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I-722 injunction sought

Several cities and others have joined in three separate challenges to Initiative 722. All three court actions ask for an injunction to block the implementation until there is a ruling on the constitutionality of Initiative 722.

The first suit was filed by the City of Burien, City of Carnation, City of Pasco, City of Seattle, Mr. William P. Mallow (taxpayer), and the Southwest Youth & Family Services, Inc. This action has been brought against the State of Washington and Fred Kiga, Director of the Department of Revenue. Suits against the State of Washington are filed in Thurston County Superior Court, and this one was assigned to Judge McPhee. A hearing on the injunction has been scheduled for November 27th.

The second suit was filed by the City of Burien, City of Carnation, City of Des Moines, City of Newcastle, City of Seattle, King County Fire District #20, Southwest Youth & Family Services, Inc., and Mr. William P. Mallow

against King County, King County Assessor Scott Noble, and the State of Washington in King County Superior Court. Both parties agreed to a stipulation that would transfer the case to Thurston County. When both parties agree to a stipulation no hearing is held, and a King County Superior Court Judge only has to sign the request for it to take place. That has been done. So the second suit will be consolidated with the first.

The third lawsuit has been filed by the City of Bainbridge Island, the Housing Resource Board, and three individual taxpayers against the Kitsap County Assessor Jim Avery, Kitsap County Treasurer Sharon Schrader and the State of Washington in Kitsap County Superior Court. Again, both parties agreed to a stipulation requesting a transfer to Thurston County Superior Court. That has also been done, and so it will be consolidated with the other two.

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WSAC Legislative Conference sees Shelton elected; I-722 impacts discussed

Island County Commissioner Mike Shelton was elected to lead the Washington State Association of Counties into its 95th year. Shelton moved up from Vice-President replacing Bettie Ingham, Yakima County Commissioner, who will be retiring at the end of her term. LeRoy Allison, Grant County Commissioner, will move up to Vice-President. Replacing LeRoy will be Harold Moss, Pierce County Councilmember. Diane Oberquell will remain on the Executive Committee as the Past-President.

The membership also adopted the 2001 budget and approved a bylaws change that will allow associate members, a new class of membership, to join the Association. This bylaw change will now allow private and public businesses and organizations that have an interest in

counties to become an associate member. While this class of membership does not entitle an associate member to vote, it will provide them with copies of our publications, recognition in convention and conference programs and lower registration fees to meetings. The associate membership dues will be incorporated into the annual budget.

The members also adopted the 2001 Legislative Package, a copy of which will be sent to all members when compiled. Two resolutions also passed, one was a resolution asking the Seattle City Council to rescind their resolution that requested the Snake River dams be breached. The second one dealt with DOE's Shoreline Master Program amendatory guidelines and the requirements for amending the

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I-722 Injunction sought

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There has also been a motion filed in Thurston County Superior Court by Mr. Tim Eyman and the Permanent Offense to be allowed to intervene. They also filed a "Motion for Change of Judge." The hearing for these motions is scheduled for December 1st, four days after Judge McPhee is scheduled to hear the matter of the injunction. It is possible that Judge McPhee will still hold the hearing on November 27th and make the

decision on the injunction. If the request for a new judge is granted on December 1st, a different judge could be assigned to hear the merits of the case.

The county assessors met on November 15th and passed a resolution that points out the near impossibility of implementation of Section 3 of Initiative 722 for 2001 tax collections. Section 3 of Initiative 722 requires every parcel's value to be rolled back to its 1999 value, adjusted up by no more than 2% or the increase in the market value whichever

is less, and all new construction picked up this year would have to have its value recalculated as well. In other words, nearly a years worth of work would have to be changed in less than one month. The Washington Association of County Assessors' Resolution "recommends" that Section 3 of Initiative 722 not be implemented "until such time as the courts have ruled on the constitutionality of Section 3 of Initiative 722."

To see the first suit in its entirety go to www.mrsc.org/722/p-compla.htm.

Legislative Conference

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local master programs. Copies of both resolutions are attached to the back of *The Courthouse Journal*.

The conference ended with a panel presentation on I-722: Budget Info You Need. Marc Greenough, an attorney with Foster, Pepper & Shefelman; Steve Marks, the Franklin County Assessor; and Bettie Ingham, WSAC President and Yakima County Commissioner made a compelling presentation on the legal and practical impacts of the initiative. Greenough gave an update on the latest court developments. Read elsewhere in *The Courthouse Journal* about the specifics of the court action. Greenough also promised to distribute a model resolution reenacting and ratifying taxes, rates, fees and charges imposed by counties before the passage of I-695. A copy is attached.

Steve Marks discussed the practical problems of implementing the administrative requirements under I-722 by indicating there were as many questions as there were answers. Finally, Bettie Ingham outlined the process she believed Yakima County would follow in adopting a budget post I-722. She said that they could no longer just apply across-the-board cuts because some programs in the budget had already been cut by I-695 and there was no room left to make cuts. Rather they would have to target specific areas, including criminal justice to balance the budget to I-722 anticipated revenues. They will set aside the amount required to be refunded and will not use all of their reserves.

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Public service a proud calling, Bar President reminds WSAC

Mindless government-bashing takes a demoralizing toll on public servants, and Washington State Bar Association President Jan Eric Peterson is tired of it. And he's not going to take it anymore.

On a mission against the "politics of derision" Peterson brought this message to a friendly audience at the WSAC legislative conference in Pasco, his hometown where his father practiced law. Peterson carried on the family profession and is a trial lawyer in Seattle with the firm Peterson Young Putra.

As the luncheon keynote speaker, Peterson reminded WSAC members and guests that whether lawyer, politician or bureaucrat, all are vital servants of democracy and should be proud of the important tradition they embody. He noted that many of our highest heroes were lawyers and government-types, including: Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, Mahatma Gandhi, Thurgood Marshall.

He encouraged WSAC members to identify and honor their own heroes.

Peterson also spoke about the need

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to expand access-to-justice programs to ensure that all citizens have adequate legal representation in both criminal and civil proceedings. The Bar Association's number one legislative priority this year is promoting access to justice, Peterson said. Among other efforts, the WSBA will seek an increase in civil filing fees to maintain existing civil legal services offices and re-open offices that were closed several years ago due to lack of funds.

A dialogue begins...

“Look at problems in our communities as community problems, not as government problems.”

“An issue for local government is how to build leadership skills.”

“Collaboration between the public sector and private sector is necessary to solve community problems.”

A lively dialogue about public and private roles and responsibilities reached all of these conclusions and more at the WSAC Legislative Conference last week. Moderator Barry Mitzman skillfully steered eight participants through three scenarios focused at engaging dialogue on public and private partnerships; the audience joined in with enthusiasm.

Private industry was represented by Albert Torres, from the Washington Software Alliance and Mike Gempler, the Executive Director of the Washington Growers League. Senator Alex Decio and Steve Wells, Assistant Director of the Office of Community Development provided a state government perspective. Steve Van Ausdle, President of Walla Walla Community College brought an educational community viewpoint and Lucy Steers, who has been a leader with the League of Women Voters and 1000 Friends of Washington, came to the dialogue as a citizen activist. Local

government input was provided by Yakima County Commissioner Bettie Ingham and Kennewick City Manager Bob Kelly. Franklin County and Benton County hosted about a dozen civic leaders from the Tri-Cities who, with the audience, also joined in the Dialogue.

The scenarios offered an opportunity to discuss how government and the private sector can work together to meet the needs of communities when government resources are diminishing. The first focused on juvenile justice and domestic violence issues, the second on economic development, and the third on technology management and government being run as a business.

As an example, the economic development discussion centered on use of the portion of the state sales tax available to “distressed counties” to further economic development. Should the county spend its economic development tax credits to assist a failing ski resort that could be of significant impact on the local economy, on much-needed new jail space, the county fairgrounds, a city request to help expand the convention center? What process should be used to make the decision? Who should be involved? What role should the Governor and Legislature play?

The endeavor was intended to be the start of a new dialogue between counties, cities, the state, the business sector and the education community. Several commissioners indicated the desire to initiate such a dialogue in their counties. It seems that on-going dialogue of this sort will provide a better sense of today’s needs of counties, other governments and the private sector and a pathway to continue the dialogue toward decision-making on a long-term basis for the benefit of our communities.

Rural tax credit collections may be subject to I-722 refund

On November 16th, the Department of Revenue sent a letter to a number of local governments to collect information about local sales tax rates. Their questions centered on sales tax changes implemented in the last half of calendar 1999 and in calendar 2000. This issue which was undecided as the Journal went to press, was whether the credit constitutes a tax increase even though the taxpayer experiences no tax increase. It’s not known when the Department of Revenue will receive final advice from the Attorney General’s Office on this issue.

Juvenile Court Administrators make presentation

The Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators (WAJCA) made a presentation in Pasco at the WSAC Fall Legislative Conference on the risk assessment tool that is being utilized on a statewide basis in all 33 juvenile court jurisdictions. This risk assessment tool is so well constructed and researched that a number of other states are eager to begin implementing it in their own juvenile justice systems. The presentation was made by Michael Bates, Walla Walla Juvenile Court Administrator (JCA), Sharon Paradis, Benton-Franklin JCA, and Diana Wavra, the Risk Assessment Coordinator for WA-JCA.

Mike and Sharon presented some introductory material to provide the context and then Diana went into the details of risk assessment with juvenile offend-

ers. She covered the vision and goals of the program, the implementation of phase 1, accomplishments, and the current status or phase 2. Among the goals for using the tool are determining the level of risk to re-offend and intensifying efforts on the high-risk, high-cost youth. JCA’s then plan the intervention strategy and a case management plan to reduce the risk factors and increase the protective factors which will result in an increase in community safety. Liability is reduced, the approach to the kids is standardized statewide, and accountability of all the players is vastly improved.

The risk assessment tool was developed by Dr. Robert Barnoski from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy. The first implementation came in March 1998. Since then, over 900 court staff have been trained in its use.

The gradual implementation has allowed time for monitoring the tool, amending it as necessary, and assessing the programs that are available as interventions for their performance. Some 10,000 youth were assessed in 1999. It was discovered that a particular group of interventions worked with these kids. They were programs based on skill development, using cognitive behavioral approaches, educational strategies, and family-based therapies. Three interventions that have proven successful are Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST).

Counties are encouraged to visit with their own juvenile court staff if they have any questions about the program or they may contact WSAC staff, Jean Wessman.

Initiatives to the legislature gathering signatures to meet December 29 deadline

Two new initiatives to the Legislature proposing to reinstate some of the provisions of I-695, were filed by Tim Eyman with the Secretary of State on November 16.

In order to be submitted to the Legislature in January, Initiatives to the Legislature require approximately 180,000 valid signatures. The deadline for filing the signatures is December 29, 2000. Unless the Legislature enacts an Initiative to the Legislature, it will be referred to the voters in the November 2001 election. The Legislature also has the option of sending the initiative to the people

with an alternative. The voters must then choose between the two options.

Under the first initiative, new or increased taxes and fees imposed by local governments after January 1, 2000 must be approved by public vote or as an emergency measure approved by two-thirds vote of the council. The initiative's definitions of taxes and fees are different from those used for I-695 or I-722. This time charges for goods and services, LIDs, special assessments, utility rates, tolls, transit fares and ferry fares are specifically excluded.

The second limits growth in state

revenues to the rate of inflation. All other revenues above that would be returned to taxpayers in the form of a property tax reduction.

In addition, nineteen other initiatives to the legislature have been filed and may be in the signature gathering process. They address a variety of subjects, including privacy protections, parks funding, property taxes, water rights, legalization of marijuana, the initiative process, the state expenditure limit, and school levies

SHB 2392 Task Force focuses again on law and justice costs

The Task Force met in Olympia on November 16th. The agenda included:

- Potential recommendations by the Project 2001 court reform committee.
- Inventory of state criminal justice assistance to counties and cities.
- Population and capacity trends for state prisons and local jails.
- Overview of I-722 impact.
- Review of the recommendations of the Task Force on I-695 backfill allocations.

Legislators and local government representatives expressed concern over

the budget increases required by some of the Project 2001 proposals. The inventory of state criminal justice assistance (covering 1997-99 and 1999-01) confirmed that state support to cities and counties had been reduced in terms of absolute dollars. County and city officials were able to add insight to the state level summary data on jails. They pointed out that the raw numbers don't reveal the court ordered early releases or booking restrictions. Representatives of several of the counties present talked about the number of convicted individuals waiting for the opportunity to serve their time.

Some legislators raised questions about additional local voter approved taxes and suggested that voters wanted local government to cut budgets to live within I-722 revenue limits. County representatives pointed out that criminal justice makes up almost 70% of many county current expense budgets.

The next meeting will focus on local costs of GMA and ESA and on local proposals for legislative action. County and city representatives will meet on their own after Thanksgiving to discuss recommendations.

Training Opportunities

Avoiding Employment Liability

November 29, in Olympia or November 30, Wenatchee

For all county officials, department heads, and supervisors

Presented by WACO and the Washington Counties Risk Pool

Medicolegal Death Investigations Training

November 29-December 3 or Vancouver January 8-12, Port Angeles

For county coroners, medical examiners, and law enforcement

This course contains eight modules. You may register for the five-day course or attend selected modules at various locations.

Please call Joan Poulin at CJTC at (360) 459-6342 x108 for registration information or www.wa.gov/cjt/regional.html

Presented by the Washington Association Of Coroners and Medical Examiners,

Forensic Investigations Council, and Criminal Justice Training Commission

NO REGISTRATION FEES!

News in Brief

State budget squeeze tightens

Last week, the Governor's budget office increased the level of budget reduction options requested from state agencies from two percent to six percent. In his letter to agencies, the OFM Director noted that after repeated rounds of cuts in recent years, he expected that the next round of cuts would include significant program reductions or eliminations.

The tight squeeze is the result of at least three factors: 1) the passage of ballot measures requiring increased funding for schools, 2) double digit inflation for health insurance costs for state and school district employees and for low income elders, disabled and families covered by Medicaid, and 3) the need to fund selected state budget increases including higher education enrollment growth, salmon and water priorities, etc.

Because many county programs are delivered in partnership with state agencies, the latest round of cuts may be cause for concern. The Governor's budget proposal is due to the Legislature no later than December 20.

Ecology hosting public workshops on wetland migration banking

The Department of Ecology is hosting workshops on wetland mitigation banking and the wetland bank certification rule now under development. Mitigation banking is the up-front restoration, creation, enhancement or preservation of wetlands to generate credits. Credits can then be used by the bank provider, or sold to another party, to offset unavoidable impacts to wetlands that have occurred at other locations.

The workshops will be offered on December 5th and December 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. The December 5th workshops will take place at the Department of Ecology headquarters; the December 8th workshops at Lions Hall in Forest Park, 802 Mukilteo Boulevard, Everett.

For more information, visit the website www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/wetmitig/index.html or contact Lauren Driscoll, 360-407-6861.

Water, takings seminars scheduled

The Washington State Bar Association is sponsoring the 9th Annual Water Law Seminar on Thursday and Friday December 14-15 at the SeaTac Doubletree. This comprehensive review and preview of Washington Water Law includes presentations from judges, legislators, members of the executive branch, and the private bar. Twelve continuing legal education credits are proposed. Cost is \$299. To register call Sheila Harris at 206-727-8296 or e-mail at Sheila@wsba.org.

Law Seminars, Inc. is offering a two-day "Government Takings" workshop on November 27 and 28. The seminar will explain the fundamentals of constitutional takings law and examine the salmon listing's impacts on the balance between protecting property rights and salmon. Government rate is \$515. To register call 1-800-854-8009, or e-mail to registrar@lawseminars.com.

"Planning for Development" workshop scheduled

The Office of Community Development's Growth Management Program is sponsoring a half-day workshop titled "Planning for Development." The workshop will highlight ways some counties and cities have strategically planned for and attracted targeted types of development. There will be practical tips on how to integrate land use planning and State Environmental Policy Act procedures to produce a "path of least resistance."

This workshop takes place on December 11 at the SeaTac Marriott from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is no charge. To register call 360-725-3000 or e-mail michellev@ceted.wa.gov.

WSAC selects summer and fall meeting sites for 2003

The WSAC Board of Directors recommended to the members that the 2003 Summer Convention be held in Spokane County at the Doubletree Inn in the Valley. Years ago a summer convention was held in this property when it was a Red Lion. Spokane County has a new county park on the Spokane River near the hotel and will be helping WSAC staff plan many fun events that will take advantage of the beautiful location.

The Board also recommended that the 2003 Fall Legislative Conference be held in Vancouver the first week in Octo-

ber. As members will remember starting in 2002 in Wenatchee, WSAC and WACO will hold joint meetings. Vancouver is building a new convention center in downtown, near the waterfront, and this will be one of the first conventions in the new facility.

Assessor Paul Easter returns to Public Services

Paul Easter, Grays Harbor County Assessor has accepted the job as Director of Public Services for Grays Harbor County. Paul's last day as assessor will be December 10th, and he will start his new job on December 11th. When Paul first went to work in Grays Harbor County, it was in the Public Works Department so he is just "heading back to where he started." Congratulations Paul.

Clallam BOCC appoints McKeown county auditor

Clallam County Commissioners have appointed Cathleen McKeown as the new county auditor, replacing Ken Foster, who took another position. However, she will not take office until January 2, 2001. McKeown is the deputy mayor of the City of Port Angeles and owns her own accounting practice.

Governor's chief of staff resigns

Joe Dear, chief of staff to Governor Gary Locke, has submitted his resignation November 13, after four years of service in the Governor's office. Dear wrote "I would not trade the experience I've had for a minute, but I do look forward to directing my professional attention across a somewhat narrower range of issues and a return to assignments with more operational responsibility." His resignation is effective January 9.

Rural issues subcommittee reorganizes

Douglas County Commissioner Mary Hunt was elected chair of the Rural Issues Subcommittee during the Fall Legislative Conference replacing John Bolender, Mason County Commissioner, who did not run for reelection. Grays harbor County Commissioner, Dan Wood, was elected vice-chair, replacing Fran Bessermin, who was not reelected.

Clallam County announces Substance Abuse Forum

Clallam County is announcing a forum on substance abuse issues on December 2 from 9 – 3:30 at Peninsula College Little Theatre. Special guests include Dr. Bill Dickinson and Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen.

Dr. Dickinson is currently Regional Medical Director of Providence Everett Medical Center Recovery Program and Valley General Hospitals' Recovery Program in Monroe. He is a family practitioner with advanced training in addiction medicine.

Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen has worked tirelessly for the needs of children for the 24 years he has spent in public service. For the past 11 years he has been involved with "Strategies for Youth", an aggressive prevention program using rock 'n roll. He was first elected as Lieutenant Governor in 1996 and prior to that served for many years as a state senator.

The agenda includes not only presentations from the above two speakers but a panel on why treatment

works, made up of community leaders, and a group of smaller workshops spread out over the afternoon hours. Registration is due this week to the Clallam County Health and Human Services Department. Please call them for additional information at 360-417-2303 or 360-417-2366. Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty is taking a lead role in putting together the forum and he is also available for questions at 360-417-2238.

New Human Services Director in Snohomish County

Snohomish County is proud to announce they have appointed Janelle Sgrignoli as Director of the Snohomish County Human Services Department.

Ms. Sgrignoli began her county career seventeen years ago as a Grant Accountant and has worked her way through the ranks, serving as Financial Compliance Officer, Administrative Services Manager, and Deputy Director. She has a thorough knowledge of the department's varied programs as well as countywide processes and has worked over the years with many com-

munity agencies on behalf of the county.

Ms. Sgrignoli will manage a \$39 million annual departmental budget made up of federal, state, and local funding. The Snohomish County Human Services Department administers programs under the umbrella of Long-Term Care and Aging, Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Children and Youth Services, Alcohol and Other Drugs, and Community Services. They coordinate with the four other northwest counties in running

the NorthSound Regional Support Network responsible for both inpatient and outpatient community mental health programs.

Her appointment ends a year-long search that has been ongoing since former Director, Joe Valentine, resigned in October, 1999 to become Deputy Director of the City of Seattle's Human Services Department. WSAC and its affiliate, the Association of County Human Services, welcome her and look forward to working with her in the future.

WACO 2001 committees named

WACO President Richard Lathim, Franklin County Sheriff, has appointed the following committees and chairs for 2000/2001:

2001 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair Stew Menefee, Immed. Past Pres.
Richard Lathim, President
Barbara Cory, President-elect
Greg Zempel, Vice President
Mary Dodge, Secretary/Treasurer
Bev Allenbaugh, Past Pres.

CERTIFICATION/ EDUCATION

Chair Greg Zempel, Kittitas Co. Pros.
Doug Cochran, Yakima County Auditor
Barbara Wagner, Benton Co. Assessor
Judy Arnold, Thurston Co. Coroner
Marianne Walters, Jefferson Co. Clerk
Joe Hawe, Clallam County Sheriff
Phil Sanders, King Co. Treasury Division

LEGISLATIVE

Chair Dean Logan, Kitsap County Clerk
Scott Noble, King County Assessor
Suzanne Sinclair, Island Co. Auditor
Bob Bruce, Manager, King Co. Records and Elections
Martha Reed, Mason County Coroner
Russ Hauge, Kitsap County Prosecutor
Richard Lathim, Franklin Co. Sheriff
Rose Bowman, Lewis Co. Treasurer

PERSONNEL

Chair Tom Fallquist, Spokane Co. Clerk
Chair Greg Zempel, Kittitas Co. Prosecutor,
Dean Takko, Cowlitz County Assessor
Jim Buck, King County Information and Administrative Services
Judy Arnold, Thurston County Coroner
Siri Woods, Chelan County Clerk
Ron Strabbing, Grays Harbor Co. Treas.

TRAVEL

Chair Ron Strabbing, Grays Harbor Co.
Treasurer
Tom Fallquist, Spokane County Clerk
Bev Allenbaugh, Kittitas Co. Auditor
Siri Woods, Chelan County Clerk

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (2000)

The Nominating Committee is comprised of the affiliate presidents. The Nominating Committee for 2001 will be appointed in the summer after new affiliate presidents are installed.

AWARD SELECTION

Chair Mary Dodge, Douglas Co. Treas.
Barbara Cory, Whatcom Co. Treasurer
Jack Westerman, Jefferson Co. Assessor
Jim Buck, Deputy Director, King Co.
Info. And Administrative Services
Greg Zempel, Kittitas Co. Prosecutor

Coming Events

November 28

Medicolegal Death Investigation Training, sponsored by the Forensic Investigations Council, the Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners, and the Criminal Justice Training Commission, www.wa.gov/cjt/regional.html.

December 7-8

WAPA (Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys) **Annual Winter Meeting**, Summerfield Suites, Seattle.

December 12-14

WSAC (Washington State Association of Counties) **New Officials Orientation**, Phoenix Inn & Suites, Olympia.

January 4-5

WACO (Washington Association of County Officials) **Board of Trustees Meeting**, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

January 8

Legislative Session begins.

January 19

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

February 2

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

February 16

WSAC Legislative Steering

Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

February 14-15

Legislative Rally, Olympia

February 28-March 4

Washington County Administrative Association Annual Meeting

March 2

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

March 16

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

March 21-23

ACHS Meeting, Yakima

March 23

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

March 30

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

April 5-6

WSAC Western District Meeting, Oak Harbor

April 13

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington

Counties Building, Olympia.

April 19-20

WSAC Eastern District Meeting, Colville

April 27

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia.

May 16-18

ACHS Meeting, Walla Walla

May 16-19

WIR Conference (Western Interstate Region), County of Hawaii, Hilo, HI

June 12-15

WSAC Summer Convention, West Coast Gateway, Yakima

June 12

WCIF Board Meeting, in conjunction with WSAC Summer Convention

July 13-17

NACo Annual Conference, City & County of Philadelphia

July 18-20

ACHS Meeting, Port Angeles

September 19-21

ACHS Meeting, Ellensburg

October 1-5

WACO Annual Conference, Port Ludlow

Employment Opportunities

ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS is accepting applications for **County Engineer**. This position is responsible for the establishment, design, construction, alteration and improvements of county roads and bridges as required by law. The County Engineer assists the Public Works Director in the planning, administration, and public works, and related activities. Annual salary is \$41,822 to \$61,032 (DOQ).

Required qualifications include registration as a professional civil engineer, three (3) years of progressively responsible professional engineering work experience involving a variety of assignments associated with the design, construction or maintenance of roads and bridges.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm December 1, 2000. A completed application for along with resume and letter of interest are required. For application and information contact Adams County Public Works, 210 W. Alder, Ritzville, WA 99169 or

call (509) 659-3276. Equal Opportunity Employer.

YAKIMA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT PROBATION Administrative Supervisor.

Salary Range: \$38,408 to \$54,761 per year. (Salary currently under review)

Yakima County is recruiting for a dynamic individual to assist the Court Administrator in implementing probation programs, long-range planning activities, and supervising day to day operations of professional staff. Bachelor's Degree and four years

of progressively responsible program related experience including two years' program coordinating, supervisory or managerial experience. Applications must be received in Yakima County Human Resources Department, 128 N. 2nd Street, Room 412 Courthouse, Yakima, WA 98901, (509) 574-2210 or email human.resources@co.yakima.wa.us, by 5:00 pm Friday, December 29, 2000. Equal Opportunity Employer.