

## SHERIFFS MEETING

TIME: 7:30 a.m.      DATE: 10/13/2022

LOCATION: Burger Claim Restaurant (Belfair)

MEETING CALLED BY: Chief Ryan Spurling

ATTENDING GUEST: Mr. Dan Griffey

Chief Spurling opened with an announcement that the 2023 Budget Committee Workshop ended with hopefully great financial backing from the 3 attending County Commissioners. An agreement was also accomplished for 4 more deputies to be hired. Conversation regarding animal control within Mason County was a big topic. Average county calls are 500 to 600 a month. Since officers are on staff to screen calls discussion was to route calls to another office like health or Sheriffs Office needs additional financial support for another person.

Introduction to Dan Griffey: Mr. Griffey has been our State Representative for 8 years. FENTANYL is a monster in all states across America. It is at epidemic levels and extremely dangerous to our young children as it is in attractive candy. The drug is useful and prescribed for the recovery of severe surgeries. Law makers are not in agreement to changes in Washington Law to fix current situation. Unfortunately criminal sanctions for this issue is just a misdemeanor and most likely will stay that way. Drug and alcohol personnel have quit because of no support to enforce control. At a minimum purity standards on all drugs should be set. Mental health and drugs are 100% the cause of folks on the streets. He believes if this drug is legalized it will be even worse. Right now there are 150 recipes on the internet on how to create fentanyl. It has been reported that one hundred thousand babies are addicted at birth. Washington State is beginning to be tied to California emission energy. It will take a monumental effort to repeal the ban on ending combustible engines by 2030. Buy 2035 Governor Inslee wants no combustible engines sold in Washington State. Mr. Griffey believes that Washington State needs to break the connection with California Laws. Apparently the Federal Government wants to remove credit card "bonus points" credit because the points cannot be taxed. A law is currently trying to be enacted.

Chief Spurling announced that November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be Sheriff Casey's last meeting at Spencer Lake Restaurant. He started the community meetings in 2007.