

**COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES  
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
CONFERENCE ROOM/WEBEX  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY**

**3:00 P.M.**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith and Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz. Excused: Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Taylor Crouch, Administrative Assistant; Clay Myers, Sheriff; Chris Whitsett, Inspector; Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board; and Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent.

**SPECIAL MEETING                      MEETING WITH SHERIFF'S OFFICE                      COMMISSIONERS**

At 3:00 p.m. Chairman Wachsmith opened a Special Meeting to discuss updates from the Sheriff's Office.

Jail Medical- Sheriff Meyers explained that the current jail agreement is expiring at the end of September. Steve Panattoni, Jail Superintendent gave a brief history of medical in the jail. He explained the pros and cons of running medical plans in the jail and the legal expectations of services. Mr. Panattoni said they were at good point to take a new look at the medical program and move to something more sustainable. They were looking at hiring an ARNP to take care of the medical needs. The Board was supportive of this move and requested that a formal proposal be brought forward for their consideration.

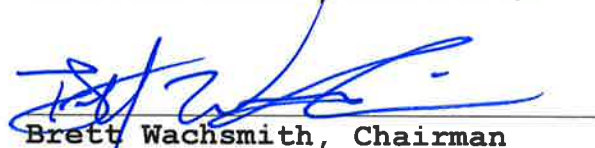
Funding Vehicle and Body Cameras- Chris Whitsett, Inspector stated there were new laws taking effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and as things are now, the Sheriff's Office would not be in compliance. They would need to purchase the equipment soon due to shipping and training times to be ready for the new year. Inspector Whitsett showed the Board the package of equipment they would like to purchase from Axon, which includes 40 cameras and tasers. The Board was in support of moving forward and gave direction to prepare the contracts to be brought back for final Board decision.

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

  
Taylor Crouch

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

**APPROVED**  
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