

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

WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM	July 1, 2026
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Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Sheriff Myers, Inspector Chris Whitsett, Chief Darren Higashiyama, Jeanne Killgore, Miko Tempski, Therese Murphy, and Charlie Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 08:00 a.m.

Citizen Comments (1 Minute time limit)

None.

Workplace Accommodations discussion:

Sheriff Myers notified the board that in the Sheriff's Office there is an empty office area that is being converted for employees to utilize for interviews, lactation room, and a multi-purpose office when needed. Chief Higashiyama wanted to inform the board that Cody Cupp is doing a great job and has expedited the process on this office space.

Old SAR Building discussion:

Sheriff Myers informed the board that the Sheriff's Office is still paying a yearly fee and that we notified BNSF years ago that we moved out and vacated the building, but we are still paying, and the annual increase went up to around \$10,000 to \$14,000. We need to know what to do and what the next steps are. Miko mentioned he spoke to Risk Pool regarding the lease, and it was suggested to write them a letter. Chairman Wright agreed with Miko and gave him direction to move forward with the letter. Darren confirmed with the Board if Charlie is to still handle this project and Chairman Wright responded yes.

Executive Session – RCW 42.30.110(i) – (i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Board entered into executive session at 8:10 a.m. length of anticipated time of 15 minutes. The Board exited executive session at 8:22 a.m. with no action taken.

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Executive Session RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) - That portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Board entered into executive session at 8:23 a.m. length of anticipated time of 10 minutes. The Board exited executive session at 8:30 a.m. with no action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

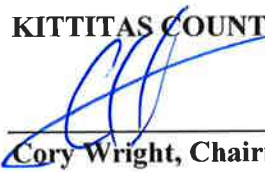
None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.



Kim Dawson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Cory Wright, Chairman