

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

WEDNESDAY	8:10 AM	October 6, 2021
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Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz (via WebEx) and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Sheriff Clay Myers, Superintendent Steve Panattoni and Chief Deputy Darren Higashiyama.

Update on Inmate Medical: Superintendent Panattoni mentioned that there is a contract extension for the next three months for medical. Costs are on the rise. Current trend is organization get paid portal to portal, we have not run the exercise, we are putting savings in medical care for hiring a nurse. Currently, we have Dr. Larson working with us.

EM Facilities (Use of Rental Event Center): Chief Higashiyama mentioned that since COVID we were being charged \$43,000 monthly with no reimbursement. Chief Higashiyama explained if we open for an evacuation it pays for Sheriff's Office overtime, but not for facility. We have no budget for this. FEMA is all or none. Darren indicated we need to discuss before next year. Sheriff Myers mentioned having an agreement in place for reimbursement if we are going to be charged to be funded in cases where costs are approved. Commission Wachsmith asked how long for reimbursement, Chief Higashiyama said it could take years, usually an audit is first and then reimbursement and we are not guaranteed funds. Sheriff Myers indicated that no decision is to be made today but is information to do and discuss.

COVID Related Cost Rollover: Sheriff Myers mentioned that some manufactures have been impacted and requests a carryover to 2022 budget as it's all on order. Chairman Wachsmith and Commissioner Wright are both fine with this request.

Public Disclosure: Sheriff Myers mentioned in the budget proposal two highlights: 1) EM assistance as we need more resources and 2) Public Disclosure – Sheriff's Office makes up to 63% of all Public Disclosure Requests. We are pushing out requests, trouble keeping up with the requests. We need to address this and with cameras coming on too. Sheriff Myers said we don't need action today but wanted to highlight requests. Sheriff Myer's idea of having a centralized group and would like to bring this to the table. Chairman Wachsmith mentioned bring to the management team.

Other business: Request from board to enter Executive Session with Sheriff Myer at 8:40 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 am.



Kim Dawson

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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman

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