

Law & Justice Study Session Minutes
May 4, 2016
Commissioners Auditorium

Meeting called to order at 0759 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien, Laura Osiadacz, Undersheriff Myers and Sheriff Dana.

Discussion Weather Station – Per Undersheriff Myers the microsite on Wind Farm is Puget Sound Energy and they are setting up. No status in the Yakima area. There is one in Upper County and data not the best. USFS, Mike Starkovich is working on this. Commission Jewell asked are we paying for this. Undersheriff said County pays nothing. There will be an Agreement at some point. We are just the facilitator. Per Undersheriff Myers hope this is up and running before fire season. Purchasing equipment with Homeland Security funds. No Action taken.

LE Clerk vacancies – Per Undersheriff the vacancies have been addressed. We are analyzing how much resource on public records requests and looking at the possibility of full time public disclosure officer. Undersheriff Myers discusses countywide strategy meeting in the future. Commissioner Jewell explained all areas of strategy and Commissioners O'Brien to check on next Records Management meeting. Undersheriff Myers said a potential budget request will be in the future. No Action Taken.

Off Duty Request/Agreement form – The Auditor's and Prosecutor Office are comfortable with law enforcement services just being security. Both Undersheriff Myers and Sheriff gave examples of the triathlon and Suncadia events. Commissioner Jewell asked if cost recovery was sent to Auditor. Undersheriff Myer said its right at \$78 ball park cost, but Judy and Heather are working on it. Per Undersheriff still trying to close a gap and the form hasn't been changed yet.

Other business – Undersheriff spoke with Lisa it was a productive meeting regarding hiring process. It was a process issue that came to an understanding. We are having a strategy meeting today with IT and HR. Undersheriff mentioned that Chelsea's title is Representative not Civil Service Examiner. Commissioner Jewell indicated first he's heard and to discuss at later time. Commissioner OBrien said to set an executed session if needed.

Commissioner Jewell said that we don't support the fire range restrictions proposed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Kittitas County portion of the Wenas Refuge area. Historically when shooting on Durr Road it's a troublesome spot. Undersheriff Myers said Yakima County north end has problems, housing density. Fish and Wildlife plans to move to larger scale to restrict two locations. The concerns are 1) we don't have substantial problems in the areas of the Wenas Refuge within Kittitas County 2) no concerns with Yakima County as we have one or two complains a year. Commissioner Jewell agreed with Undersheriff Myers.

Meeting adjourned at 08:45 a.m.



Clay Myers, Undersheriff



Obie O'Brien, Chairman