

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>March 3, 2021</b>
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**Board members present:** Brett Wachsmith Chairman, Commissioners Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz (via WebEx).

**Others via WebEx:** Sheriff Clay Myers, Greg Zempel, Val Barschaw, Jerry Pettit, Amy Cziske, Steve Panattoni, Judge Ellis, Judge Sparks, Cori McKean.

Discussion on adding one 1/10<sup>th</sup> Corrections Officer position – Sheriff Myers discussed that last year he requested three full positions and would like to request one position now and phase in an additional later in the year and another one again. This is a part of the 1/10 tax fund and was confirmed by Judy. Sheriff requested to approve additional position for the jail and the Board approved.

Infrastructure/Grants/Cascadia Rising-Upper County – Sheriff Myers discussed this statewide project and will be following up with Patty Murray’s office to discuss the support of law enforcement and SAR facility in the Upper County as the Sheriff believes there is funding available to help support this project in the Upper County. Commissioner Osiadacz supports this and the Sheriff’s Office grant opportunities.


Discussion on long-term planning on the impacts of IMT – Sheriff Myers indicated that the County needs to look at temporary measures on how to prepare for long-term, cross train employees, find volunteers, discuss other locations for IMT if needed, as we have protentional for other events.

Dr. Larson gave an overview of how we will move forward, phases, and vaccination updates.

Sheriff Myers asked that the each elected to speak to their personnel and start identifying training and employees and/or county volunteers. Commission Wachsmith added that this takes a lot of support and to let the Board know if help is needed and pass information on to Commission Osiadacz as the IMT liaison.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM

  
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Kim Dawson

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

**APPROVED**  
4/7/21