

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING**

MONDAY

10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 03, 2025

Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz; Vice-Chairman Cory Wright; and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Eileen Murphy, Director of Public Defense.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE

SPECIAL MEETING: PUBLIC DEFENSE DIRECTOR UPDATE COMMISSIONERS

At 10:00 A.M. Chairman Osiadacz opened a Special Meeting with the Director of Public Defense, Eileen Murphy. The Public Defense team is responsible for managing cases in the County as well as all City municipalities. Ms. Murphy reviewed the caseloads that she and her team are currently working on as well as the projection for the remainder of the year.

Ms. Murphy shared the Supreme Court ruling regarding caseload restrictions showing the 10-year scheduled reduction. The required reductions will result in the need for additional staff to manage the caseloads. Ms. Murphy is aware of current budget concerns and stated that she and her staff are continually looking for grants and additional funding sources. She said she would bring forth information and ideas as things progress.

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

The meeting concluded at 10:37 A.M.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR



Jodi Larsen

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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

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