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WACO/WSAC Joint Conference Registrations in the Mail

WACO and WSAC members will be receiving registration information and schedules this week for the first Joint Conference of both organizations, September 30 - October 4, at the West-Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, in Wenatchee. Whatcom County Treasurer Barbara Cory and Grant County Commissioner LeRoy Allison will be presiding over this historical meeting, which will focus on discussing and finalizing a legislative package to address the revenue shortfall which is threatening even the most basic services for which county government is responsible.

Please send in your registration for the conference as soon as possible. Because this is the first joint meeting of the memberships of WACO and WSAC, we need to know how many county officials and others are attending so that we can better facilitate our arrangements for meeting rooms and meals with the conference center.

A tentative agenda for the conference is included with this edition of the *Courthouse Journal*. Please call either WACO or WSAC staff if you have any questions.

WSAC Seeking Statements of Candidacy from Members

Members of the Washington State Association of Counties who are considering seeking a WSAC office are encouraged to submit their statements of candidacy for publication in the *Courthouse Journal* and on the WSAC website. Statements should be limited to four or five paragraphs.

While each of the three offices of the Association is technically open each Fall, practice has been for the Vice President to move to the Association Presidency automatically.

The same is true for the Secretary-Treasurer to move to the Vice Presidency. If the practice continues Pierce County Councilmember Harold Moss will be elected President in Wenatchee during the WACO/WSAC Joint Fall Legislative Conference and Walla Walla County Commissioner Dave Carey will be elected to Vice President.

Candidates for Secretary-Treasurer must be from the Association's Western District. Statements will be published in the *Courthouse Journal* the week of arrival.

Register TODAY for WSAC Western District Meeting!

County councilmembers and commissioners from across Western Washington will gather together in Vancouver, Washington, on the shores of the Columbia River on September 5 and 6 to discuss the county role in economic development, housing affordability, and water supply.

It is the annual fall meeting of the

Western District of the Washington State Association of Counties, hosted by Clark County and Western District President, Betty Sue Morris.

The meeting kicks off Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. with a business meeting agenda that includes election of officers. The

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remainder of Thursday morning is devoted to economic development topics and a discussion of county approaches and involvement in economic development from around Western Washington. Thursday afternoon includes an examination of the factors impacting housing affordability and actions that can be taken to address hous-

ing costs. Friday morning's session will examine water supply options for new growth and actions that counties can take to improve water resource management. Commissioners and councilmembers will also have the opportunity to share approaches they are taking to balance 2003 budgets.

The meeting takes place at the Red

Lion Inn at the Quay. Registration is \$105 for early registration. The deadline is August 26 and fast approaching. Please fax or mail in your registration as soon as possible. Payment can follow later if need be. You can also access the registration on our website at <http://www.wacounties.org/wsac>.

Noxious Weed Funding *By LeRoy Allison*

The members of the State Weed Board are all dedicated to protecting our Counties and State from the economic,

environmental, health, aesthetic and other threats that non-native noxious weeds pose to our land and water based resources.

Property owners have primary responsibility for noxious weeds, and ensuring that those responsibilities are fulfilled is a county function. This is done through the formation and funding of a County Weed Board and the employment of a County Weed Coordinator and other staff as necessary. Many counties are doing a great job, and finding that the quicker they address noxious weed problems, the more cost-effective the solutions.

Just under half of the counties in the state fund these functions from their general funds. With all of the fiscal pressures that counties are under these days, there is some concern that some counties will be tempted to cut back in the crucial, although unglamorous, area of noxious weed control. In view of the great difficulty and expense of removing noxious weeds once they are established, I urge you not to let your county's future fall victim to such temptation during today's shortfalls.

There is an alternative to funding weed control through the county general fund, and to-date 20 counties have found that the alternate fits their needs. This is the "assessment" method authorized by

RCW 17.10.240.

Assessments are fair and equitable because they put the financial responsibility for noxious weed regulation right where the problems occur and the benefits accrue – on the owners of land and water resources. Some counties have found that even modest assessments have provided weed control budgets that are sufficient and more stable than they were able to provide through their general funds.

Assessments can take time and the cooperation of key county staff members to implement, so they need the support of commissioners and council members to be successful. In addition, an assessment may need to be in place for a period of time before it will generate a revenue stream sufficient to manage a county's noxious weed problems.

However, in counties where commissioners and council members find them suitable, assessments can be a viable avenue to continuing or improving the crucial job of noxious weed control, while relieving pressure on the general fund. Further information is available from the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board at (360) 902-2053.

Thank you for your continued efforts in noxious weed control!

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Courts, Law and Justice

Adams County Sheriff Named U.S. Marshal

Adams County Sheriff Mike Kline has been named as the United States Marshal for the eastern district of Washington State. He will be sworn in on August 23, at the Thomas S. Foley U.S. Courthouse, in Spokane, at 2:00 p.m. Following the swearing in, there will be a reception at the WestCoast Grand Hotel at the Park, in Spokane. Mike was elected sheriff in Adams County in 1994 and has served two

terms. Many congratulations to Mike in his new position!

Judges Want WSAC Rep for Court Funding Task Force

Like other local government officials, judges are also looking for stable funding resources to support their programs. The associations of Superior Court judges, District and Municipal Court judges, and the state Board for Judicial Administration (BJA) have established a task force to de-

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velop and implement a plan to achieve stable, adequate long-term funding of Washington trial courts in order to meet basic needs and provide equal justice throughout the state.

The Court Funding Task Force will include participation by judges, lawyers, court administrators, clerks, legislators, other elected officials and the public. The BJA has asked the WSAC Board of Directors to appoint a representative to the task force, which is planning on four or five meetings from September-December 2002.

Commissioners, council members, and executives interested in serving on the Court Funding Task Force should notify WSAC staff Sophia Byrd at sbyrd@wacounties.org or 360-753-1886. The deadline for submitting nominees to the WSAC Board is Friday, August 30. The Board will appoint a representative at its regular meeting September 4, 2002.

Federal Funding Available to Divert Mentally Ill from Jail

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services is seeking applications for FY 2003 funding for programs to divert individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system to the mental health treatment and appropriate support services (*Federal Register*, April 30, 2002, pp. 21263-21265, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?name=2002_register&docid=02-10515-filed).

The Jail Diversion Program, based on the Public Health Service Act §520G, is being coordinated with the Department of Justice's solicitation "Mental Health Court Grants Program" authorized in Public Law 106-515, Part V, Section 2201. It is the intention of both agencies to collaborate on both the implementation and analysis of the two programs. The overall goal of the collaboration is to improve policy and practice for addressing the needs of persons with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder who become involved with the criminal justice system.

SAMHSA will fund programs that divert persons with mental illness from the criminal justice system to community health and supportive services. Eligibility for these awards is limited to the chief executive of a state, political subdivision of states, Indian tribes, and tribal organiza-

tions, acting through agreements with other public and nonprofit entities. Awards of no more than \$300,000 in total costs will be awarded per grant per year. In addition, applicants must provide a non-federal share of 25 percent. Each Capacity Expansion Site is eligible to receive funding for up to three years. The submission date is Sept. 10. Application kits are available from the Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) at 800-789-2647 or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>

Mental Health Court Grants Available

The federal Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the Mental Health Courts Program. States, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and tribal governments may apply for funding. The program will fund projects that seek to mobilize communities to implement innovative, collaborative efforts that bring system wide improvements to the way the needs of adult offenders with mental disabilities or illnesses are addressed.

BJA is coordinating the Mental Health Courts initiative with a SAMHSA program, Targeted Capacity Expansion Grants for Jail Diversion Programs. The agencies will collaborate on the implementation and analysis of these two programs with the goals of improving policies and practices and ensuring that the federal government does not fund overlapping diversion models. SAMHSA will fund grants for pre- and post-booking diversion that does not involve continuous judicial oversight, treatment, and case disposition. BJA will fund grants for mental health courts and will limit its funding to models in which continuous judicial oversight and intensive case management are key design components.

Up to 20 demonstration projects may be awarded under this solicitation. The maximum award will be \$150,000 for a grant period of up to 24 months. The federal share of this grant may not exceed 75 percent of the program's total costs. The grantee must provide a match that is at minimum 25 percent of the program's total costs. The match may be cash, in-kind, or a combination of both. Applications are due by **Sept. 13**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/mentalhealth.html> or contact the BJA

Clearinghouse at 800-688-4252.

USDA Offers Rural Broadband Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announced a pilot grant program for the provision of broadband transmission service in rural America (*Federal Register*, July 8, 2002, pp. 45079-45083, [http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-17018-filed)

[dbname=2002_register&docid=02-17018-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-17018-filed)). For FY 2002, \$20 million in grants will be made available through a national competition to applicants proposing to provide broadband transmission service on a "community-oriented connectivity" basis.

The "community-oriented connectivity" approach will target rural, economically-challenged communities and offer a means for the deployment of broadband transmission services to rural schools, libraries, education centers, health care providers, law enforcement agencies, public safety organizations as well as residents and businesses. This all-encompassing connectivity concept will give small, rural communities a chance to benefit from the advanced technologies that are necessary to foster economic growth, provide quality education and health care opportunities, and increase and enhance public safety efforts.

To be eligible for a grant, the applicant must: (a) be a public body; an Indian tribe; a cooperative, nonprofit, limited dividend or mutual association; municipality; an incorporated or limited liability company; or other legally organized entity (the applicant may not be an individual or a partnership); and (b) have the legal authority to own and operate the broadband facilities as proposed in its application, to enter into contracts, and to otherwise comply with applicable federal statutes and regulations. The grant applicant's minimum matching contribution must equal 15 percent of the grant amount requested.

Applications will be accepted through **Nov. 5, 2002**. For further information, contact Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590, tel: 202-720-9554, fax: 202-720-0810. Information is also avail-

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able online at http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/index_initiatives.htm.

Deadline Near for USDA Rural Internet Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS) announced the availability of grant funds to finance the acquisition, construction, and installation of equipment, facilities, and systems to provide local dial-up Internet access services in rural America (*Federal Register*, June 21, 2002, pp. 42233-42234, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-15720-filed).

The grants provide \$2.5 million, through pilot programs, to encourage eligible entities to provide Internet service to rural consumers where such service does not currently exist. The program will provide grant funds, on a competitive basis, to entities serving communities of up to 20,000 inhabitants to ensure rural consumers enjoy the same quality and range of telecommunications services that are avail-

able in urban and suburban communities.

The maximum amount of a grant award is \$400,000; the minimum amount to be considered is \$10,000. Grants may be made to legally organized entities providing, or proposing to provide, local dial-up Internet services in rural areas. Eligible entities may be public bodies, commercial companies including limited liability companies, cooperatives, nonprofits, and limited dividend or mutual associations.

Applications for grant funds will be accepted through **Aug. 20**. For further information, contact Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590, tel: 202-720-9554, fax: 202-720-0810. Information is also available online at http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/initiatives/index_initiatives.htm.

WSAC Rep Needed For Interoperability Committee

A new state committee chartered to deal with issues related to wireless communications interoperability includes a voting position for WSAC. County com-

missioners or emergency managers interested in serving on this committee should send a brief letter of interest to the WSAC Board of Directors by August 16. The Board will select a representative at its September 4 meeting.

The State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) meets quarterly, and its next meeting will be held in early October in Olympia.

The SIEC was formed at the recommendation of both the state Justice Information Committee and the Federal Communications Commission. The SIEC's goal is to achieve statewide wireless interoperability, which means that state and local agencies would be able to communicate with each other seamlessly through compatible public safety and emergency response communications equipment and protocols, including the newly available 700 MHz public safety radio frequencies.

For more information, contact WSAC staff Sophia Byrd at sbyrd@wacounties.org or 360-753-1886.

Transportation and Public Works

Strategic Freight Transportation Investment Analysis

The Strategic Freight Transportation Investment Analysis (SFTA) is a comprehensive freight research and implementation project designed to provide data and direction for local, state and national transportation investment decisions. It is a col-

laborative project among several state and local agencies. The principal project investigation is being led by the Washington State University. For additional information and background related to SFTA please access www.sfta.wsu.edu.

WSAC has been invited to participate on the SFTA advisory committee. The role of the advisory committee is to pro-

vide input and overall assistance to this research effort. The advisory committee is designed to provide a balanced, statewide representation of freight investment perspectives, across modal, geographic, and economic interests. If you are interested in serving on this advisory committee please give Scott Merriman a call.

Environment, Land Use and Resources

DNR Marina Rent Study Draft Proposal

Because of many meetings over the summer, the Marina Rent Study Committee Members have a draft recommendation to the Legislature. The Study affects water dependent rents of qualifying marinas. Marinas with in-water boat moorage, available for lease to the general public and managed by a private for-profit entity, or by a local government, entity would be included. It also includes mixed commercial and general public uses. It does not

include not-for-profit marinas such as yacht clubs or associations.

The proposal would hold the rate in effect for June 30, 2002 for those qualifying marinas and offer some discount to marinas with public access, or other discounts for public benefit purposes, this rate will be adjusted if that public benefit is changed in any way. Beginning July 1, 2003, each marina's rent will be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or no more than 5%. For any year where the CPI exceeds 5%, the residual (over 5%) will be held and applied, in

whole or in part, to those years when the CPI is less than 5%, until the residual is eliminated.

For those marinas receiving rental revaluations greater than 10% between July 1, 2002 and the effective date of the bill that may be passed by the Legislature as a result of this Study, the future rents will be adjusted based on this change. For these marinas, the future annual rents will be adjusted at a rate of 10% of the difference between the target rent and the previ-

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ous year's rent, applied against the previous year's rent. This will continue until the downward adjusted rent meets with the annually adjusted base rate. Leases of new marinas, which occupy state land, and are currently not under lease, will be valued by using an average of the five closest (as measured in distance along the shoreline) marinas occupying a portion of state land to value the marina. Marinas which have converted to a qualifying marina from some other water dependent use will be valued by using the current water dependent formula rent with future annual adjustments of the CPI. Those marinas which charge their sub-lessees more than they are paying the state for the leasehold, will pay the amount of the lease charged over the new marina formula rent for the area sub-leased, 30% is due to the state in addition to the base marina rent.

Comments on the Draft Alternative should be referred to Loren Stern, Aquatic Resources Division Manager at Department of Natural Resources in Olympia. To help allay any concerns there might be in the Legislature regarding the fiscal impacts of this method, DNR proposes to present a

report to the 2009 Legislature. The report would present an analysis of this methodology as compared to market values and revenue.

WACO is extremely pleased with the results of the Rent Study Committee, as our goal of a replacement method to the upland parcel valuation method has been reached. This will eliminated any valuation by DNR of rent dependent uses by using the value of the upland parcel except in cases of conversion.

Listening to local Governments: A Discussion of Product Stewardship and the Electronic Waste Crisis

The Washington State Department of Ecology and the Northwest Product Stewardship Council are co-sponsoring a workshop to facilitate information sharing and discussion about the electronic waste crisis and its impact on local government. It will also provide an opportunity for local government representatives to weigh in on the emerging agreements being formulated in the National Electronics Product Stewardship Initiative (NWPSI). Lunch is pro-

vided.

Date: Thursday, September 5, 2002

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Longhouse North Wing meeting space at The Evergreen State College, 2700 Evergreen Parkway N.W., Olympia WA 98505. For directions visit, <http://www/evergreen.edu/maps/gethere.htm>

Parking: Daily permits costing \$1.25 per vehicle are required and can be purchased at the parking booth at the main entrance. Government vehicles are exempt and can park free. It is best to park in the B or C lot and look for signs directing you to the Longhouse.

Please RSVP: by Monday, August 19, 2002 to Emma Johnson by calling (425) 649-7266 or E-mail ejoh461@ecy.wa.gov. We need a firm number for the caterer.

Elections, Recording and Licensing

Feds Requiring Bilingual Ballots for Four Washington Counties

Under the federal Voting Rights Act, the U.S. Department of Justice has ordered Yakima, Franklin and Adams counties to provide ballots and other election materials

in Spanish as well as English for this fall's elections. In King County, Chinese-speaking voters will get voting materials in Chinese. There is less than a month to comply before the September 17 primary. Census data from 2000 shows that a significant number of registered voters in

these counties are not proficient in the English language. The Voting Rights Act states that if a county has more than 5 percent of voting-age citizens who do not speak English, bilingual election materials must be provided. The counties will be picking up the tab for the changes.

General Government and Miscellaneous

Budget Ax Falls in Island County

County department heads received early notice of impending lay-offs Monday, August 5. The assessor's office will lose one full-time position (\$36,000), as will the auditor (\$38,000), district court (\$30,000) and juvenile court (\$42,000). The prosecutor's office will lose a deputy prosecuting attorney (\$60,000), the sheriff will lose a full-time deputy (\$55,000) and one eight-month park position will be cut from the general services budget (\$23,000). The county clerk, the public defender, the treasurer's office and the maintenance department will all lose half-

time positions.

Other large cuts included a general reduction of Health Department funding by \$60,000, and a slash of \$50,000 each to the county's "termination contingency" and the "commissioners' contingency" funds, which is a catch-all for unforeseeable budget needs that arise over the course of the year. The board itself took a \$5,000 cut per commissioner in travel and car expenses, as well as a 5% reduction in contracted labor consultant funding, which amounts to a saving of \$1,175.

The most contested among the cuts were those to Senior Services, which received a 5% budget reduction for a loss of \$10,500 in funding, and Island County

Animal Control, which received a 5% cut at \$8,460. The Washington State University (WSU) Cooperative Extension, which runs the 4-H and Weed Control Board, received a \$40,000 budget cut, which included the loss of a full-time clerical position and a removal of funding for a WSU faculty position.

Sheriff Discovers a Way to Work His Job Into His Hobby The First of Mike Hawley's Mystery Trilogy Published

By Cathy Logg

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FREELAND -- Island County Sheriff Mike Hawley knows whodunit. Moreover, he is willing to put his name and his reputation on it. Or inside the cover.

Hawley kicks off the national publication of the first in his trilogy of detective novels, "The Double Bluff," with a book signing from noon to 2 p.m. today in Freeland, his hometown on south Whidbey Island.

He has already finished the second book in the trilogy, "Silent Proof," due in August 2003, and has written the first six pages of the third installment, "Verbal Warning," due in 2004.

"I've got it in my head, I just haven't gotten it written out," he said Friday.

"Double Bluff" originally was published in 2000 under a regional imprint. In March 2001, Penguin/Putnam obtained the rights for national distribution, leading to its current release as a \$6.99 paperback.

The book is a mystery-thriller set in Seattle, where Hawley grew up, and features a cast of fictional characters culled from Hawley's own law enforcement experiences.

Characters such as Seattle police detective Sgt. Leah Harris and internal affairs Lt. Frank Milkovich are composites of

people he has known. His inspiration comes from his "day job," he said.

"The events in my book took place, but they've been morphed a bit. The characters have been changed around, and I take literary license and try to make it realistic, with a plot and a subplot and characters. I try to keep them guessing until the last page. As a writer, you want the reader to go, 'God, why didn't I see that? It was all there,'" he said.

Hawley oversees law enforcement services on Whidbey and Camano islands. He has 14 years experience, having served as a deputy, detective, jail manager, internal affairs lieutenant and under sheriff before becoming sheriff in 1998.

Before he began police work, Hawley taught high school social studies and was part owner of a family trucking and warehousing company in Seattle.

He grew up reading "The Hardy Boys," graduated to "Sherlock Holmes" and finished off with Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler, he said.

"I haven't read much fiction the last couple of years because I've been so busy," he said. "Every time I open up a mystery and start it, I think, 'This is such a great thing,' and I get intimidated and think I could never write this well. I've stuck with

nonfiction."

Having taught history in Seattle and Eastern Washington, he "couldn't take the stress, so I got into law enforcement," he said. "Then I ran the jail. It was just like being the principal of a junior high -- the same exact personalities and conflicts."

He began writing mysteries in college while he attended Western Washington University, the University of Washington and Chapman University.

His wife, M'Liss Rae Hawley, is an internationally known quilt maker and textile designer who has published numerous books. They have two children.

"I'm running unopposed right now, so I'll have four more years as sheriff of Island County," he said. "Then I'll be able to retire, and hopefully I'll be able to do this full time."

The book signing will be at BookBay, 1638 Main St., across from the Freeland post office. Autographed copies will be available.

Other book signings will be at the Seattle Mystery Book Shop at noon on Aug. 31; Moonraker Bookstore in Langley at noon Sept. 7; Wind and Tide in Oak Harbor at 1 p.m. Sept. 21; and Snow Goose in Stanwood at 7 p.m., Oct. 1.

Courthouse Ramblings

Bud O'Meara, Former Jefferson County Commissioner Passes Away

We have been informed that former Jefferson County Commissioner A.M. "Bud" O'Meara passed away last Saturday (8/10). Bud served 15 years as Commissioner from 1969 to 1984 when he retired. There will be a Celebration of Life service at the Port Townsend Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend, on Sunday August 18, 2002 starting at Noon.

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Jay Weise Has Been Named Acting Sheriff in Adams County

Now that sheriff Mike Klein has taken the position of U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District. Weise, who has been serving as the under sheriff, is running for the office this fall against two other candidates.

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Courthouse Renovation

For the third time, a bond measure will be

presented to Franklin County voters, in an attempt to fund a badly needed renovation of the courthouse. The bond measure will appear on the September 17 primary election ballot. The measure needs 60 percent of the yes votes to pass. In May of 2001, 58.2 percent voted for the renovation, and in November, 2001, the measure failed by only 64 votes - 59.2 percent. County officials are hoping that the third time will be a charm. The courthouse is 90 years old.

Calendar of Events

September 18–20
ACHS, Leavenworth

September 19
WCIF/WCIP Boards/Insurance Advisory
Committee (All Day Meeting), SeaTac

September 26
L&I Retrospective Rating Pool, Ellensburg

September 30–October 4
WACO/WSAC Annual Conference,
WestCoast Hotel & Convention Center,
Wenatchee

October 1
CPO *Personnel/Human Resources—
Understand the Laws; Maximize Your Per-
sonnel System*, Wenatchee—Cost: \$120,
CPO
Credits: 4 (Core Course)

October 2
CPO *The Class-Act County Government
Official—Building Courthouse Partner-
ships*, Wenatchee—Cost TBD, CPO Cred-
its: 2 (Elective Course)

November 14
WCIF Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.–noon,
Eastern Washington Location

November 18–21
WASPC Annual Fall Conference,
Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, Vancouver

November 20–22
ACHS, Seattle

December 3–4
WAPA Newly Elected Prosecutor Course
WAPA Conference Room, Olympia

December 5
WSALPHO Meeting, SeaTac

December 10–13
CPO *Newly Elected Officials Training—
Understanding Your New Job at the Court-
house*, Olympia—Cost: TBD, CPO Cred-
its: All newly elected officials **must** attend
to become certified.

December 12–13
WAPA Winter Meeting & Banquet
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Seattle.

2003 MEETINGS

May 19–22
WASPC Spring Conference,
WestCoast Grand Hotel, Spokane

June 10–12
Washington State Association of County
Auditors' Annual Conference, Sun Moun-
tain Lodge, Winthrop

June 16–20
Washington State Association of County
Treasurers' Annual Conference, Davenport
Hotel, Spokane

June 23–27
Washington State Association of County
Clerks' Annual Conference, Silverdale
Hotel, Silverdale

June 24–27, 2003
WSAC Summer Convention, Spokane

July 11–15, 2003
NACo Annual Conference, Milwaukee
County,
Milwaukee, WI

September 29–October 3, 2003
Joint WACO/WSAC Conference,
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport

November 17–20
WASPC Fall Conference, Campbell's Re-
sort, Chelan

2004 MEETINGS

May 24–27
WASPC Spring Conference,
Yakima Convention Center, Yakima

June 22–25, 2004
WSAC Summer Convention,
Sheraton Tacoma, Pierce County
July 16–20, 2004
NACo Annual Conference
Maricopa County, Phoenix, AZ

2002 MEETINGS

August 22
WCIP Board/Rate Setting Session, 9–3 pm
SeaTac

September 4–6
WAPA *Drug Training Program*—Icicle
Inn, Leavenworth. 15 hrs of CLE.

September 5–6
WSAC Western District Meeting, Red
Lion Vancouver Inn at the Quay,
Vancouver

September 8–10
WAPA *Juvenile Training Program*
Icicle Inn, Leavenworth. 15 hrs of CLE.

September 10–13
City/County Planning Directors, Lake Che-
lan

September 12
WSALPHO Meeting, Spokane

September 18–19
County Treasurers'
Legislative Conference,
Summit Inn, Snoqualmie

Employment Opportunities

In our effort to hold down costs and save timber, we are asking for your help. You may submit a job opening to us for publication in the CHJ using MS Word. When submitting an article for the Courthouse Journal's Employment Opportunities section we ask that you use the following format and thank you for your help.

- ? County or Agency Name
- ? Position Title
- ? Compensation – Please not type, Salary/Hourly and Amount
- ? A brief description of duties and responsibilities (4-6 lines)
- ? Minimum Requirements (2-3 lines)
- ? Application requirements (Resume, Cover Letter, Application, Etc.)
- ? Where to submit application
- ? Submission deadline
- ? Where to go for more information (Web page, phone, etc)

CHELAN COUNTY: Dept. of Building, Fire Safety and Planning. Plans Examiner/Building Division, Salary: \$34,771 (Step 3) + Benefits. Work includes: Reviewing building plans to assure compliance with State Codes and County Resolutions as they relate to building construction; field inspections as assigned; interpreting codes; keeping detailed records and inspection reports; verifies flood plain locations; and, performs other duties as assigned under the supervision of the Building Official. Qualifications: Five years of relevant work experience in various phases of building construction plan review and building inspections. Formal training in reviewing construction plans may be substituted for up to two years of experience. ICBO Plans Examiner Certification and a strong public service orientation are required. Request application forms from Sherry Meadows (509) 667-6225, E-mail sherry.meadows@co.chelan.wa.us or by writing to the Chelan county Planning Department, 411 Washington St, Wenatchee WA 98801. Closing date: August 30, 2003. EOE

FRANKLIN COUNTY: Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Assignments: Duties may include District Court, Juvenile Court or Superior Court caseload responsibilities. Salary: \$42,812-\$48,438, actual salary will

depend on position filled, experience and qualifications. Minimum Qualifications: Member of the Washington State Bar Association in good standing. Must possess a valid drivers license. Experience: One year directly related experience, or any combination of education and experience, which would provide the applicant with the skills, knowledge and ability to perform the job. Application procedure: Submit cover letter, resume, writing sample and references to Steve M. Lowe, 1016 N Fourth Av, Pasco WA 99301. Selection procedure: Candidates selected for personal interviews will be contacted by telephone. Contact Person: Jennifer Peterson, Office Administrator, (509) 545-3543. Closing Date: Open until filled. EOE

PIERCE COUNTY: Commercial Appraiser 2, Assessor-Treasurer's Office. Salary: \$21.48 to \$27.22 per hour. Closes September 6, 2002. Technical Appraisal work of real and/or personal property, establish fair and equitable market value using Mass Appraisal modeling. Two plus years experience as real or personal property appraiser. Accredited by Department of Revenue. Additional education or experience may substitute. Valid Washington State Driver's license. Union membership required within 30 days of employment. Pierce County Government Personnel, 615 S Ninth St – Suite 200, Tacoma WA 98405, www.co.peirce/wa/us/jobs or (253) 798-7480 or TDD (253) 798-3965. EOE

SKAGIT COUNTY: County Administrator. Salary: \$70,000 - \$95,000. A Bachelor's Degree is desired; a graduate degree and study in Public Administration, Business Administration or related field are preferred. Five years experience in government administration, financial management, human resource management or related areas or any equivalent combination, which provides the required skills, knowledge and ability to perform duties and responsibilities of the position. Master's Degree in Business or Public Administration preferred. County Administrator works under the direction of the three member Skagit County Board of Commissioners and is responsible for: implementing Board policies, carrying out Board directives, overseeing achievement of Board goals and objectives, regularly reporting to the Board and keeping the Board

timely advised regarding all strategic, legal, policy, labor relations, public safety, agency relations, community relations, operational and financial matters which could materially affect the County, and other matters as directed by the Board. Individuals interested in being considered for this position should submit a letter of interest, resume and completed application to the Skagit County Human Resource Department at 700 S Second St – Room 101, Mount Vernon WA 98273. The application form may be obtained from our website at www.skagitcounty.net or by calling our job line at 1-800-548-7957. Application deadline is Friday, August 16, 2002.

SKAGIT COUNTY: Administrative Manager, Parks, Recreation and Fair Department. Entry Salary Range: \$3,236.64 - \$3,586.36 per month. Closes: August 28, 2002 at 4:30 p.m. The Position: Performs a variety of complex professional and administrative work in assisting the Parks and Recreation Director and Senior Management Staff to plan, develop, schedule, and administer the county parks and recreation system. Will be responsible for managing a variety of tasks as assigned by the Director including, but not limited to required work related to land use easements, property management, leases, contracts, grants, and public hearings. Divisions include: Recreation, Parks, Fair, Ranger and Administration. Essential Responsibilities:

- Negotiates, prepares, implements and administers land use, construction and service contracts. Prepares or coordinates bid specifications in accordance with county regulations and requirements and monitors purchasing procedures.
- Prepares and implements lease agreements, contracts, permitting processes, various calls for bid, resolutions, RFP's and RFQ's.
- Assists with departmental short term and long-range comprehensive planning.
- Will support the Director in the supervision, evaluation, training, hiring and discipline of administrative support staff, contracted personnel and volunteers.

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Employment Opportunities

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- In conjunction with the Director, develops, implements, administers and monitors assigned division budgets, grant programs and activities. Prepares and presents grant requests to appropriate agencies. Accountable for budget decisions and budget performance as assigned.
- Participates in staff meetings, management team meetings, Park and Recreation and Fair Advisory Board meetings, appropriate seminars, conferences and special meetings on approval of Director.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Parks/ Recreation Administration, Planning, Public or Business Administration or related field, or any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the skills, knowledge and abilities sufficient to demonstrate thorough competency necessary to perform the work required of this position.
- Valid Washington State driver's

license.

- Valid First Aid and CPR certificate.

Application Procedure: Applications will be accepted at the Skagit County Personnel Office, 700 S Second – Room 101, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. Please include a cover letter and resume along with a completed Skagit County Application form. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Selection Process: Following a review of the applications and resumes, the highest qualified applicants will be interviewed. After a selection is made, all applicants not selected will be notified in writing. Skagit County reserves the right to fill any other Administrative Manager position(s) which may open within the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department for a period of six months following the closing date of this job posting, utilizing this list.

THURSTON COUNTY: Assessor's Office - Senior Appraiser. \$2,694 - \$3,681 monthly salary range (currently under negotiation for cost of living increase). A high school education or equivalent is required. A college degree

and/or courses in economics, mathematics, real estate, finance, marketing, business, or cartography are highly desirable.

Qualified applicants will have experience in one or more of the following areas: real property appraisals, real estate sales, building construction, market research and analysis, market modeling, or statistical analysis. Knowledge of cartography (mapping) and legal descriptions and skill in the use of word processing, spreadsheet, or statistical software packages is considered highly desirable. Request application from Gene Widmer, Thurston County Assessor's Office, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502. Phone: 360-786-5564. Email: widmerg@co.thurston.wa.us