COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
SHERIFF'S OFFICE PRESENTATION
SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY **11:00 AM** **SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026**

Board members present: Chairman,Brett Wachsmith; Commissioner, Jeff Leichleiter
Others: Jodi Larsen, Office Administrator; Ben Kokjer, Sheriff Chief Deputy; Chris Whitsett, Inspector Sheriff's office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: NONE

SPECIAL MEETING PRIORITIES AND PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION SHERIFF

At 11:00 A.M., **Chairman Wachsmith** opened a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners with the Sheriff's Office. **Inspector Whitsett** presented a data-informed briefing on workload, enforcement, service demand, staffing, and community impact. The "Priorities and Performance" presentation covered operational years 2021-22 through 2025-26 and outlined the Sheriff's Office priorities in the following order:

1. Public safety.
2. Justice for victims and accountability for offenders.
3. Protection of the quality of life in Kittitas County.
4. Professional, personal service to the community.

Inspector Whitsett also reviewed Kittitas County's crime rate in comparison with statewide figures and those of local municipalities. Kittitas County's crime rate was lower than each of the comparison jurisdictions. The Board thanked **Inspector Whitsett, Chief Deputy Kokjer,** and Sheriff's Office personnel for their diligence, hard work, and professionalism.

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

The meeting concluded at 11:49 a.m.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Jodi Larsen

KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

APPROVED
10/20/26