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WSAC Eastern and Western District Fall Meetings

Deadlines for registration and room reservations are fast approaching! Meeting information and registration forms are attached to the back of this *Courthouse Journal* and are available on our website www.wacounties.org/wsac. The meeting agendas are nearly complete and will be posted on the WSAC website on Monday, August 20. Call Kim Zydek, WSAC staff, if you have any questions, (360) 753-1886 or kzydek@wacounties.org.

Congressional Forest Counties Payment Committee Meetings

The first meeting of the Forest Counties Payments Committee to be held outside of Washington, D.C. will take place in Oregon.

The Forest Counties Payments Committee was established by Congress as described in Section 320, of 2001 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. The Committee was established for the purpose of developing recommendations to Congress for making payments to State and counties in which Federal lands are located.

This is your opportunity to give input on the implementation of PL 106-393, (the counties and schools "safety-net legislation) and the

importance of a long-term solution to the shared receipts from our Federal lands.

- **Forest Counties Payments Committee Meeting**, August 20, 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway, Portland, Oregon
- **Forest Counties Payments Committee Meeting**, August 21, 2001, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Red Lion Hotel, 304 SE Nye Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon

If you have questions don't hesitate to contact Paul Parker at (360) 753-1886.

Deadlines Approach for Counties Receiving U.S. Forest Service Funds

Counties that will be receiving federal forest funds under HR 2389 must take action soon and notify WSAC whether the county intends to take the "full payment" amount authorized by HR 2389 or 25 percent of future revenue from harvest. Counties taking the "full payment" and receiving more than \$100,000 also must indicate what percentage of funds (15 to 20 percent) will be invested in Ti-

tle II or Title III projects.

WSAC is collecting the county decisions to forward to the Governor and the State Treasurer. The Governor must notify the Secretary of Agriculture by September 30 of the county choices. Only three counties have informed WSAC of their decisions to this date. For sample resolutions or other assistance please call Paul Parker at (360) 753-1886.

Nominations for 2001/2002 WACO Board of Trustees

WACO members will soon be receiving an e-mail that will give them the necessary information for running for a position on the WACO Board of Trustees. Any county official is eligible to run for WACO Secretary-Treasurer or Trustee for their county class. Tradition is that officers move up

through the chairs so usually only the Secretary -Treasurer is contested among the officers. **Travel expenses for WACO officers and Trustees are paid by WACO.** This ensures that any county official can serve without placing undue burdens on county budgets. The following positions are subject to elec-

tion this year:

- President; President-elect; Vice President;
- Secretary -Treasurer
- Trustee-at-large position 1 (county population above 500,000)
- Trustee-at-large position 3 (county population 40,000 – 125,000)
- Trustee-at-large position 5 (county population less than 12,000)
- Trustee-at-large positions 1,3 and 5 terms expire in 2003.

Good Things

Pierce County Auditor Recipient of Award

The Pierce County Auditor's Office is the recipient of an award acknowledging their commitment to cus-

tommer service. The Texas based "Election Center" will give the award to County Auditor Cathy Pearsall-Stipek at a training workshop later this month in New Orleans. The award is being given for a publication entitled the "Pierce County Election Statistics Book." The book is produced annually and contains

voter turnout statistics and well as other information that is used to improve customer service.

Auditor Cathy Pearsall-Stipek was the recent recipient of a NACo Achievement Award for the "Voting is Cool" program as well as receiving the "Outstanding Voter Outreach Award for 2000" from the Washington Secretary of State's Office. Congratulations to Cathy and her election's staff.

The Courthouse Journal

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Cathy Pearsall-Stipek Elected President of National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC)

Last month in Philadelphia, Pierce County Auditor Cathy Pearsall-Stipek was elected to a one year term as President of NACRC. NACRC is the National Association of County Official's largest affiliate organization. The membership consists of over 1,000 elected and appointed officials. NACRC provides their members opportunities to exchange ideas and information on a national level and provides an opportunity to become a Certified Public Official to its members. Cathy will be host-

ing the NACRC Fall Board Meeting at Quinault Beach Resort, Ocean Shores, in September. Cathy has invited Washington state county auditors to attend the fall meeting.

Pierce County Deputy Auditor Pat McCarthy has recently completed the educational requirements and standards set forth by NACRC to become a certified public official in management, elections and records management. Congratulations, Pat.

Environment, Land Use & Resources Counties and Cities Working with Ecology on Stormwater Phase II Implementation

WSAC and the Association of Washington Cities are working with the Department of Ecology to develop strategies to ensure local participation in the development of stormwater management planning required by the federal Clean Water Act. Phase II of the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge

Elimination System) program requires eight counties and over eighty cities to develop and implement a stormwater program. The Phase II regulations take effect in March 2003.

The eight counties required to implement Phase II are Benton, Cowlitz,

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Franklin, Kitsap, Spokane, Thurston, Whatcom and Yakima. Phase I implementers were Clark, King, Pierce and Snohomish.

An Eastern Washington Stormwater Policy Advisory Group is already underway. It is working on developing a stormwater manual for Eastern Washington. County participants are John Knutson from Yakima County, Steve

Worley of Spokane County and Ross Dunfee of Benton County. Walt Olsen of the County Road Administration Board will assist their efforts.

Phase II requires, at a minimum, the following six components:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Stormwater pollution preven-

tion in county programs

- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development or redevelopment

A new statewide stormwater manual – including guidance for some of the six components -- is nearing completion. The Eastern Washington manual is not expected to be complete until fall 2002.

NACo President Prioritizes Rural Counties and Gateway Communities

NACo President Javier Gonzales has begun a Rural County Governance Center as a part of his focus on rural and gateway counties. The Rural Governance Center is intended to increase the capacity of rural county elected officials to develop and sustain vibrant rural communities.

The Center's activities this year will focus on developing a virtual library containing model programs, information resources and funding information. It will sponsor applied research and publish research reports of vital interest. The Center will also conduct various conferences and workshops on critical issues

during the year.

Gonzales – from Santa Fe County, New Mexico – also intends to focus on gateway communities that are adjacent to or near federal lands, especially National Parks, National Monuments and other areas heavily impacted by tourism. In his Presidential Initiative Concept Paper, Gonzales writes,

“It is crucial that the communities and federal land management agencies work together to ensure that the national good is not achieved at the expense of the good of the community. Planning and a renewed sense of partnership are needed to ensure this balance.”

NACo soon will be conducting a survey of gateway communities to assess challenges and opportunities for collaboration with federal agencies and develop an issue paper this fall. Three regional forums on Gateway Communities are planned:

October 2001 Tucson (at the Western Interstate Region Board Meeting)

March 2002 Gatlinburg, TN/
Asheville, North Carolina

May 2002 Billings, MT (WIR Annual conference)

More details will be forthcoming from NACo and WSAC.

Human Services, Juvenile Justice & Housing

Federal Judge Finds McNeil Halfway House is Good First Step

U.S. District Court Judge William Dwyer has decided that for the time being, the halfway house being opened on McNeil Island is a good first step and the state will avoid paying \$3 million in contempt fines. However, he noted that it is still not sufficient to fully meet the community-release standard and that once again, that was the most important piece of unfinished business. Because he feels that way, he did not eliminate the threat of possible fines down the road. Judge Dwyer feels that one or more additional sex offender halfway houses must be built/located off the island. Dwyer's decision essentially echoes that of the opinion issued earlier

this month by U.S. District Court Magistrate John Weinberg in the preliminary ruling issued in light of Dwyer's temporary absence from the bench.

DSHS Secretary Dennis Braddock indicated he was pleased with Judge Dwyer's decision, but also noted the pressing need to locate additional facilities off island to address the judge's continued concerns. It is expected that the McNeil Island 24-bed facility will be ready by October, and construction of a much larger \$3.2 million facility is slated to be finished by the fall of 2002.

It is WSAC staff's understanding that phone calls have been initiated to a number of counties to inform them of

what their share of these clients will be eventually as indicated in SB 6151 as enacted last session. Counties will remember that the bill included the number of people in the Special Commitment Center from each county of origin as of last spring and would not exceed that number over the next several years as additional facilities are developed off the island. Unfortunately it does not appear that the Joint Select Committee that was going to deal with issues around equitable distribution has either been named or much less met as yet and their report was ostensibly due in November of this year. A county representative is to be named to that committee.

Pierce, King & Spokane County RSNs Sign 01-03 Mental Health Contract Reluctantly

On August 16, the final three out of the 14 Regional Support Networks

(RSNs) very reluctantly signed the 01-03 biennial contract for the provision of

public mental health services. The dead-

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line was the 16th. Interestingly enough, the deadline of the 16th had been arbitrarily imposed by the threat of the federal Balanced Budget Amendments (BBA) going into effect later in the month. Concurrently with the delivery of the final signed contracts, came the word that the Bush Administration had again delayed the BBA and in fact was entirely rewriting the rules surrounding them. The new rules are supposed to be much less restrictive and are now anticipated to go into effect next year sometime after review and public comment this fall.

Pierce County issued a news release on behalf of the three largest RSNs indicating their serious reservations concerning the state proposal. Pierce County officials were strongly critical of the contract and the method utilized by DSHS to develop its terms and conditions which the state facetiously termed "negotiation". However as voiced by Pierce County Executive, John Ladenburg, they and the other two counties felt that it would be highly detrimental to consumers to be faced with this kind of serious disruption in their lives if the state actually took over service delivery on September 1 as threatened. Especially since the state had no commitment from any other party to run the system. Per Ladenburg, "We will not jeopardize the health of our citizens because DSHS won't listen to reason. That's why we signed."

The contracts include a 90-day clause that allows the counties to with-

draw from being RSNs. "If negotiations go nowhere and we have to invoke the 90-day clause, we'll at least have that amount of time to ensure a smooth transition for the citizens who depend on these vital services. They won't be left out in the cold," said Ladenburg.

King and Spokane counties shared Pierce's contract opinion. King County Executive Ron Sims, the Spokane County Board of Commissioners and Pierce County RSN Administrator Fran Lewis expressed their concerns in letters to Governor Gary Locke, DSHS Secretary Dennis Braddock and Mental Health Division Director Karl R. Brimmer. Lewis wrote Brimmer that she was "dismayed by your unwillingness to negotiate some of the more egregious terms of the proposed contract. I sincerely hope that the MHD does not have the mistaken impression that authoritarian edicts to the RSNs constitute leadership and effective management of the mental health system. Pierce County has tried to be partners and has always demonstrated willingness to compromise on issues in a respectful situation which recognizes equality, but MHD has adopted a 'take it or leave it' attitude toward this contract."

The three counties serve in excess of 60% of the individuals receiving publicly funded mental health services in the state at a cost of nearly \$200 million per year.

All of the other 11 RSNs (consisting of 36 counties) who signed their contracts earlier this month had concerns about both the content of the contract

and/or the process under which it was developed. Nearly all of them sent letters of concern to DSHS and at least one made edits to the contract, which may still be rejected by the state. As an added note many of the 14 did not sign the separate contract for Dangerous Mentally Ill Offenders (DMIO) due to expressed concerns by their insurers about the liability involved. And most did not sign the amended general terms and conditions agreement as well. In regard to the DMIO contract, the state has indicated it will be seeking other providers in this area. The statute only allows for other providers to provide case management services. It does not allow for replacement of the RSNs on the offender selection committees nor ultimately allow for the removal of the RSNs from responsibility for these populations if they otherwise are eligible for medicaid services or are statutory priority populations for service. I anticipate further discussion will occur around this area.

It should be noted this has been an extremely stressful time for all parties concerned, which in the counties' opinion should not and did not have to occur. It can only be hoped that future negotiations rediscover the meaning of the words "negotiation", "partnership" and "compromise." We continue to have many challenges before the system not the least of which is cleaning up the debris left over from this debilitating period of time. Our relationship with the state has been severely damaged and may or may not be recoverable.

Boards & Commissions

Wanted: County Commissioner to Serve on Advisory Committee on Indigent Defense in Dependency Cases

When the 2001 Legislature appropriated funds to continue two pilot projects to improve indigent defense in child dependency and termination cases it also authorized an Implementation Committee to review the pilot projects and look at phasing in the program statewide. This committee, chaired by Supreme Court Justice Bobbe Bridge, is now taking shape and includes a position for one county commissioner.

Although the pilot projects are under way only in Pierce County and the Benton-Franklin judicial district, the commissioner representative on the advisory panel may be from any county.

Judges, lawyers and others currently participating in the Pierce and Benton-Franklin projects will be well-represented on the committee. Eight legislators also will serve on the committee.

The Implementation Committee will examine parents' representation criteria, dependency and termination case management issues resulting from improved defense practices, methods for the efficient use of expert services, and means by which parents may effectively access court-ordered services. As part of the project, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy will research the im-

pact of decreased court delays on the length and cost of foster care.

The WSAC board of directors will choose the commissioner representative. Interested commissioners should contact WSAC staff Sophia Byrd by August 20. This selection process is on a fast track, with the first committee meeting scheduled for 10 a. m. September 21 at the SeaTac Double Tree Hotel. Travel costs will be reimbursed by the state. The committee expects to meet at least once a month until early 2002, when it is scheduled to issue recommendations to the Legislature.

WSAC Seeking a Representative for the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee

The Environmental Streamline Permit Bill (SB 6188) was passed during the 2001 legislative year. The Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee was established as part of this new law. The Committee is comprised of 9 voting and 8 non-voting members, made of up legislators, representatives of the departments of Ecology, Fish, and Wildlife, and Transportation, local governments,

and other interest groups. WSAC's representative will be part of the voting membership. The legislation expires March 31, 2003.

This Committee is to identify and integrate processes to streamline the permitting process for pilot transportation projects, transportation projects of statewide significance and programmatic projects. The Department of Transportation is granted authority to prepare per-

mits, with permitting agencies retaining approval authority. Local permitting processes are addressed, and an optional interim permitting process is authorized.

We are currently seeking an individual who would be willing to represent us on this Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2001, in Olympia. Please contact WSAC staff, Jackie White as soon as possible.

General Interest

With Congressional Action Likely, State Group on Sales Tax to Meet Again

The federal moratorium on taxing Internet sales expires in October. Congress is likely to re-enact the moratorium. NACO and other groups are working to include some provisions that will lead to eventual collection of sales tax on Internet and catalogue sales. Last week NACO sent out an action alert asking members to urge their Congressional delegations to sponsor measures (S. 512 and H.R. 1410) that would authorize state to collect sales taxes for these "remote" sales. NACO has taken an official position opposing extension of the moratorium unless states (and their local governments) are given the power to eventually collect taxes on remote sales. That is the basis of their opposition to the extension contained in H.R. 1552

that has been passed by a House Judiciary Subcommittee.

The National Governor's Association (NGA) and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) have each engaged in efforts to address business complaints that the variations in local sales tax bases and rates are too difficult for remote sellers to administer. The result is a series of highly technical tax policy proposals. The NGA sponsored effort maintains a website at: www.geocities.com/streamlined2000 For a less technical version of the story, the NGA website (www.nga.org) and the NCSL website (www.ncsl.org) offer constant updates on this issue.

These streamlining efforts may result in tax legislation in this state in the

2002 Session. The Legislation would adopt provisions of a national model. The states are trying to demonstrate that they are capable of resolving this issue without Congressional intervention. Congressional models of uniformity would be subject to lobbying by specific industries for tax exemptions. To some extent, this same lobbying has taken place in the two streamlining efforts.

The State Department of Revenue Advisory Group on Sales Tax Simplification will meet by teleconference on September 11. The group includes representatives from business and local government. It is intended to help shape Washington's response to national efforts to streamline and improve state and local taxes. In some cases, the national definitions of taxable items will be different than Washington's current definition. In this case, Washington will have to decide whether to tax or exempt the new nationally defined class of goods. The NACO Fact Sheet follows:

NACO Fact Sheet: Authorizing States to Collect Remote Sales Tax

Issue: The Supreme Court has ruled that remote sellers cannot be required to collect sales taxes from customers in other states because of the burden and complexity of sales taxes from state-to-state. The Court also stated that this is an issue involving the "Interstate Commerce Clause" and that Congress can address it.

Background: States, counties and cities are expected to lose over \$20 billion in annual sales tax revenues by 2003, because remote sellers are not collecting sales and use taxes on Internet and mail order sales. It is estimated that state and local governments currently are losing \$4 billion to \$5 billion annually in sales taxes from out-of-state mail order sales. The amount of remote sales will increase rapidly as sales over the Internet continue to grow exponentially. Since sales taxes equal an average of 36 percent of state and local revenues, and much higher in some states, this loss of revenue will have a major impact on education and other state and local services.

The Internet Tax Freedom Act, passed in 1998, imposed a

three-year moratorium on new Internet access taxes. The moratorium which is in effect through October 21, 2001, only affects Internet access taxes and taxes that discriminate against Internet services. It does not affect remote sales conducted over the Internet. The House passed legislation in early 2000 that extended the moratorium for five additional years. The House bill would have eliminated existing Internet access taxes now imposed in 10 states. The legislation died in the last Congress.

Legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate in the 107th Congress that links a short extension of the current moratorium with provisions authorizing an interstate compact on sales taxes. If states jointly simplified the definitions and administration of their sales taxes, they could join the interstate compact and require remote sellers to collect sales and use taxes.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has approved model state enabling legislation that would authorize each state to work with other states in developing the new sys-

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tem. The model legislation has been adopted by 17 states in the 2001 legislative session. A new simplified sales tax collection is being developed by state tax officials that would use software technology to collect sales taxes on remote sales (Internet and Mail order). The system is being tested in four states. The aim is to achieve equity for Main Street merchants and to treat all remote sellers the same.

Action needed: Since the moratorium on new and existing Internet access taxes will not end until October 21, 2001 NACo urges Congress to defer action on an extension of the morato-

rium unless it is linked to the collection of remote sales tax. NACo supports federal legislation that will authorize states to participate in an interstate sales tax compact and require remote sellers to collect existing state and local sales taxes. The legislation should require states to simplify their sales taxes as a condition for joining an interstate compact. States should not be required to have a simple statewide sales tax rate. States should be given flexibility and discretion in determining whether to collect actual state and local sales taxes.

For further information contact: Ralph Tabor 202-942-4254; rtabor@naco.org - June 2001

Health, Public Health & Solid Waste

Children's Environmental Health Legislation Online Database

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has created a searchable online database of children's environmental health legislation. Users can search for bills about indoor air quality, mercury, lead hazards, pesticides, asthma, and other environmental concerns affecting children's health. The database is a cooperative effort between NCSL and the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Children's Health Protection. It can be accessed at www.ncsl.org/programs/ESNR/cehdb.htm.

Wastewater Resources Listserv

In an effort to send out wastewater-related news more quickly, the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (NSFC) has established a listserv to announce NSFC publications, new products, and other information. It provides the latest information about sewage treatment options for homes and small community developments. To subscribe, send an e-mail to macjordomo@mail.nesc.wvu.edu. Leave the subject line blank and type "Subscribe nsfcnews (your first name) (your last name)" in the message area.

Brief on Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities

In May 2000, Grantmakers In Health convened a group of grantmakers along with officials from DHHS and other experts in research and practice for an issue dialogue on racial and ethnic disparities in health. An issue brief has recently been developed that brings together key points from the discussion. Entitled "Strategies for Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health"; the

brief is available by visiting www.gih.org, click on "Publications" "Issues Dialogue Briefs," and scroll down to the publication title.

World Health Organization Publication on Social Determinants of Health

Policy and action for health need to be geared towards addressing the social determinants of health in order to attack the causes of ill health before they can lead to problems. This is a challenging task for both decision-makers and public health actors and advocates. The scientific evidence on social determinants is strong but is discussed mainly by researchers. A booklet, entitled "Social Determinants of Health: The Solid Facts", was published in 1998 as part of the World Health Organization's Regional Office for Europe campaign. It is available at www.who.dk/document/E59555.pdf, or call (518) 436-9686 to order (\$5.00 will be charged for postage and handling for the first book; \$1.00 additional for books two and up).

Guides to Underage Drinking Prevention

The National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives has published the "Community How-To Guides on Underage Drinking Prevention". The new guides were developed in partnerships with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Community Guides were designed to assist communities not only with the underage drinking problem, but with any community-based advocacy effort by addressing coalition building, needs assessment/strategic planning, enforcement, prevention and education, public policy, media rela-

tions, and evaluation. For copies of the guides, fax a request to (202) 493-2062.

Interim Final Rule on State Children's Health Insurance Program

The Department of Health and Human Services recently issued a regulation aimed at providing health coverage to more children in the United States. The rule gives states increased flexibility under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to provide coverage and enables states to use streamlined enrollment procedures. The regulation promotes greater state flexibility to encourage states to develop approaches that address the needs of children and families in their states. The changes also makes it easier for states to use a common application form and enrollment process for their SCHIP and Medicaid programs – an approach that can be effective at expanding outreach to eligible families. The regulation will take effect on August 24. More information is available at www.hhs.gov/news/press/2001pres/20010622.html.

Rural Road Safety Campaign for Youth

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids (FS4JK) sponsors a program, entitled "Buckle Up or Eat Glass", to address the issues of rural road safety for youth. Working with various youth groups and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), FS4JK conducts a community-based rural roadway safety campaign targeting seventh through 10th graders. Each group organizes an education session, holds a seat belt checkup of pickup drivers and passengers, recognizes youth wearing their seat belts, and conducts a media campaign. Local law enforcement officers are encouraged to participate. All items needed to conduct

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the program are provided, and each group is sent a financial reward upon completion of the project. For more information, visit www.buckleuptruck.org or www.fs4jk.org.

Call for Entries for Ahwahnee Awards Program - Deadline: September 28

The Local Government Commission has announced a Call for Entries for the

2001-2002 Ahwahnee Awards Program, which will recognize exemplary projects that further an evolution toward more livable, pedestrian-oriented and transit-based communities. Named in honor of the "Ahwahnee Principles" which prescribe a diverse and balanced mix of housing, jobs, businesses and recreational activities, these awards recognize communities whose plans and projects are creating a better quality of life for their residents and for their region as a

whole. The awards presentation will be held in conjunction with the "New Partners for Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities" conference on January 24 - 26, 2002 in San Diego. For more information, call Bismark Obando at (916) 448-1198, Ext. 311, or visit www.lgc.org/center/awards.

Coming Events

August 21-22

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by **Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Enforcement Project**, Washington Counties Building

August 27-30

Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual Conference, Enzian Inn, Leavenworth

September 9-12

International Association of Assessing Officers Annual Conference, Miami, Florida

September 10-11

Washington State Assn of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting, Summit Inn, Snoqualmie Pass

September 19-21

Washington Finance Officers Association Annual Conference, Wenatchee

September 19-21

ACHS Meeting, Ellensburg

September 27-28

WSAC Eastern District Meeting, East Wenatchee, Mickey O'Reilly Inn

October 1-5

WACO Annual Conference, Port Ludlow Resort & Conference Center

October 8-9

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by **Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Enforcement Project**, Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee

October 11-12

WSAC Western District Meeting, Super 8 Motel, Long Beach

October 16-17

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by **Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Enforcement Project**, WestCoast Tri-Cities Hotel, Kennewick

October 18-19

CRABoard Meeting, CRAB Office, Olympia

October 25-26

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials, Local Boards of Health Leadership Workshop ("Emerging Public Health Issues"), SeaTac, Radisson Hotel

November 12-13

Cost Allocation Training, Sponsored by **Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys Support Enforcement Project**, DoubleTree Hotel Spokane City Center

November 12-15

Washington Association of Sheriffs' & Police Chiefs' Annual Fall Conference, Doubletree, Pasco

November 14-16

ACHS Meeting, Silverdale

November 14-16

WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, Silverdale

November 14

WCIF Board Meeting, in conjunction with WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, 10 am - 12 pm

December 13-14

Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Annual Winter Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Seattle

January 29-31, 2002

Legislative Rally & Tri-Association Legislative Reception

April 11-12, 2002

WSAC Western District Meeting, TBD

April 25-26, 2002

WSAC Western District Meeting, Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop

June 9-11, 2002

WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue

July 12-16, 2002

NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA

Employment Opportunities

WHITMAN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT is seeking to fill the position of County Engineer. This is professional engineering work, planning, administering and coordinating all engineering and associated activities related to county roads. This work involves the exercise of considerable independent judgment and discretion in the interpretation, application and enforcement of laws, regulations and county policies applicable to road design, construction and maintenance activities. Work will involve considerable contact with state inspectors and agencies, public and private officials, local governments, county departments and the general public. The County Engineer works with, and reports directly to the Director of Public Works and the Board of County Commissioners. Required: BA in Civil Engineering or related field. Licensed PE in the State of Washington. Valid Washington State driver's license. Preferred: Three years of progressively responsible professional and supervisory engineering work experience involving a variety of assignments associated with the design, construction or maintenance of roads and bridges. Starting Salary: \$4867—\$5013 per month plus benefits. Closing Date: Open until filled. For an application contact Whitman County Human Resources, 402 North Main Street, Colfax, WA 99111, whitman-county.org or call (509) 397-6205. AA/EOE

DIRECTOR, CHELAN COUNTY BUILDING, FIRE SAFETY & PLANNING - Salary Range: P160 \$52,548 to 60,828, open until August 24, 2001. Position Description: This is a department head position appointed by the Board of Chelan County Commissioners. The department has twenty-five (25) employees and a 2001 operating budget of \$3,500,000, including grants. The department provides a full range of planning services including the development and administration of building, development codes, GMA planning, shorelines and other related activities. The director is responsible for conceptualizing the work program; assigning staff resources to accomplish work program goals; preparing and administering the operating budget; serving as department liaison to the Board of County Commis-

sioners, state, federal and local agencies, and the public. General Recruiting Indicators: The successful candidate will be familiar with all aspects of land use planning practice and theory, particularly as it applies to Washington State. A Bachelor's or Masters degree in planning (or related field) and ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience including departmental administration at the assistant director or director level in a public planning agency is required. Experience in budget preparation, work plan formulation, the supervision of subordinates, and proven leadership and communication skills must be demonstrated. Application Materials: A complete application consists of a written resume, a letter of introduction, and a completed Chelan County Employment Application posted by August 24, 2001. Application materials may be obtained by contacting Sherry Meadows at (509) 667-6225, FAX(509)667-6475, E-mail sherry.meadows@co.chelan.wa.us, or by writing 411 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Chelan County is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.'

BUILDING INSPECTOR, CHELAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING, FIRE SAFETY & PLANNING: Salary Range: \$30,315 - \$35,094 annually. Closing Date: September 7, 2001. Position Description: This is a field position performing inspections on a wide variety of structures in various stages of construction including foundations, concrete, framing, fire safety requirements, mechanical, plumbing, energy conservation, accessibility and other items. Work is performed outdoors during all weather conditions and involves climbing, crawling and working in noisy environments. Building permit files need to be maintained and inspection records kept. The position requires applying and explaining laws, codes and various regulations. General Recruiting Indicators: Five (5) years of experience in building construction, inspection work or plan preparation. Course work or formal training in the building trades may substitute for two (2) years of experience. A valid Washington state drivers license is required and an ICBO Building Inspectors Certification must be secured within six (6) months of em-

ployment. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to establish and maintain working relationships with fellow workers and the public are required. Familiarity with building tools; materials, construction methods, and workmanship are highly desirable. Application Materials: A complete application consists of a letter of introduction and a completed Chelan County Employment application posted by September 7, 2001. Application materials may be obtained by contacting Diane Mahugh or Sherry Meadows at (509) 667-6225, fax (509) 667-6475, email sherry.meadows@co.chelan.wa.us, or by writing 411 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Chelan County is an equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY RECORDING MANAGER: The Snohomish County Auditor's Office is looking for a Recording Manager to manage the 16 person Recording Division that is in charge of the public records recording function. We are looking for a dynamic experienced manager in public service, and quality control and production, with abilities and/or interest in promoting and implementing electronic recording, and advanced imaging and workflow procedures. Salary range is: \$50,270. - \$71,037. If interested please submit a current resume AND a letter specifically focusing on what the applicant would do in Snohomish County as Recording Manager as we enter the 21st century. We would appreciate receiving your letter/resumes no later than **August 24th**. Please contact Carolyn Ableman, Snohomish County Chief Deputy Auditor if you have any questions at 425-388-3391 or email: carolyn.ableman@co.snohomish.wa.us. For more information about the Snohomish County Auditor's office please see our website at: <http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/auditor/index.asp>

WHATCOM COUNTY, IN BELLINGHAM, WA, is seeking a **Service Learning Coordinator for our Juvenile Services Department.** Hiring range: \$14.81 - \$15.99 / Hour, DOQ. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in social science or related field and

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1 year experience working directly with at-risk adolescents that included programming or project management responsibilities. Whatcom County offers excellent employer-paid medical, dental & vision benefits for employee and fam-

ily, generous vacation, sick & holiday leave, pro-rated based on part-time hours. WA State Retirement system. Optional deferred comp & Flex 125 available. Application period closes 9/5/01. For required application packet contact Whatcom County Human Re-

sources, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 107, Bellingham, WA, or call (360) 676-6802. For detailed job announcement visit our website at www.co.whatcom.wa.us or call the jobline at (360) 738-4550. Equal Opportunity Employer.



**Hope you are having a wonderful
summer!!!**



Eastern District Meeting

September 27-28 East Wenatchee, Douglas County

Registration Form

Questions? Call Kim Zydek at (360) 753-1886 or email kzydek@wacounties.org

NAME _____

TITLE _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS _____

GUEST/SPOUSE NAME (if attending) _____

Registration Fees include Thursday and Friday morning Continental Breakfasts, Thursday lunch and Thursday dinner. You may purchase separate meal tickets for the Thursday evening dinner for your spouse or guests.

Pre-Paid Advance Registration Fee
 \$75.00 (postmarked by September 14)

Regular Registration Fee
 \$85.00 (postmarked after September 14)

Guest/Spouse - Thursday evening Rocky Reach Dinner
 \$25.00

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Return form and payment by **September 14** to:
Washington State Association of Counties
206 Tenth Avenue SE ~ Olympia, WA 98501

Mickey O'Reilly's
560 Valley Mall Parkway
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Overnight Lodging

Call **Mickey O'Reilly's Inn at the River** (\$55 and up) at 800-922-3199 or the **Cedars Inn** (\$50 single, \$56 double) at 509-886-8000 to make your room reservations. Be sure to make your reservations **before September 6** and mention the *Washington State Association of Counties* to receive reduced rates.

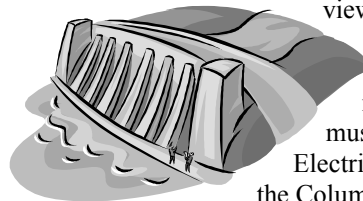
Registration & Fees

Send in your registration form with payment **before September 14** to qualify for the discounted Advance Registration Fee of \$75. After September 14, the registration fee increases to \$85.

Rocky Reach Dam Tour & Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27. The Douglas County Commissioners have planned a fabulous afternoon and evening for us, starting with a tour of the dam facilities led by the Chelan PUD and concluding with a mouthwatering home-style feast of Baked Ham, Baked Chicken and all the trimmings at the Rocky Reach Visitor Center! The Douglas County PUD will provide a short presentation during the banquet.

The **Rocky Reach Visitor Center**, located on the Chelan County side of the Rocky Reach Hydro Project, is a beautiful facility boasting panoramic views of the project.



The powerhouse holds two interpretive historical museums: Museum of Electricity and Museum of the Columbia - and balconies

provide views of the full length of the powerhouse, the spillway, fish ladder and Columbia River. Adjacent to the visitor center and powerhouse are 30 acres of award-winning lawns and gardens.

This promises to be a great event! Don't forget, guests are always welcome and extra meal tickets may be purchased with your registration.

Look for the agenda on our website!

www.wacounties.org/wsac



Western District Meeting

October 11 & 12

Super 8 Motel, Long Beach

Registration Form

Questions? Call Kim Zydek at (360) 753-1886 or email kzydek@wacounties.org

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE AND FAX NUMBERS

GUEST/SPOUSE NAME (if attending)

Registration Fees include Wednesday evening reception, Thursday and Friday morning Continental Breakfasts, Thursday lunch and Thursday dinner. You may purchase separate meal tickets for the Thursday evening dinner for your spouse or guests.

Pre-Paid Advance Registration Fee

\$95.00 (postmarked by September 28)

Regular Registration Fee

\$105.00 (postmarked after September 28)

Guest/Spouse - Thursday evening Crab Feed

\$35.00

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Return form and payment by **September 28** to:
Washington State Association of Counties
206 Tenth Avenue SE ~ Olympia, WA 98501

Super 8 Motel

500 Ocean Beach Boulevard
Long Beach, WA 98631

Overnight Lodging

Super 8 Motel, call (360) 642-8988 to make your room reservations. We have also reserved a block of rooms at the **Ocean Lodge Motel 1 & 2** (rates from \$45 - \$60), call (360) 642-5400 for reservations. Be sure to make your reservations before September 12 and mention the *Washington State Association of Counties* to receive reduced rates.

Registration & Fees

Send in your registration form with payment before **September 28** to qualify for the discounted Advance Registration Fee of \$95. After September 28, the registration fee increases to \$105.

Reception at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

After a long day of pre-meeting meetings (the Board of Directors and the Legislative Steering Committee will meet Wednesday afternoon, October 10), Pacific County Commissioners welcome you to Long Beach with a reception at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, perched on a 200-foot-high cliff, tells the story of Lewis and Clark and their journey from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean.

Annual Crab Feed

The Annual Crab Feed will be held on Thursday evening at the **Eagle's Nest Resort** in Ilwaco. Becky Fontana of Rebecca Inn Catering will be supplying all the fixings to go with the crab. Pacific County Commissioner Jon Kaino says she does "a really great job", so we are all looking forward to this new twist in an old tradition!



Dinner is included with your paid registration, but you are encouraged to bring guests. Please see the registration form for more information on purchasing guest tickets.

2002 Spring Site Selection

COMMISSIONERS/COUNCILMEMBERS: If your county is interested in hosting the **2002 Spring District Meeting**, you will need to provide a proposal that includes a hotel with, at minimum, 75 guest rooms, one meeting room large enough for 100 people, and another to hold 35 people. Please contact Kim Zydek if you have any questions, (360) 753-1886 or kzydek@wacounties.org.