reported crime along with the enforcement actions and impacts of the operations for mid-2025 and mentioned that crimes in specific areas have gone down.

Commissioner Wright mentioned he met with the Fire Marshal and appreciates his approach to the burn ban.

Commissioner Wachsmith asked the status of the jail project. Sheriff Myers mentioned that Superintendent is working on this, and they are making progress.

Commissioner Wachsmith added that the jail revenue is good per the Auditor's Office.

Inspector Whitsett said that the 1115 Medicaid Waiver was in effect on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Jail.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

  
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Kim Dawson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

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