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Due to the holiday we will not publish a *Courthouse Journal* on December 29th. Publication will resume on January 5, 2001.
From the Washington Counties Building, we wish you all a very happy holiday!

I-722 Lawsuit Open to All Local Government

On Friday, December 15, Thurston County Superior Court Judge Christine A. Pomeroy ordered that two additional plaintiff classes be established in the I-722 lawsuit. One class would be all government entities other than counties, and the other would be the counties, which would include all of the county elected officials. Parties to either of these new classes would be bound by the injunction that she had issued to limit enforcement of I-722. Judge Pomeroy indicated that for a county to be included, they had to submit a written request to the court by December 29. The Thurston County Prosecutor's Office was asked to send a letter of explanation along with the proper paperwork to each of the prosecuting attorneys in the state. This was done on Monday, December 18. Also on December 18, WSAC and WACO sent out information alerting members to the actions taken by Judge Pomeroy.

Seven counties are already included in the legal action. In alphabetical order they are: Clark, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston and Whitman, which leaves 32 coun-

ties that must decide to take specific action if they want to be included and receive the additional protections afforded by Judge Pomeroy's original injunction.

One of the most frequently asked questions is why any action would be necessary given the original application of the judge's order under Civil Rule 65(d) which states that anyone acting in concert with a party that was enjoined in a lawsuit and receives notice of that injunction is likewise bound by the injunction. The Department of Revenue had sent an advisory to assessors and treasurers indicating that they felt the assessors and treasurers and taxing districts act in concert with the Department of Revenue regarding property taxation and therefore, the injunction had statewide application. However, I-722 includes fees and taxes other than property taxes. The inclusion of a county into the lawsuit this time would make it clear that the county would not have to refund taxes and fees which were required to be refunded under I-722, until after the injunction is lifted which will probably be after the ultimate court decision on the constitutionality of I-722.

Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Announces Prevention RFPs

The Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee has announced the release of the RFP for "Title V Delinquency Prevention Grant Program". The purpose of the awards is to assist communities in

developing community prevention efforts in order to impact juvenile delinquency. Copies of the RFP can be accessed at www.wa.gov/juvenilejustice. Only units of general local

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government may apply for funding. Any unit of government that wishes to apply must obtain certification from the Governor's Committee. In order to obtain certification, the applicant must be in compliance with all the requirements of the federal Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act. These requirements are:

1. The deinstitutionalizing of status and non-status offending youth from secure detention and correctional facilities;
2. The removal of juveniles from confinement in adult jails and lock-ups;

3. Assess the representation of minority youth in secure juvenile detention and correctional facilities and develop strategies when over-representation occurs.

Individual grant amounts may not exceed \$80,000. All projects require a 50% match of cash or in-kind contributions. Grant(s) will be awarded for one year; however projects may be continued for a second or third year at the discretion of the Committee, and the availability of funds in subsequent years.

For additional information contact the Governor's Committee staff, Rosalie McHale at 360-407-0151.

WSAC Recognizes Retiring Members

Each retiring member who attended the banquet at the Legislative Conference last month received a certificate of recognition from WSAC listing that member's contributions to the organization and the state on behalf of counties. This week

WSAC mailed certificates to the members who did not attend the banquet in Pasco. We appreciate the significant work that all of you have done and wish you well in the future.

Please keep in touch!

The Courthouse Journal

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Forest Service Moving Forward with HR 2389 Implementation

U.S. Forest Service staff met with county commissioners and staff from 10 counties this week to brief them and begin discussion about the process for receiving and spending the \$42 million allocated to Washington through HR 2389, also known as the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The funds are allocated to the 27 counties with Forest Service land based on 25 percent of the average of the three highest revenue years statewide between 1986 and 1999, or based on 25 percent of revenue for coming years.

Each county must, by September 30, choose whether to take payment based on the past or the future. If the county chooses the allocation based on past history (and the future of timber sales indicates that most will), then between fifteen and twenty percent of the county allocation must be spent on forest and watershed related projects. The remaining 80-85 percent is divided equally among county roads and schools.

One of the reasons for the 15-20 percent set-aside is to build stronger links between the Forest Service, local counties, and the community. The Act requires the Secretary of Agriculture, or her designee, to establish one or more Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) within the state to review and approve forest projects done under Title II of the Act. Because the Act requires these committees to be named by April 28,

each affected county will be hearing from its local forest supervisor in early January to discuss the nature and composition of the RACs. While the membership of the RAC is specified by statute, the Forest Service would like substantial input from counties on RAC formation.

Part of the goal of this weeks' meetings was for the Forest Service to bring counties within a geographic area join together to consider formation of multiple-county RACs to minimize the number of committees it must staff. Forest Service staff intend to develop draft RAC boundaries by January 19, and by February 15 finalize the RAC groupings and begin the nomination process.

The 15-20 percent set aside requirements and RAC process need not be used by those counties receiving less than \$100,000 annually; those counties – Clark, Douglas, Thurston and Walla Walla – may simply notify the Secretary of their desire for the full payment.

For more information, or copies of HR 2389, please call Paul Parker at WSAC or Karl Denison at the U.S. Forest Service 360-956-2306.

Single “Social Influences” Approach to Smoking Prevention Fails

A study by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle concluded that a “social influences” school-based approach to youth smoking prevention has not worked. The focus of this approach was to train students how to resist tobacco use through skills to ignore social pressures to smoke and to teach them about the dangers of smoking. The incidence of smoking among youth that went through the program is roughly the same as that of the general youth population.

The study confirms what substance abuse prevention research has long held – school-based programs focused on individual behavioral change is simply not strong enough to counteract all the societal cues to consume alcohol and tobacco. Best practices teach us that in order to achieve results, contemporary substance abuse prevention program must go beyond individual-based strategies and include social aspects that relate to use and abuse – marketing and promotion, availability, pricing and strong enforcement of youth access laws. The tobacco industry spends an estimated \$100 million a year on advertising in Washington alone.

The Washington approach is a comprehensive, broad-based approach to tobacco control and prevention. Results

from studies conducted on the efforts in California, Massachusetts and Florida have shown that comprehensive tobacco control and prevention programs (adequately funded) produce dramatic results in reducing teen smoking, death rates from cancer and smoking by pregnant women.

The Washington State school-based portion of the comprehensive tobacco control and prevention effort follows current best practices, and is much broader than the curriculum-only efforts cited in the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Study. One of the researchers on the study was on the Department of Health Advisory group for school programs. Much of the learning from the study has already gone into the Washington Tobacco Control and Prevention Plan.

The Washington anti-tobacco efforts in schools also include:

- Improvement and enforcement of tobacco free school policies
- Cessation program for students
- School staff and parent & family involvement
- Direct linkage to the other components of Washington comprehen-

sive tobacco prevention and control program (which includes community programs, a media campaign and cessation support)

These components are based on the successful broad-based approach that has worked well in California, Massachusetts and Oregon. Oregon has seen 41% fewer eighth-graders smoke now than did four year ago (a decrease nearly double the size of the national reduction).

Until this year, Washington State has not had a comprehensive tobacco control and prevention plan. Its success depends on a long-term, sustained commitment to the best practices recommended by the CDC, which have shown positive results in the three states that have sustained such a comprehensive program. The Department of Health has included a strong evaluation component in the Washington Tobacco Control and Prevention Plan to assure that broad-based efforts here yield the expected results.

Attorney General Says No To Privately Operated Jails

Any county that is considering contracting with a private company to operate its jail will want to check out a recent state attorney general opinion that significantly restricts such business deals. The full AG opinion, cited as AGO 2000 No. 8, may be found at www.wa.gov/ago/opinions.

Counties that currently hold contracts for city jail services also will want to track this issue. The city of Longview is appealing the opinion, which, if reversed, would allow the city to sever its existing jail contract with Cowlitz County in favor of a jail services contract with a private entity.

In summary, the AG opinion states the following conclusions in response to questions about code city authority raised by state Sen. Sid Snyder (D-Long Beach). 1.) Cities and counties *are authorized* to contract with a non-governmental entity for the construction of a jail. 2.) Cities and counties *are not*

authorized to lease a jail from a non-governmental entity. 3.) Cities and counties *are not authorized* to contract with a non-governmental entity for such entity to provide jail-related services involving overall management of a jail or performance of other correctional or law enforcement functions. 4.) Cities and counties *are authorized* to contract with a non-governmental entity for such entity to provide jail-related services that do not involve overall management or performance of correctional or law enforcement functions. For example, private companies can provide services such as food and facilities maintenance but they can't manage a jail or supply guards.

While the formal opinion responds to a question specifically related to code cities, the controlling statute applies to counties as well as cities, thus the AG opinion also arguably applies to counties, explained Assistant Attorney Gen-

eral Robert J. Fallis, author of the opinion. However, Fallis cautioned that other statutes or the state Constitution could bear on the specific question of a county's authority to contract for private jail services. That specific question has not been asked of the AG, and Fallis has not researched it. A formal AG opinion on the specific county question may be requested by a state legislator or a county prosecutor.

Fallis' analysis focuses on the City and County Jails Act codified at RCW 70.48, which specifically defined jail to mean “any holding, detention or correctional facility as defined in this section.” In turn, “holding facility,” “detention facility,” and “correctional facility,” all are defined as facilities “operated by a governing unit,” and “governing unit” is defined to mean “the city and/or county or any combination of cities and/or counties responsible for the operation,

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supervision, and maintenance of a jail.”

Notably, the opinion distinguishes between the City and County Jails Act

and a 1983 bill related to drunk driving and sentencing reforms, which expressly authorized cities and counties to establish special minimum security facilities

that may “be operated by a noncorrectional agency or by noncorrectional personnel by contract with the governing unit.”

Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention Available

In response to the significant public health issue of youth violence, CDC now offers “Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention: A Sourcebook for Community Action.” The sourcebook presents the best-known strategies for reducing youth violence, garnered from individuals working in the field.

The first section of “Best Practices” reviews the general principles of intervention planning, implementation and evaluation. The main section details the

four key strategies to preventing youth violence, parent and family-based strategies, home visiting, social and conflict resolution skills, and mentoring.

“Best Practices” can be accessed either via the Web or by telephone through the SafeUSA Clearinghouse, a vehicle for safety-related information and materials. The SafeUSA Web site provides information about specific safety-related topics, free safety publications, and fax-on-demand service that

gives access to several SafeUSA fact sheets in Spanish and English.

SafeUSA is an alliance of organizations dedicated to eliminating unintentional and violent injury and death in America. To order a copy of “Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention: A Sourcebook for Community Action,” log on to www.cdc.gov/safeusa or call the SafeUSA hotline at 1-888-252-7751.

Environment, Land Use & Resource Issues

Shorelines Rulemaking to be Appealed

The Association of Washington Business is appealing the new shorelines rules that were adopted in November.

“SMA was never intended to be used for salmon recovery,” said Grant Nelson, AWB’s governmental affairs

director for environmental policy in comments to the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce.

Additionally, says Nelson, the business group contends that “Ecology has circumvented the legislative process.”

Nelson said that other claims will be

included in the AWB appeal when it is filed to the Shoreline Management Board. The appeal must be received by Dec. 29.

Meanwhile, a number of cities and counties are considering a court challenge to the rules as violative of the state law prohibiting unfounded mandates to local government.

Salmon Recovery Funding Board Moves Forward with New Grant Cycle

The Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) is gearing up for another round of grant funding. At its meeting earlier this month, the Board learned from the Technical Panel project review group that it is seeing strategies developed and better projects presented. The Panel consists of nine experts: Brian Allee, Executive Director, Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority; Kevin Bauersfeld, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife; Tim Beechie, National Marine Fisheries Service; Paul DeVries, Private Consultant, RH2 Inc.; Karl Halupka, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Ken Hammond, Retired Central Washington University Professor; George Pess, National Marine Fisheries Service; J. Anne Shaffer, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife; and Carol Smith, Washington State Conservation Commission.

Other policy issues discussed included the following:

How does the Board reward regional collaboration?

- Fund more projects on their list,
- Evaluate them higher,
- Reserve some funds to present choice of incentives to the participating lead entities, and/or
- Support projects with support by multiple lead entities.

Board members commented there is a need to make sure the regional grouping makes sense. Department of Fish and Wildlife certifies the lead entity groups and, when the groups regionalize, WDFW should ensure the groupings make sense.

Allocation of funds to lead entity lists:

If the amount of projects recommended for funding is higher than the amount of funding available, how will the Board decide how to divide the funds between the lead entity areas?

If a new lead entity doesn’t have any projects that are ready for funding will the Board send it away empty handed, or could it give them funding to develop or finalize their watershed assessment so they will be able to bring back better projects in the next cycle?

In addition, discussion began on the Third Round Grant cycle. The Board approved a schedule with application materials available on July 1, 2001, lead entity project list submittal on November 30, 2001, and funding decisions made in late February 2002.

The next meeting of the Salmon Recovery Funding Board will be January 25 and 26, 2001 in Olympia. This meeting will focus on Second Round Grant funding decisions.

Flood Hazard Management Grant Applications Due

Grant application packets are now available for funds from the state Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP). It is expected that about \$3.2 million will be available for grants in the 2001-03 biennium. FCAAP will fund up to 75% of the total cost of developing a Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, between 50-75% of flood damage reduction projects, and up

to 805 of the cost of emergency projects.

To be considered, applications must be submitted to county engineers by Monday, January 22, 2001; each county engineer will prioritize the applications from within that county and send them to Ecology by February 8, 2001. Ecology will then prioritize the applications statewide and develop a tentative award list by April.

The following categories have priority for this award cycle: mapping projects, flood warning systems, biotechnical bank stabilization projects, public awareness programs, and acquisition.

For more information, contact Bev Huether at bhue461@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 407-7254.

Forest Stewardship Opportunities

Washington landowners with at least 20 acres of forested property are invited to apply for special funding to develop a forest stewardship plan for their property. Funding is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Stewardship plans assess current forest conditions and include recommen-

dations for improving forest health, fish and wildlife habitat, and tree growth and quality. "Each land plan is customized to meet individual landowner objectives," said **Steve Gibbs, DNR Forest Stewardship Program Manager**.

Under DNR's program, landowners will be reimbursed for 90 percent of the cost of hiring a private consulting for-

ester to visit their property and develop a forest stewardship plan for its future management and protection.

The new program is funded by the Forest Service as part of its national effort to assist non-industrial private forest owners, and is administered by DNR.

For complete details and an application form, call DNR's 24-hour toll-free information line at 1-888-783-9548.

Corps Gets Money for Puget Sound Projects

The Army Corps of Engineers has been budgeted \$122 million to carry out three new environmental restoration programs in the Puget Sound region.

The programs include the Puget Sound and Adjacent Waters Restoration

Program funded at \$40 million. The Corps will use that money to work with federal, state and local agencies to identify and construct environmental restoration projects in all Puget Sound watersheds.

The other two programs are the Du-

wamish/Green River Ecosystem Restoration Project, with \$74 million from the Corps, and the Stilliguamish Ecosystem Restoration Project with \$8 million in Corps funding.

The money is included in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 as signed by the president. The Corps expects the first restoration projects to begin construction in 2002.

WSAC Comments on Ecology's Stormwater Process

WSAC President Mike Shelton wrote Ecology Director Tom Fitzsimmons this week with some comments on the state stormwater management process. The letter noted progress on some concerns expressed by WSAC in February 2000, especially the "consistent recognition that the stormwater issues and needs of Eastern Washington are very different from those of Western Washington," such as the decision to develop a separate stormwater manual for Eastern Washington.

It also noted there has been some progress in recognizing the different needs and capabilities of rural areas in Western Washington to address stormwater in those areas but indicated that there continues to be serious doubts about the need for and ability of rural areas to engage in stormwater manage-

ment.

Other comments made included:

- ◆ There remain concerns that the final Western Washington Stormwater Management Manual may be misapplied in eastern Washington and rural Western Washington areas since it is now a "convenient" regulatory reference document.

- ◆ We agree that as technology and science evolve we must be capable applying these improvements to a variety of programs currently under development. However, application of new technology and science must be discretionary for programs and projects that have already completed substantial design and review processes.

- ◆ With development and adoption of various ESA response programs (such as Road Maintenance BMP's) or acquisition of specific project permits, efforts determined

compliant under ESA should be exempt from separate review and application of the Stormwater Manual.

- ◆ Required application of the Manual through local governments should only occur when adequate State financial and technical support has been made available.

Finally, noting the lack of adequate resources to respond to every regulatory requirement being adopted and implemented, WSAC asked that Ecology "together with every other state and federal agency, realize and support the need to apply available resources towards the highest priorities first and not towards generic regulatory requirements that do not have the benefit of locally based prioritization and decision making."

A copy of the completed letter can be obtained by calling WSAC.

Year 2000 County/City Profiles of Child and Family Well-Being Available

The Year 2000 County/City Profiles of Child and Family Well-Being are now available. Each of the 39 counties and the three biggest cities, Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane has profiles.

Washington Kids Count through the University of Washington Evans School of Public Affairs produces the Profiles. The Washington Kids County project improves policies for children by analyz-

ing and disseminating data on the well being of children and mobilizing communities to action. Copies may be obtained by visiting the website at www.hspc.org. For additional information call the Human Services Policy Center at 206-685-3135.

Thurston County Announces New Unified Center for Abused and Neglected Children

Thurston County is proud to announce they have signed off on the Children's Justice and Advocacy Center after 18 months of work. Police, medical, and social services will all be on hand in one location in a coming together of legal, social, and medical services that investigate sexual assaults against children and treat the victims.

Thurston will be the 5th county in

Washington to join this national trend in investigation and prosecution of sex crimes against children. The goal is to stop the further traumatizing of children who are victims of sexual assault and to improve the prosecution process. The center will serve 200 children per year. Deputy Prosecutor Jon Tunheim has been instrumental in forming the center. The coordinator of the center is Maureen

Fitzgerald. It will be located in the Sexual Assault Clinic at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia. The cost is \$60,000 per year. Providence is contributing along with grants from Northwest Children's Fund, the Irving Lassen Foundation and the state Department of Social and Health Services.

Ask MRSC

What is Under the Municipal Codes Button on MRSC.org?

The Municipal Research Center currently links ten Washington county codes and 61 city codes on its Web site, **MRSC.org**, under the "button" labeled Municipal Codes. Counties with codes on the Web include Clark, Douglas, Island, Jefferson, King, Pierce, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom and Yakima counties. The number continues to grow as local governments recognize the importance of making their codes more accessible to the public.

One of the services that MRSC offers is Web hosting for city and county codes. The codes physically reside on MRSC's Web site. As of December 2000, we host approximately 60 codes including two county codes in a searchable format. Each participating city and county pays a fee to make their codes available to the public. In essence, cities and counties jointly purchase and provide a service that few could afford on their own.

Beginning in January 2001, MRSC will begin using new search software on its Web site. Our current software, Folio Views, was initially designed for CD ROM publication rather than for the Web. Folio's parent company,

NextPage, has now released a program that they designed specifically for the Web (NXT3). A major advantage of NXT3 is that it searches HTML, XML, Word, Excel, and other word processing and spreadsheet formats.

Since NXT3 can search on documents in their original word processing format, it provides us with new opportunities. In addition to municipal codes, MRSC can now post ordinances, resolutions, agendas, minutes, council packets, and any other public document in a searchable format on our Web site. We will set up a folder on our server that each participating city and county will use to upload their documents. MRSC will use NXT3 to index these documents, and then your county could set up a search page that would search their own documents.

If you would like more information including the fee schedule, please contact Fred Ward, MRSC Manager of Library and Information Services at 206-625-1300 or fward@mrsc.org.

*Note** -- MRSC has used the term "Municipal" Code to include the code of any political subdivision of the state A

municipal corporation has been generally defined in McQuillin as a body politic and corporate, possessing a legal entity and name, a seal by which to act in solemn form, a capacity to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, *a persona standi in judicio*, to hold and dispose of property, and thereby to acquire rights and incur liabilities, with power of perpetual succession, inhabitants and territory.

Coming Events

January 4

WACO (Washington Association of County Officials) Committee Meetings, Washington County Building, Olympia.
Travel Committee, 2:00 - 3:00 pm;
Budget Committee, 3:00 pm.

January 5

WACO Board of Trustees Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia, 8:00 am.

January 8

Legislative Session begins.

January 8-12

CANCELLED - Mediolegal Death Investigation Training, Port Angeles. Location and time TBA.

January 19

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

February 2

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

February 14

WACO Affiliate Legislative Meetings in Olympia: Assessors, Washington Counties Building and Best Western Aladdin Motor Inn; Auditors, Guest House Inn; Clerks, WestCoast Olympia Hotel; Treasurers, WestCoast Olympia Hotel.

February 14-15

WSAC Legislative Rally, Olympia

February 14

Legislative Reception for State Representatives and Senators, sponsored by WSAC, WACO and AWC, Saint Martins Pavilion, Lacey, 6:00 pm.

February 16

WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Meeting, Washington Counties Building, 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 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.

January County Calendar

1 Terms begin for elected officials, partisan and nonpartisan, elected to office in the preceding November. RCW 29.04.170, RCW 36.16.020. RCW 29.04.170 states "this legislation is to provide a common date for the assumption of office for all the elected officials of counties, cities, towns and special purpose districts other than school districts where the ownership of property is not a prerequisite of voting. It is also the purpose of this legislation to remove these conflicts and delete old statutory language concerning such elections which is no longer necessary." District court judges, however, take office the second Monday in January, as stipulated in RCW 3.34.070.

1 On or before this date, the county assessor shall mail a personal property listing form to those persons liable to the assessment of personal property. RCW 84.40.040

1 Property shall be subject to taxation at 12 o'clock noon at the values as of this date. RCW 84.36.005, 84.04.020

1 The county treasurer shall establish tax rolls of the county as certified by the county assessor for such assessment year, and said rolls shall be preserved as a public record in the office of the county treasurer. The rolls shall be full and sufficient authority for the county treasurer to receive and collect all taxes levied. RCW 84.56.010

15 The county assessor to deliver tax rolls to the county treasurer by this date. RCW 84.52.080(4)

15 The county assessor shall transmit to the State Auditor an abstract of the tax rolls. RCW 84.48.050

15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday observed - Legal Holiday. RCW 1.16.050

31 Last day for county assessor to send senior citizens/ disabled persons, who were granted deferral of ad valorem taxes or special assessments for the previous year, renewal forms and notice to renew. RCW 84.38.050

31 Last day for county auditor to provide the Secretary of State a duplicate tape or data file for the records of the registered voters in that county. RCW 29.04.150

31 By this date, the county commissioners are to sign a resolution establishing the county prosecuting attorney's salary, and then have the resolution and a copy of the budget page

showing such salary certified by the county auditor and sent to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer is to remit to each county one-half of the prosecuting attorney's salary, which is paid by the state in accordance with RCW 36.17.020, which provides for increase or decrease of county officials' salaries. DMC Bulletin #164, 10-2-75.

31 By this date, each county auditor shall forward to the State Auditor information concerning each special purpose district, located wholly or partially within the county that has been dissolved during the preceding year. The county auditor shall also forward to the State Auditor a summation of information gathered from special purpose districts relating to their descriptions and functions. RCW 36.96.090(2)

WACO Surplus Equipment for Sale

WACO is offering surplus equipment to the county offices on a first come first serve basis. If you see an item of interest please e-mail a letter of interest to Brenda Bamford at bbamford@wacounties.org or fax your request to WACO at 360-664-2812. The requests will be handled in the order they are received. We will begin processing the requests after January 1, 2001.

AMD 233Mhz Pentium class CPU

with- \$175.00

48 MB RAM
1.06 GB HD
1.44 MB Floppy
24X CD-ROM
16-Bit Audio, Speakers
1 MB SVGA Video
Keyboard, Mouse
Windows 98 SE
IE 5.5
Corel Word Perfect Suite 8
Aldus PageMaker 5.0
10BT Ethernet Adapter

No Monitor

AMD 200Mhz Pentium Class CPU

with- \$165.00

32 MB RAM
1.7 GB HD
1.5 GB HD
1.44 MB Floppy
24X CD-ROM
16-bit Audio, speakers
2MB SVGA Video
Keyboard, mouse
Windows 98 SE
IE 5.5
Corel WordPerfect Suite 8
10BT Ethernet Adapter
No Monitor

AMD 233Mhz Pentium class CPU

with- \$185.00

48 MB RAM
503 GB HD
3.0 GB HD – 1.8 GB Free
1.44 MB Floppy

24X CD-ROM
16-Bit Audio, Speakers
1 MB SVGA Video
Keyboard, Mouse
Windows 98 SE
IE 5.5
Corel Word Perfect Suite 8
10BT Ethernet Adapter

AMD 233Mhz Pentium class CPU

with- \$195.00

48 MB RAM
1.0 GB HD – 391 MB Free
3.0 GB HD – 1.8 GB Free
1.44 MB Floppy
24X CD-ROM
16-Bit Audio, Speakers
1 MB SVGA Video
Keyboard, Mouse
Windows 98 SE
IE 5.5
Corel Word Perfect Suite 8
10BT Ethernet Adapter
No Monitor

Employment Opportunities

County Road Administration Board Washington Management Service Maintenance Manager - Salary: \$58,400 - \$87,500 DOQ. Position Objective: This position's main objective is to develop a maintenance management concept for Washington's 39 county road programs and to gain consensus from the County Engineers in order

to have a basic program supporting all counties. This position then works with the engineers and the CRABoard to develop the Washington Administrative Codes and RCWs to support and codify the maintenance program. Knowledge and Skills Required: This position requires 5 years experience managing a county road department main-

tenance program and 5 years experience as a county engineer is preferred. Knowledge of the principles of civil engineering, county roadway engineering practices, maintenance and operations procedures, pavement management, risk management and experience working with labor unions is essential. Knowledge of

ets, annual and 6 year road programs, day labor practices and laws, and motivation and training of road maintenance employees is essential.

This position requires skills to:
*manage professionals engaged in diverse and highly technical activities;
*build consensus with multiple or-

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ganizations including federal, state, city and county governments, Indian Tribes, and other governmental organizations; *develop policies with impacts affecting all modes of transportation for internal and external implementation, including all thirty-nine counties and the citizens living within them; *develop strategic plans with long term impacts; *identify funding sources and develop distribution methods; *prepare briefings and reports; *provide legislative testimony; communicate effectively; and, *motivate work force through exemplary leadership, coaching, and communicating.

Principal Responsibilities:

- Develop maintenance policies with internal and external impacts affecting 39 counties, state and federal agencies, and cities, affecting all modes of transportation.
- Develop strategic plans with long-term impacts to facilitate positive visionary change in the counties.
- Represent agency on various local, state, legislative and federal committees with advisory, policy, and regulatory responsibilities, including principal interface between county road departments and state and federal regulatory agencies on funding, labor/union, environmental, natural resource and right of way issues.
- Liaison with the Attorney General on Standards of Good Practice and legal interpretations of statute applicable to county road departments.
- Advocate visionary changes in the state transportation system to improve cost-effective delivery in services for the citizens and businesses

in the State of Washington.

- Analyze local transportation issues and propose projects for funding consideration and/or recommend statutory changes to assist counties in achieving their transportation needs.
- Direct the development and implementation of CRAB WAC rules requiring that county road departments operate in reasonable compliance with applicable state laws and CRAB regulations.

For application package please contact Karen Pendleton at (360) 753-5989 or Karen@crab.wa.gov. Position closes January 19, 2001.

Skagit 911 Assistant Emergency Communications Director - Entry Wage: up to \$4,347 monthly (\$52,166 annual) depending on experience and qualifications. The Assistant Emergency Communications Director manages the Skagit 911 Communication Center Operations and Training. Essential Responsibilities: Responsible for the day to day operations of the dispatch personnel, including supervisors, dispatchers and record clerks. Assists the Director in the development of policies adopted by the Skagit County Emergency Management Council. Assists the Director in the development of short and long range planning and the development of goals and objectives for Skagit 911. Coordinates with the various agencies and jurisdictions served to ensure a smooth and responsive transition of their problems into a high quality of service for routine business activity. Ensures that the 911 Center is in a state of perpetual readiness through regular instruction, testing, exer-

cise, maintenance and quality control measures. Helps the Director create, implement and monitor standard operating procedures, protocols, training programs, manuals and materials. Responsible for preparing, overseeing and monitoring the agency training programs, which is approved by the agency Director. Assists the Director in the establishment of programs and standards for the recruitment, selection and oversight of all Center personnel. Recommends hiring, evaluating, disciplining and termination of personnel. Provides for the assignment of work and scheduling of Center supervisors, dispatchers and record clerks. A degree in personnel management, public or business administration or a related field is preferred. However, a strong emphasis will be placed on experience, abilities and personal attributes. Tenure of at least two years as a manager or administrator is desirable. Experience in the field of emergency communications is required. Strong supervisory background and effective leadership skills required. Demonstrated skills in management of human resources and customer service. Application Procedure: Applications postmarked prior to the closing, but received after the closing date will not be accepted. Cover letter and resumes are accepted but must be accompanied by a completed Skagit 911 application and received by the closing date. Submit applications to: Skagit 911 Communications Center, 2911 East College Way, Suite A, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273. Office hours: 8 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications and job announcements available by mail or by calling the Skagit 911 business office at (360) 428-3200. Equal Opportunity Employer