

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

WEDNESDAY	8:01 AM	April 5, 2023
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Board members present: Chairman Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Sheriff Clay Myers, Chief Ben Kokjer, Chief Darren Higashiyama, Superintendent Steve Panattoni from Sheriff's Office; Deputy Prosecutor Chris Horner, Brian Carlson; Finance Director and Jeanne Killgore; Director of Human Resource.

Citizens Comments: None.

Discussion/Upgrade on Sheriff's Office Reorganization: Sheriff Myers mentioned that the position proposals were made for the line as it lacks supervision and was also recommend by LEMAP. The jail has minimal impact on its funding which was placed in the 2023 Budget, and we had this conversation with the Board in January and there was a hold on this as we were to wait for an update from Finance. Brian Carlson agreed and is good with this and mentioned that the last piece to review is the 1/10 and 3/10ths fundings but has no issue. The positions requested were approved by the Board.

Discussion/Update on ARPA funds: Sheriff Myers asked the Board if he can spend the funds for bearcat, drone and EOC project. The bearcat was ordered per Brian Carlson it was approved last year and carryover into this year was approved. Chairman Wright said that in reference to the drone we are working through this broad band and the cost also mentioned this is a moving target as other requests have been coming in too, Chairman Wright said; so this is 'in the mix'.

08:12am - Request from Chairman Wright to enter Executive Session with Sheriff Myers, Jeanne Killgore and Chris Horner - RCW 42.30.110(g)- To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW [42.30.140\(4\)](#), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public. No action taken.

At 08:27 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken per Chairman Wright.

Other Business: Chief Higashiyama discussed the Abatement process regarding moving vehicles, boats, etc. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Kim Dawson



Cory Wright, Chairman

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