As a result of Attorney General Christine Gregoire’s comments during WSAC’s Fall Legislative Conference in Silverdale WSAC and AWC staff, along with representatives of the Governor’s staff and legislative committee staff have been meeting to discuss relations of state and local governments. The focus has been how to address the growing financial crisis in most counties and many cities.

The state will likely be facing a $1.5 billion deficit in the 2003-2005 biennium. The workgroup is seeking both short and long term solutions. This is the worst fiscal situation for state and local government since the early '80s. Because of the magnitude of the problem, any solution will require a mix of service reductions, efficiencies and revenue.

The workgroup will focus on the following tasks:

• Identify core and discretionary services;
• Identify whether mandated services are needed or whether some can be eliminated;
• Examine which statutory changes should be enacted that can make the provision of services more efficient;
• Identify alternative revenue options that will enable all cities and counties to meet their core service requirements; and
• Evaluate the current system of revenue distributions to determine whether they are appropriate.

The county/city manager’s association will be preparing some information that will be presented to the workgroup providing a list of options for consideration in the study.

This information will also be presented to the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee. The full membership of both WSAC and WACO will vote on a joint legislative package at the Joint Fall Conference in Wenatchee.

Representatives of the workgroup, the Governor's Office of Financial Management and Executive Policy Office, the Legislature, AWC, and WSAC are all parties to this attempt to examine the issue and come up with solutions. This will undoubtedly be a multi-year effort. Participants hope for some results in time for the 2003 session.

Last session, legislators focused on solving their immediate budget problems without raising taxes. Local governments were unable to build and support a unified proposal. Many governments still found they could solve their problems on a short-term basis with use of reserves and one-time savings. By next January, many of the rabbits pulled from hats by the local fiscal magicians will be dead. This should help us focus on the need to have a strong, unified position.

Early planning for next session by state budget staffs are focused on solving the problems without increasing taxes. This will mean cuts to many programs that are key to counties, including human services, community and economic development, health services and education and training. Rural counties in particular have large portions of their populations dependent on state health and human services programs. Cuts to these programs can lead to the closure of local hospitals and social service agencies. Most of the state’s general fund budget is committed to education and large health life and

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safety programs for the elderly, disabled or children.

Some legislators are suggesting that the solution to local government's problems is to redirect $400 million from the state general fund. It is the consensus of other local government associations, legislative staff and others who watch the legislative process that this will not happen. Since half the budget is earmarked for constitutionally protected expenses (public schools and debt service), nearly all of the cuts will have to come from other activities. Most of the “discretionary” part of the budget supports human services, prisons and higher education. These programs don’t feel very optional to legislators of either party. They provide popular services or jobs in communities across the state. Neither party has made dramatic reductions in these areas when they were in control.

WSAC and WACO are committed to an all out effort to address county fiscal problems, and determine a viable solution prior to the 2003 legislative session. The staff of both associations has been directed by their boards to work in partnership with each other, in finding a joint solution to address both county and city needs. If we fail to work together with our county and city counterparts it is unlikely that we will see much relief in 2003.

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Budget, Finance and Taxes
Spokane County Budget Suffers from Incorporation Vote
Spokane County Commissioners are facing a $30 million a year revenue loss as the result of a recent vote for incorporation in the Spokane Valley. The new city to be named Valley, will have a population of over 80,000. The Commissioners have frozen most county hiring and are reviewing the capital budget in the wake of the voter’s decision. The county had planned to make significant capital investments in the newly incorporating area. The revenue loss is about twice the size of the county’s reserve.

Spokane County had been one of the few urban counties to minimize the loss of sales tax revenue through incorporation and annexation. Recent reports from the State Department of Revenue showed real growth in taxable sales in the unincorporated area (including the new city), while the City of Spokane’s sales tax revenues continued to decline.

New Jail Forces Snohomish to Consider Tax Increase
This week the Snohomish County Council began a series of public hearings on a proposed 0.1% sales tax increase to fund the operating costs of a new, larger jail. Like many growing counties, Snohomish needed to expand its jail capacity. The current jail has a capacity of 477 inmates. Again like many counties, Snohomish County’s jail is over capacity, usually housing between 600 and 700 inmates. The new jail will bring total capacity to 1,040 beds.

The County Executive and Council need to find $13 million for increased jail costs as a result of the expansion. To put this in perspective, the county currently spends almost 70% of its $160 million current expense budget for criminal justice.

If the Council decides to proceed with the sales tax proposal, it would be placed on the September 17 ballot. Without the increased revenue, the county will be forced to proceed with cuts in human services, parks and other areas of the budget as well as increasing fees for various services. Over the past decade the county has held the growth of its non-criminal justice budget below the rate of inflation and population growth. Despite this fiscal discipline and strong growth, the county finds itself facing the structural budget crisis familiar to county officials across the state.
Timber Workshops Well Received

Eight eastern and nine western timber counties attended WSAC’s May timber workshops. The sessions were designed to clarify issues related to the implementation of Public Law 106-393, Title II and III allocation choices, and the consequences of those choices on future Payments in Lieu of Taxes. The WSAC and US Forest Service (USFS) presentations and resulting discussions proved informative for those in attendance. One USFS participant stated it was the “best presentation on this material that I’ve seen.” Participating timber counties included Asotin, Chelan, Columbia, Garfield, Grays Harbor, King, Kittitas, Lewis, Mason, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Walla Walla, Whatcom, and Yakima. Additional attendees included WSU Cooperative Extension and USFS personnel.

Senator Maria Cantwell Co-sponsors PILT Legislation

Senator Maria Cantwell joined as a co-sponsor of Sen. Jeff Bingaman’s (D-NM) bill S. 454—“PILT and Refuge Revenue Sharing Permanent Funding Act.” Currently, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program is funded by an annual appropriation and is virtually never fully funded. If passed, the legislation would move the PILT program outside the annual appropriations process and would provide permanent full funding for the program. PILT has seen broad bipartisan support.

Questions on DNA Collection

With the effective date of July 1 looming, questions have arisen in several quarters regarding the implementation of the expanded DNA databank for convicted felons in the State. House Bill 2468, Chapter 289 of the Laws of 2002, mandates the collection of biological samples from felons convicted by law enforcement upon sentencing for submission to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Crime Laboratory.

Dr. Barry Logan, Ph.D., Director of the WSP Bureau of Forensic Laboratory Services provides the following update:

“A number of people have been asking for guidance on the collection of DNA samples from convicted offenders under the expanded law passed during the last legislative session.

“The Washington State Patrol Crime Lab has been meeting with representatives of the courts, and state and county correctional institutions to develop guidance, protocols and training for sample collection. Eventually these protocols will be adopted in Administrative Code (WACs). The lab is also contracting with a vendor to have collection kits prepared, and currently has funding to supply at least the first 25,000 kits.

“The protocol will be distributed by e-mail in about two weeks, and it is hoped that the kits will be available by July 1. We would encourage you to hold any questions until you have seen the protocol, but in the meantime, please direct questions to Lynn McIntyre in the Seattle Crime Lab (206) 464-7074. Lynn is coordinating this effort.”

Not Too Soon to Start the Process for E-911 Cell Phone Tax

Even though counties may not begin collecting a newly authorized E-911 cell phone tax until January 2003, now is not too soon to start laying the groundwork.

HB 2595, adopted by the 2002 Legislature, authorizes counties to increase their cell phone tax to 50 cents per month. All counties now collect 25 cents per cell phone per month to help fund enhanced 911 services.

Any county council or board of commissioners that wants to utilize the new tax needs to pass an ordinance adopting the tax increase. (Note that this is a councilmatic action and does not go on the ballot.) To begin collecting the additional amount in January 2003 the county must adopt its ordinance no later than October 2002, in order to provide a required 60-day notice of the tax increase to cell phone companies and their customers.

Public-education materials that may be of assistance to counties as they begin the ordinance process are available from WSAC staff Sophia Byrd at sbyrd@wacounties.org or 360-753-1886. County 911 coordinators, emergency management directors, and the state E-911 office are excellent resources for a variety of data and other information.

HB 2595 also imposes a statewide 20-cent tax per cell phone per month, which begins implementation in January. The increased revenue at both the state and county levels is intended to improve E-911 response to calls from cell phones. Currently callback numbers and location information—routine with landline calls—are not available for calls from cell phones.

Applications Due for State E-911 Grant Funds

The state Emergency Management Division is reminding county commissioners and E-911 coordinators that counties applying for annual state 911 funding for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 must submit complete applications to the state office no later than Friday, June 28.

Applications received after June 28 may not be funded. The state office will review late applications and allocate remaining resources only after funding on-time applications.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the state E-911 Office, Bob Oenning at 253-512-7014 or Kurt Hardin at 253-512-7014.
Auction! Banquet! Auction! Banquet!

Please join the Board of County Commissioner/Council Clerks’ Association for its annual banquet and auction on Wednesday, June 19, at the WSAC conference. For many elected officials and staff it is one of the highlights of the conference and we would love to have you be a part of it. Our auctioneers this year are Bill Hinkle of Kittitas County and Darcie Nielsen of San Juan County. The auction items will be fantastic, you’ll enjoy the camaraderie and the proceeds from the auction will support your Clerk of the Board at next year’s conference. We look forward to seeing you.

Good Thing
The April 2002 issue of “Government Technology” magazine featured a story about a recent pilot program in the Thurston County Auditor’s office that simplifies the recording process using an electronic recording system. The pilot was to electronically record reconveyance documents, which are not time sensitive. However, the system will eventually handle deadlines for deeds of trust or buyer/seller deadlines. The process begins at a title company, where information on a document is filled in electronically from a template, then is electronically signed, digitally notarized and electronically transmitted to the auditor’s office. The new software at the auditor’s office then checks the signature, charges the recording fee, indexes the document and sends it back to the title company.

Thurston County Auditor Kim Wyman says “It reduces the amount of time staff has to spend processing these documents, standing at the counter, handling paper and doing all the steps to make it a recorded document and then also the indexing and putting it into our system. We’re hoping over time that this catches on and we can eliminate paper documents. We record hundreds of thousands of pages a year. That’s a lot of paper.”

The pilot program was planned after then-Thurston County recording manager Lisa Goldsworthy (now with the Snohomish County Auditor’s office) attended a national conference and had a conversation with a vendor offering the new technology. Because Washington State law recognizes digital signatures and documents the same as paper signatures and documents and, because Thurston County was already processing documents electronically, the pilot program had every chance at success. In all, they processed 200 legal documents during the pilot.

Typically, recording a property document takes much manual work and many steps, and can take up to two to four hours. The new electronic process takes about a minute. The Thurston County Auditor’s office is looking to have a system in place on a permanent basis later this year and other counties are beginning to explore the possibilities.

WSAC Legislative Intern Says Hello
Hmm. Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Intern. That’s my name for the summer, at least in e-mailese. It sounds so formal and I’m sitting at a desk, wearing pressed clothes; I have not had a job in two years and I think I am starting to freak out a little. I am even hearing voices coming out of the ceiling… “Shannon, when did you send that e-mail to Ginni?” I guess that is an intercom system. Not knowing what to do, I just shout my response back at the ceiling.

My name is Shannon Green and I graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where I studied everything from Philosophy to Art to Math, and graduated with a double major of Psychology and Journalism. One semester I took only English, Spanish, Latin, German and French! By no means did I want to ever leave college, and I actually threw a fit when I wasn’t allowed to pick up a third major in Creative Writing toward the end of my five-year stint. I was ousted from the overflowing classroom, and on my way out tripped over a hippie who was sitting on the floor waiting to take my seat.

After graduation, like many liberal arts students, I entered the ranks of the food-service industry, working as a barista while I volunteered as a reporter for a Spanish-language newspaper. I had spent my summers (and all of my credit line) in college traveling in Europe and Central America, and I had become interested in cultural differences and how I might possibly be able to study the interrelation of culture and justice, while not wasting my college degree. The answer came to me while I was taking out the recycling bin at the coffee shop. I was thumbing through a copy of the Nation that someone had thrown out when I saw an ad for a Harvard-area Human Rights gathering for Peace Brigades International. The next week I was on a plane to Boston and while at the conference I helped start a media committee for the organization and I decided to go to law school.

At the University of Oregon I have my hands in all kinds of activities. I’m a member of our Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation and this past year I served as the Second-year Student Government Representative. I am most passionate about our Public Interest program, and I have been active in generating funds for students to work in jobs that serve the community. I also helped establish a public interest certificate at our school and I will be the Lt. Governor of Public Interest for our region’s ABA-Law Student Division next year. Working as an intern at WSAC should provide me with an excellent survey of some of the policy issues behind contemporary legislation.

During the school year, I work part-time as a research assistant to a Torts professor and I volunteer as a deejay and record reviewer at the campus radio station in Eugene. My one regret in life is that I never tried to be a rock star, but I get as close as I can by going to shows regularly and singing to myself in the mirror while dancing on the coffee table in my living room. When I need a break from school, I go to artsy movies, go snowboarding, or sit in coffee shops and read about people with lives more glamorous than my own. I am really excited about working at WSAC this summer; I feel like I am well on my way to being one of the lucky people in life who like their job. - Shannon Green
Counties Wrestle with Regional Financing Plan

For members of the Snohomish, King and Pierce County Councils, it must seem like the best and worst of times. The Legislature recognized the key role of counties in structuring the regional transportation financing process. Unfortunately, the state transportation system problems of the growing Puget Sound core have been left unfunded for far too long. Council members are facing pressure in the media and elsewhere to go to the ballot with a regional tax and spending proposal in November. At the same time, they wonder if it is possible to structure a winning proposal in the coming weeks. Just a few of the challenges along the way include:

- **Lack of reliable estimates:** most of the major projects are in the early stages of planning. The selection of final design alternatives and detailed engineering are needed to develop good cost estimates. The regional financing legislation requires the counties to return to the voters for reauthorization if costs exceed estimates on the ballot by more than 20%.

- **Size of the problem:** updated early cost estimates show that it is impossible to build a politically viable revenue package that would raise enough money to fund the most critical projects. This means that a choice must be made between doing part of all critical projects or most of a few scaled down projects. Either choice makes it harder to make the case to the voters.

- **Winning at the ballot:** while the legislation emphasized road construction, many likely “yes” voters (Seattle residents and suburban transit users) tend to want more mass transit service and are less enthusiastic about roads. Voters who want more roads tend to be less enthusiastic about taxes. In addition, the ballot may include a long list of other measures at the state and local levels.

The three county councils have scheduled a rare joint meeting at the WSAC Convention in Bellevue at 5 pm, June 19, at the Bellevue Inn. At the meeting they will be naming the members of the Regional Transportation Investment District Planning Committee.

Upcoming Events and Training

**WEDA Presents…**


You can register online at: www.wedaonline.org. For information on the hotel: www.doubletreevalley.com. Hotel rooms are being held until June 7.

**June County Calendar**

1 Property taxes still not paid to the county treasurer, as of this date, are subject to a delinquency of 12% per annum on the total tax, as well as a penalty of 3%. RCW 84.56.020

1 Exemption on exempt food stuffs and unprocessed timber must be furnished to the county assessor by this date. RCW 84.36.150

1 By this date, the county auditor shall have searched available records and will then notify the county legislative authority if any special purpose districts located wholly or partially within the county appear to be inactive. The auditor shall also provide in the notifications, a list of all special purpose districts located wholly or partially within the county that for three consecutive years before the notification have failed to file required annual statements with the county auditor. RCW 36.96.020

30 On or before this date, the Department of Revenue sets stumpage values for July through December of the current year. RCW 84.33.091

Courthouse Ramblings

Congratulations to Ken Raske in his new position with the Thurston County Auditor’s Office. Ken has accepted the newly created Recording/Licensing Manager position with Thurston County Auditor Kim Wyman. Ken has worked with the Pierce County Clerk’s Office, the Pierce County Auditor’s Office and the Washington State Auditor’s Office prior to this position. Good Luck, Ken!
June 10–13
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners and Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners Joint Conference, West Coast Hotel, Seattle.

June 15
American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators certification testing, 8:00 a.m.–noon, Room 2605, Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, OR.

June 16–19
Government Finance Officers’ Association (GFOA) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado

June 17
WSALPHO Meeting in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue

June 17–20
WA State Association of County Assessors Annual Conference, Rosario Resort, Orcas Island

June 18
WCIF Board in conjunction with WSAC Summer Conference, 4:30–6:30, Hilton Bellevue

June 18
CPO Financial Management: Understanding County Government Financing, Bellevue—Cost: $120, CPO Credits: 4 (Core Course). An additional elective course will also be offered at the Summer convention, topic TBD

June 18–21
WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue

June 18–21
Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference, Yakima

June 19–21
Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys’ (WAPA) Summer Training Program, Campbell’s Lodge, Lake Chelan. Civil & Criminal Tracks, 15 hours of CLE.

June 19–21
WCIF Board in conjunction with WSAC Summer Conference, 4:30–6:30, Hilton Bellevue

June 22–26
National Sheriffs Association’s Annual Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma

June 24–28
Washington State Association of County Treasurers’ Annual Conference, Lakeway Inn, Bellingham

July 9–12
Northwest Regional Election Conference 2002, Jantzen Beach Doubletree Hotel, Portland

July 12–16
NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA

July 17–19
ACHS, Clark County

July 24

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.

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

September 10–13
City/County Planning Directors, Lake Chelan

September 12
WCIF Board Meeting, Spokane

September 18–20
ACHS, Leavenworth

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

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

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

October 2
CPO The Class-Act County Government Official—Building Courthouse Partnerships, Wenatchee—Cost TBD, CPO Credits: 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
WCALPHO Meeting, SeaTac

December 10–13
CPO Newly Elected Officials Training—Understanding Your New Job at the Courthouse, Olympia—Cost: TBD, CPO Credits: 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

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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

October 4–8, 2004
WACO/WSAC Joint Legislative Confer-

2005 MEETINGS
May 23–26
WASPC Spring Conference, West Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee

July 15–19, 2005
NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI

Employment Opportunities

THURSTON COUNTY - Senior Property Control Analyst.
Responsible for the analysis, collection, organization and maintenance of real property records system for the assessment and taxation process. Uses independent judgment in the interpretation of legal property descriptions, legal documents, and technical aspects of work performed. Performs updates and edits to the parcel layer in the County's Geographic Information System (GIS). Works closely with the public and several agencies to interpret and explain property records. Works under management and review of Account Management Manager for adherence to program standards, performance, and regulatory legislation. This position may be analogous to land segregation and cartography position in other counties.

Minimum Qualifications: Education: High school diploma or GED required plus courses in drafting and math. Courses in real estate law, appraisal and computers is desirable. Experience: Two years experience in work related to the examination and interpretation of legal property descriptions and instruments of title.

Salary range $2569/mo. to $3507/mo. This is a bargaining union position and is currently under negotiation for cost of living increase for 2002. Closing date: June 28, 2002. Call (360) 754-3800 for application or for further ques-

2005 MEETINGS
May 23–26
WASPC Spring Conference, West Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel, Wenatchee

November 15–18
WASPC Fall Conference, Shilo Inn, Ocean Shores

The Deputy Director provides oversight and assists the Director of CTED in directing the Office of Community Development (OCD). The Office is staffed with 237 dedicated FTE's, three divisions (Housing, Local Government and Community Services) with over 100 programs and an annual budget of more than $1.39 billion in state and federal funds. The OCD provides grants, loans, and technical assistance to help local governments and nonprofit agencies build the social and physical infrastructure necessary to support community economic growth and prosperity. The full position announcement can be viewed at http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionsccurrent.html.

The Assistant Director of Local Government, serves as a member of the agency's management team and is responsible for leading and ensuring the coordination of six work units: Growth Management, Safe and Drug Free Communities, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Community Development Programs, Public Works Board and Local Government Fiscal Notes. The Division is staffed with 80 employees and has a biennial-operating budget of $272 million and manages $345 million in the capital budget. The Assistant Director serves as the Director's representative on several task forces and standing committees. Full position announcement can be viewed at http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionsccurrent.html.

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The Budget Director for CTED is responsible for providing leadership in budget management for the agency. This includes providing direction to the agency for the effective, creative and flexible use of available resources to achieve the agencies missions. This position has critical influence on the decisions that are made to ensure that financial resources are managed properly and meet the Governor's and Legislative intent. This position establishes and directs the implementation of the agency's budget process including budget development, allotment preparation, fiscal monitoring and analysis, revenue monitoring and analysis, implementation of Office of Financial Management (OFM) and legislative directives and agency-wide priority setting. http://hr.dop.wa.gov/ess/positionscurrent.html

For more information about these positions, please contact Phyllis Gallegos at (360) 664-1952, or by email at phyllissg@dop.wa.gov.

STATE OF WASHINGTON – Local Government Investment Pool Administrator. The Office of the State Treasurer (OST) seeks a Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) Administrator. The LGIP is a state program which pools and invests money from local governments, (e.g., counties, cities) in order to gain the benefits of economies of scale for local governments. The LGIP Administrator is part of a 5 person investment team which manages several portfolios of state and local funds totaling $5 to 8 billion. This position is responsible for the administration of the LGIP - deposits and withdrawals, determination of daily investable balances, interest allocation, and reconciliation of bank activity. This position also serves as a representative of the OST at statewide conferences, speaking on behalf of the LGIP in a marketing, educational and public relations role. Desirable Qualifications: The strongest candidates will possess a Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, economics or closely allied field. Candidates should have experience in public speaking, strong computer skills, organizational and analytical aptitudes and a keen customer service ethic. The hours for this position are 7 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Reliability in punctuality and attendance is essential. Competitive salary DOQ. Application Deadline June 21, 2002. For application information, visit our website at: http://www.wa.gov/tre , or contact Jeanne Ray, Personnel Officer, OST, PO Box 40200, Olympia, WA 98504-0200; phone (360) 902-9009; email: jeanne@tre.wa.gov. EOE - M/F/D/V

ASOTIN/GARFIELD COUNTY – Community Network Coordinator. Responsible to Board of Directors to provide support services to implement comprehensive plan and related Network activities. Applicant must possess strong verbal and written skills, public relations skills, accurate record and documentation abilities, proficient computer skills with Windows environment knowledge a plus, skillful organization and data management talents and fiscal management skills. Grant writing ability would be desirable. The successful applicant will establish positive working relationships with the Network Board, health and social systems providers, and the public. Must work independently and meet deadlines, be flexible, maintain confidentiality, prioritize tasks and organize work, maintain familiarity with the family and children health and social services in Asotin and Garfield counties, and work under the direction of the board. Position requires limited evening work and some travel. Part-time position, up to 30 hours/week. Wages $12- $14/hour DOE. Send resume with cover letter to Asotin/ Garfield Community Network, PO Box 436, Clarkston, WA 99403, or fax same to (509) 758-5137 by June 12.

DOUGLAS COUNTY - Planning Manager & Associate Manager (Transportation & Land Services) East Wenatchee office. Planning Manager. Responsible for coordinating and supervising the advanced planning and permitting functions of the Land Use section of the department. Plans, organizes, manages and conducts long range comprehensive planning projects affecting land use, transportation, capital facilities, utilities and other plan elements required by the Growth Management Act. Knowledge of land use planning and regulatory concepts and practices. Experience in supervising professional and technical employees. Bachelor degree in planning/related field and five years public agency planning experience. Salary range: $3,497/mo. to $3,966/mo. Placement DOQ.

Associate Planner. Supports the development permit processing functions of the department. Responsible for processing applications for land use permits and associated activities. Provides support for the hearing examiner process and customer service to applicants and citizens. Knowledge of land use planning and regulatory concepts and practices. Bachelor degree in planning/related field and one year experience working for a local government or private entity dealing with land use applications. Salary range: $3,115/mo. to $3,451/mo. Placement DOQ.

A county application form and resume are required for applying for these positions. Additional information, forms and complete position descriptions are available on the Internet at the employment opportunities link on our web site at www.DouglasCountyWA.net or by contacting our Human Resource Assistant at 509/884-7173. Posting for both positions closes at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 21, 2002.

KLICKITAT COUNTY – Public Health Nurse, Public Health Department. Applications may be obtained by contacting Lynn Cooper, Klickitat County Personnel, 205 S. Columbus, MS-CH 15, Goldendale, WA 98620, (509) 773-7171 or lynnc@co.klickitat.wa.us.

Definition: Performs a variety of professional nursing duties in a generalized community health nursing program or specialty area including sexually transmitted disease, maternal and child health programs, clinics, communicable disease, and family planning and prenatal programs.

Distinguishing Features: Positions in this class are responsible for providing both general and specific nursing services which emphasize prevention, intervention, control or treatment of disease and health related problems of individuals or families with the Health District. Work involves assessment, counseling, screening, treatment and referral.
Employment Opportunities

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the interaction in a log book. Participates in health education classes or group meetings with specific program content for parents, teens, other health care professionals, clients, teachers, industrial groups, expectant parents, or the general public as appropriate to the program. Drafts or reviews and comments on proposed health care protocols as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Knowledge of:
- The principles and practices of professional nursing, and the principles underlying modern nursing techniques.
- Professional nursing ethics.
- Interviewing and counseling techniques.
- Communicable disease control measures.
- Acute care nursing as required by the position.
- Child assessment techniques and practices as required by the position.
- Sexually transmitted diseases as required by the position.

Ability to:
- Communicate with people from various socio-economic levels, utilize excellent oral communication skills to explain policies and procedures and to deal with other employees, agencies and the general public using courtesy, tact and good judgment.
- Work with dysfunctional parents and children at risk with long term problems.
- Readily grasp the principles underlying the operation of specific Health Department programs assigned.
- Identify and assess individual and community health needs, and to provide comprehensive and specialized nursing services.
- Use independent judgment and work as a team member.
- Work with individuals who may be emotionally upset.
- Understand and carry out technical instruction regarding patient care.
- Know when to seek additional authority or approval before taking action.
- Deal courteously and tactfully with patients, co-workers and the public.

Education and Experience - Any equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the applicant with the knowledge, skills and abilities required to perform the job. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be: Graduation from an accredited school of nursing. Graduation from an accredited four year college or university with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Two years of increasingly responsible work experience which provides the knowledge, skills, and abilities required by the position. Any satisfactory equivalent combination of experience and training which ensures the ability to perform the work may substitute for the required experience.

Licenses, Certificates, and Other Requirements: Valid Washington license as a registered professional nurse. Valid Washington State Driver's License or ability to obtain one as required by the position.

WASHINGTON STATE SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES - Fiscal Analyst to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Senate Committee Services assists Senators in developing and evaluating policy alternatives to achieve their policy objectives. These are full-time, non-partisan positions, exempt from civil service.

Application procedure - Interested applicants should submit: (1) a letter of interest describing specific qualifications for the position; (2) a current resume detailing experience and education; and (3) a minimum of three references with current telephone numbers. Please send to: Stan Lynch, Director, Senate Committee Services, PO Box 40466, Olympia, Washington 98504-0466, Phone contact: Judy Rus (360) 786-7417. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM, June 21, 2002.

THE ROGERS COUNSELING CENTER - Washington Qualified Mental Health Professional/Full Time Crisis Worker. MA, MSW or related fields. Must be eligible for registration, licensure not needed. Works with crisis team seeing adult and juvenile mental health and substance abuse clients. Do involuntary detentions, voluntary hospitalizations, crisis resolution and follow up. Flexible shifts, good team support, excellent benefits. Salary: $33,000+. DOE. Apply by sending cover letter and resume attention of: Anna, The Rogers Counseling Center, 900 7th Street, Clark-
Retirement ends family’s six-decade legacy as sheriffs

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For the past six decades, a Wiester has held the office of sheriff somewhere in Washington state. That legacy came to an end at midnight Friday when Grant County Sheriff William A. Wiester’s retirement took effect.

Wiester, 54, who’s always had a listed home telephone number, has been sheriff in Ephrata since 1990, the longest tenure in the county’s history. He’s been in law enforcement for 31 years, getting his start with his father, William H. Wiester, who was the Lewis County sheriff from 1968 through 1988. His uncle, Bob Wiester, was sheriff of Wahkiakum County in southwestern Washington from 1951 through 1954.

“It’s the end of an era that’s really special to the Wiester family,” Wiester said. His own children didn’t follow in the family footsteps. His son, William R. Wiester, is manager of R & R Transmission in Moses Lake. His daughter, Lisa Wiester, is finishing her doctorate degree in biomedical engineering at the University of Washington.

The newly retired sheriff plans to take the summer off and go to work in the fall qualifying law enforcement officers for liability insurance with Canfield and Associates of Ephrata.

“He’s a citizens’ sheriff and he’s tough on crime,” said new Sheriff Michael Shay.

Even within his own family. In 1990, Wiester received a tip that his son had stolen a car in Wenatchee. Wiester set up surveillance on his son, found him close to a stolen car and called in a deputy who arrested him. Then he called a press conference to talk about it.

His son later pleaded guilty and served time in county jail. "That was 12 years ago. He's had no problems since. It's a hard thing for any family to go through," Wiester said.

In the mid-1990s, Wiester set up a tent jail because of overcrowding at the county lockup, and ran it for three years until a new jail was built. Even today, he says proudly that his office is the only one in the state prepared to erect a tent jail on 48 hours' notice.

The sheriff also once tried unsuccessfully to get a court injunction to prevent Rage Against the Machine from appearing at the Gorge amphitheater, contending they advocated violence that threatened public safety.

Wiester was president of the Washington State Sheriff's Association from 1996 to 1998 and president of the Western States Sheriff's Association in 1999 and 2000. He graduated from the FBI Academy in 1979 and worked for his father in the Lewis County sheriff’s office until 1982, when he decided the time had come to strike out on his own.

"He didn't want me to go, but later told me it worked out," Wiester said. “I had no idea I would be sheriff when I came to Grant County.” Wiester started as a deputy and had made it to chief deputy when Sheriff Felix Ramon decided not to seek reelection in 1990 and advised Wiester to seek the job.

Wiester announced his retirement in February, to give Shay a chance to be appointed sheriff by the Grant County Commission before standing for election in the fall.

Shay's appointment took effect at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, and he'll take the oath of office in Grant County Superior Court on Monday.