

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

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| WEDNESDAY | 8:00 AM | December 3, 2025 |
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Board members present: Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Sheriff Myers, Chief Darren Highashiyama, Chief Admin. Deputy Nancy Shaff, Superintendent Steve Panattoni and Security Deputy James Woody.

Citizen Comments: None

Discuss scheduling a Courthouse Fire Drill: Need to get a date on the books, Commissioners need to approve the date. It was asked how much time would be needed; it was estimated to be about one hour. Darren suggested some guidance information be put out to all who work in the Courthouse on how to proceed if there is a fire. This way folks are prepared for the drill. Then plan the date for some time in 2026. In planning the date, the Courts need to be consulted to make sure it happens during a time that will impact them the least. It was discussed that Thursdays are the busiest docket days, but then it was suggested it could still be held on Thursday, just after the docket. Fire Command is needed. Vice-Chairman Wright said let's get it planned.

Request for approval to purchase meals/refreshments for annual award ceremony: Sheriff Myers asked the Commissioners to approve of providing meals at our Annual Award Meeting at the end of February. He told them the Sheriff's Association would be paying for half, and the cost estimate is a little over \$3,000. Commissioners had no issues and approved the request.

Other Business: Commissioner Wright asked about the grooming for Salmon La-sac, if Sheriff had any updates on what would be happening from the USFS. Sheriff said he had not heard anything but knew the USFS was scaling back. He was going to check in with Sergeant Goeman, who is the liaison to see what he knows.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.



Kim Dawson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

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