

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

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>February 2, 2022</b>
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**Board members present:** Chairman Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman Cory Wright, and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

**Others In-Person:** Sheriff Clay Myers, Inspector Christopher Whitsett, Mark Cook; Public Work Director.

**Others via WebEx:** Ken Grannan; Airport Director, Chris Horner, and Doug Mitchell; Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

**Homelessness Mitigation:** Sheriff Myers indicated that there is an increase in homelessness and wanted to bring this to the Boards attention. We need to push this issue to make it a priority and we need to address the squatters. Chairman Osiadacz mentioned maybe a conversation with City of Ellensburg to see if they want a broader conversation on the homeless challenges in parks and invite Sheriff's Office.

**SAR Future Transition to Upper County:** Sheriff advised the Lease Agreement is with City shop. Next phase is design and construction for Cle Elum Airport; address 1) SAR Management equipment needs space (primarily for vehicles) holding on to vehicles for appeal process; need secure area. 2) Surplus and pending sales, and seasonal vehicles as we are running into problems at the Umptanum building.

Ken Grannan, Airport Director; mentioned that fencing prices have been discussed. Currently Sheriff's Office uses for inmate transfers with no issues for now, lease is thru 2027. Sheriff mentioned the five acres in the upper county can be solved and if feasible to use the space and Director Cook said present value to the board and transfer. Director Cook encouraged to move quickly and that we need to have a conversation with Board. Commissioner Wright asked you SAR or Substation? Sheriff said SAR & Emergency Management are priority now for Upper County, west precinct is location. The future approach partner with Roslyn & Cle Elum. Direction Cook mentioned to move on land use now, architect, design, and scope of services. It was mentioned that the Board will have a conversation with Cle Elum City Council and Director Cook to speak with Mayor McGowan. Next steps: work on land use for services, Sheriff to work with Auditor's Office and Chief Higashiyama (Emergency Management) on funding. Director Cook to get value and give to Director Grannan. Sheriff mentioned he did not place funds in Sheriff's budget, look at County level for grant funding to start process. Commissioner Wachsmith said he has Federal information he can pass along.

**Discuss & Review Exemptions Under the County Noise Ordinance:** Chairman Osiadacz has been receiving calls about dogs barking all the time. Under the exemptions in 'Noise Ordinance' one says dog grooming (Chairman Osiadacz addresses lists of exemptions) quiet after 10pm, construction exemption okay, but ongoing is not okay. Sheriff mentioned 'farming' some work is done during day and at night. This is a challenge and a reason why we have zoning. Whitsett mentioned that there are weaknesses and we had to have legal review exemptions in past. Sheriff said board might want to create a study group to

look at this. Wachsmith said planning commission to look at, Sheriff indicated we can be a part of the conversation. Commissioner Osiadacz will ask Dan to take to planning commission.

**Other Business:** Sheriff Myers provided a heads up to the Board that we no longer have a use for the Humvee, after looking at inventory it's not needed. and that we are looking at acquiring a side by side. We can get trade in value at approximately \$7,000 for the trade in.

At 8:46 a.m. Request from Commission Wright to enter Executive Session with Sheriff Myers at 8:46 a.m. - 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 09:07 a.m. the Board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.



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Laura Osiadacz, Chairman