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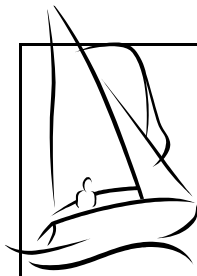
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**WSAC 2001
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WSAC Legislative Conference - November 14-16, 2001

The final agenda for the Washington State Association of Counties' 2001 Legislative Conference is available on the web. Go to the WSAC website and follow the [Legislative Conference](http://www.wacounties.org/wsac/Conference/index.htm) link or type in www.wacounties.org/wsac/Conference/index.htm. See you in Silverdale!

Voters Say No To Taxes - Retain Most Incumbents

Voters continued their recent trend of backing tax cut initiatives by passing Initiative 747 by nearly 63% statewide. This was a greater margin of support than either I-695 or I-722, both declared unconstitutional. I-747 will limit local governments property tax collections to no more than 1% a year without voter approval. It appears that the issue passed in every county except King County where it failed by 52%.

The Council of Firefighters fought the initiative by a series of ads featuring firefighters concerned for public safety. In spite of spending over \$1 million, the voters didn't respond favorably to the firefighters' concerns of cuts to local fire departments.

The impacts to all local governments, according to figures provided by the Office of Financial Management, will be \$56 million lost in 2002 and up to \$404 million by 2007. The county current expense loss in 2002 is \$9.8 million and for the road funds \$6.7 million. These losses grow to \$76 million and \$50 million, respectively, in 2007.

Tim Eyman has already promised he will introduce another tax cutting measure, but provided no details. He says he will be ready to

make his proposal within two weeks.

While the voters were favoring a property tax cut in I-747, at least in two counties property tax measures received large yes votes. In King County the EMS levy was passing with over 80% of the vote, and in Franklin County a courthouse improvement bond issue received 59% of the vote. In Grays Harbor County, a courthouse improvement bond issue failed with only 48% of the vote.

In other races, WSAC members on the ballot included the charter counties of King, Snohomish and Whatcom, which is the normal election cycle for these counties. WACO members from several counties were on the ballot to fill the unexpired terms to which they had been appointed. All of the WACO incumbents appear to have been reelected, however Councilmembers Dave Somers and Mike Ashley from Snohomish County and Marlene Dawson from Whatcom County are trailing in the unofficial returns.

The tabulation of absentees may change the final results of some races and if there are any changes they will be reported in a future Courthouse Journal. See page 2 for the unofficial election results.

Unofficial General Election Results

November 7, 2001

* Denotes incumbent

Adams County

Assessor

Dave Anderson – R* 2,123

Asotin County

Prosecutor

Ben Nichols – D* 3,833

Chelan County

Commissioner

Buell Hawkins, Jr. – R* 7,446

Coroner

Gina M. Fino – R* 7,888

Clallam County

Auditor

Cathleen McKeown – NP* 9,417

Columbia County

Treasurer

K. Kay Britton-Vachal – R* 1,116

Franklin County

Clerk

Michael J. (Mike) Killian – D* 3,716

Grant County

Coroner

Jerry D. Jasman – D* 9,428

Grays Harbor County

Assessor

Edward Prkut – D 9,392

King County

Executive

Ron Sims – D* 139,168

Santos Contreras – R 75,402

David Fries – LBT 9,899

Sheriff

Dave Reichert – NP* 158,563

Council District #1

Carolyn Edmonds – D 11,272

Ed Sterner – R 6,816

Council District #3

Kristy Sullivan – D 5,255

Kathy Lambert – R 9,051

Council District #5

Dwight Pelz – D* 9,235

Council District #7

Pete von Reichbauer – R* 10,088

Council District #9

Kent Pullen – R* 11,232

Council District #11

Jane Hague – R 9,142

Council District #13

Julia Patterson – D 8,673

Pam Roach – R 6,037

Kittitas County

Auditor

David B. Bowen – D* 4,462

Teri Moraites – R 2,005

Klickitat County

Assessor

H.J. "Van" Vandenburg – R* 2,789

Sheriff

Chris Mace – R* 2,901

Mason County

Treasurer

Elizabeth Frazier – D* 8,766

Okanogan County

Sheriff

Mike Murray – D* 5,529

Candy Gamache – LBT 1,883

Treasurer

Delmer L. Shove – D* 4,674

Diana Kennedy Alonso – LBT 1,482

Pierce County

Prosecuting Attorney

Gerald Horne – D* 80,641

Skagit County

Auditor

Norma Hickok-Brummett – R* 10,690

Jackie Brunson – D 8,747

Snohomish County

Council District #1

Mike Ashley – D* 10,826

John Koster – R 12,185

Frank V. Ball, Sr. – LBT 673

Council District #4

Dave Gossett – D* 8,386

Dave Schmidt – R 7,138

Council District #5

Dave Somers – D* 9,740

Jeff Sax – R 10,710

Don Polson – LBT 711

Thurston County

Auditor

Kim Wyman – R* 27,389

Whatcom County

(Whatcom County Council Positions are Non-Partisan)

Council District #1

Ward Nelson * 16,891

Sherry Jubilo 7,399

Council District #2

Albert R. Schreiber 10,666

Laurie Caskey-Schreiber 13,386

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The Courthouse Journal

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Council District #3

Sharon Roy 12,117
Bob Wiesen 11,613

Council At-Large

Seth Fleetwood 13,571
Marlene Dawson * 12,188

Yakima County

Auditor

Corky Mattingly – D* 14,994
Jim M. Ducharme – R 12,898

Sheriff

Ken Irwin – R* 25,181

Franklin County Proposition

(A \$10,200,000 bond issue to authorize County to acquire, construct and install improvements to rehabilitate and restore the County Courthouse & equip and furnish County facilities)

Yes 3,032
No 2,127

Grays Harbor Proposition

(A \$7,400,000 bond issue for Court-

house earthquake repair and improvements)

Yes 6,108
No 6,375

King Co Proposed Charter Amendment No. 1

(Adding a new section to the King County Charter to guarantee the free exercise of religion and absolute freedom of conscience in all matters of religious sentiment, belief and worship to every individual within King County, and prohibiting the appropriation of public money or property for or to be applied to any religious worship, exercise or instruction, or in support of any religious establishment consistent with the Washington State Constitution)

Approved 129,427
Rejected 88,710

King County Proposition No. 1

(Medic One – Emergency Medical Services renewal of existing regular property tax levy - impose regular property tax levies of \$0.25 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of

six consecutive years)

Approved 183,529
Rejected 44,831

Snohomish County Initiative No. 01-02

(Regulation of agricultural activities and development activities, and exempt certain agricultural activities from requirements of the county grading and drainage codes, except for certain wetlands and developments requiring other permits)

Yes 54,849
No 41,082

Initiative 747 – Limiting Property Tax Increases

(Concerns limiting property tax increases. Would require state and local governments to limit property tax levy increases to 1% per year, unless an increase greater than this limit it approved by the voters at an election)

Yes 559,480
No 385,240

Law & Justice

Department of Corrections Plans for \$79 Million Budget Cut

The Washington state Department of Corrections, (DOC) under direction to plan for a 15 percent budget reduction, has forwarded to the governor and his staff a proposal that will cut about \$79 million from the DOC general fund budget.

In addition to programmatic cuts, the proposed reductions would cut offender sentences dramatically and retroactively, taking about 2,000 offenders out of prison – enough to close an entire institution. The total current prison population is about 15,000. Staffing reductions would cut about 1,400 FTEs.

These proposed cuts would significantly reduce incarceration and community supervision of offenders, refocusing the department’s mission on managing violent offenders who are incarcerated and supervising sex offenders being released from prison.

According to a letter to the Office of Financial Management, DOC relied on four major principles in identifying reductions. Of particular note is the principle that DOC reductions will not shift the burden of incarceration or supervi-

sion of offenders to local governments. Despite this stated principle, however, some local officials already have expressed concern that these cutbacks could impact the workload of local law enforcement and exacerbate jail crowding.

Among its other guiding principles, the agency’s priorities were to ensure incarceration of violent offenders, management of high-risk offenders in institutions and communities, and evidence-based interventions that mitigate the risk of re-offense.

The proposed cuts would:

- Eliminate offender supervision for purpose of collecting financial obligations.
- Eliminate pre-sentencing investigations, except for sex offenders.
- Eliminate community supervision of low-risk and medium-low-risk offenders except DOSA (Drug Offender Sentencing Alternative) and SSOSA (Special Sex Offender Sentencing Alternative).
- Eliminate community supervision for the balance of all offenders not

sentenced to prison, except SSOSA.

- Release all low-risk and medium-low-risk offenders who are currently beyond their “early release date.”
- Eliminate double scoring for burglary 2 and residential burglary.
- Reduce drug offender sentences from level VIII to level VI and eliminate triple scoring except for methamphetamine offenses.
- Convert the one remaining state-operated work release facility to a contracted facility, and eliminate community corrections officer positions at all contracted work release facilities.
- Change early release eligibility from one-third to 50 percent good time for property and drug offenses.
- Eliminate a contract for mental health programs.
- Consolidate community college contracts to one college.
- Eliminating or consolidating special dietary provisions at correctional facilities.

WSAC Attendees Invited to Join "Rally Kitsap"

Kitsap County Commissioners, hosts for WSAC's Annual Legislative Conference, November 14-16, invite WSAC members and their families to join in a salute to uniformed personnel on November 14.

"Rally Kitsap" will feature patriotic music by local choirs and bands, tributes

to service members, a memorial ceremony for victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks, information on opportunities for local involvement, and hands-on children's activities. The program is intended to inspire patriotism, community unity, and courage in the face of terrorism and war while paying tribute to

local uniformed personnel, including law enforcement, fire fighters and medics, postal workers, and armed forces.

"Rally Kitsap" is scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 14 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds, just a few miles from the WSAC conference in Silverdale. Children's activities get under way at 5:30, and a community reception will continue after the main program. Driving directions will be available at the WSAC conference registration center.

Boards & Commissions

Position Opens on the Transportation Improvement Board

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has one new county vacancy that needs to be filled by **December 15, 2001**. Commissioner Pam Ray of Walla Walla County has resigned from the Board and it will be necessary to appoint a board member to complete

Commissioner Ray's term, which will expire on June 30, 2002.

RCW 47.26.121 requires that this position be an elected county member representing a county of a population size under 125,000.

The TIB was created primarily to

provide grants to fund city and county arterials. The TIB is comprised of 21 members and meets every other month in various locations around the State.

Anyone interested in serving on the TIB should contact Bill Vogler or Jackie White at 360-753-1886.

Support Voiced at Bar Association Meeting for Local Government Funding

Many attendees at an annual pre-legislative meeting hosted by the Washington State Bar Association voiced strong support for continuing I-695 backfill funding to counties and cities, as well as maintaining other funding for law and justice programs.

While the stated purpose of the annual meeting is to identify legislative priorities of groups involved in law and justice issues, much of the discussion this year focused on proposed state budget cuts.

As representatives of various law and justice-related groups outlined their

interests for the coming session, they noted that their individual success depends in large part on adequate government funding for law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, jails, public defenders and civil legal services – the full spectrum of law and justice issues. They also recognized the integral relationship of drug treatment, mental health and other public assistance programs with successful family law and drug court programs. For these reasons, they said, they understand the importance of continued state funding for local government.

Participating groups included the Superior Court Judges Association, the District and Municipal Court Judges Association, the state Office of the Administrator for the Courts, the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association, the Washington Defense Trial Lawyers, the Washington Defender Association, the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the Washington State Association of County Clerks, the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Columbia Legal Services, and the Northwest Women's Law Center.

WSAC staff also attended and responded to questions about the possible impacts of Initiative 747, as well as proposed state budget cuts that would affect counties.

Byrne Committee Contemplates Loss of Funds

At its quarterly meeting November 7, the Washington state Byrne Grant Advisory Committee learned that the state could lose as much as \$1 million in federal Byrne Grant funding.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has informally notified the state that its sex offender registration laws might not comply with federal require-

ments for lifetime registration. The penalty for not complying with these federal requirements is a 10 percent decrease in Byrne funds, which would amount to about \$1 million less per year for various programs that address drug-related and violent crimes.

The state Office of Community Development, which administers the Byrne

funds, is continuing talks with DOJ to demonstrate that Washington's sex-offender registration law meets the spirit, if not the exact letter, of the federal requirement for lifetime registration. Washington law provides that sexually violent offenders must register with authorities upon release from prison but, after 10 crime-free years in the community, may petition the court to lift the registration requirement. To date, no registrant has ever filed such a petition.

If DOJ does not accept Washing-

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ton's registration statute, the funding cut still might be averted if the Legislature acts early in the 2002 session to amend state law. However, several key legislators have resisted similar amendments in recent sessions.

In the meantime, the Byrne Committee is considering how it would fairly distribute a \$1 million cut among existing programs. Byrne grants currently represent a significant funding resource for narcotics task forces and their support services, drug courts, domestic violence legal advocacy, and youth violence prevention and intervention. The Committee at the November 7 meeting directed staff to evaluate the potential im-

pacts of an across-the-board 10 percent cut on these programs, which are rated as top-priority programs for funding. Two lower funding priorities – tribal grants and a drug treatment program at the Skamania County Jail – could lose all existing Byrne support.

In the face of these possible cut-backs, the Byrne Committee at the November meeting also declined to expand its support of narcotics task forces to serve Pend Oreille and Pacific Counties. The Committee voted instead to formally ask existing task forces to reach beyond their current boundaries to assist these counties, which are experiencing increased drug problems, especially related to manufacture of methampheta-

mine.

Members of the Byrne Advisory Committee represent local and state law enforcement, counties, prosecutors, judges, juvenile services, public defenders, drug treatment, domestic violence services, and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty represents counties on the Byrne Advisory Committee. The current chair is Larry Erickson, executive director of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. The Committee establishes priorities for distributing more than \$10 million a year in federal grants.

NEWS BRIEFS

Help From Office For Domestic Preparedness

The Federal Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) is the program office within the Justice Department that is responsible for enhancing the capacity of state and local jurisdictions to prevent, respond to, and mitigate the consequences of incidents of domestic terrorism.

The most recent ODP newsletter announced the creation of a Domestic Preparedness Support Information Clearinghouse, a collection of information and resources on issues related to domestic preparedness, counterterrorism, and weapons of mass destruction.

Those interested may subscribe to the Domestic Preparedness Support list service by sending an e-mail to list-

proc@lists.aspensys.com, and in the body of the message type: subscribe odp and your name. No subject is required and there should be no other text in the message. If you need further assistance, you can contact the ODP help line at 800-368-6498.

Hazard Mitigation Info on Website

The Washington State Emergency Management Division website (<http://www.wa.gov/wsem>) includes a new section for hazard mitigation newsletters that will address issues and suggestions for future projects and administration of projects.

Also posted to the website is the "Application Development Guide" March 2001, which addresses several frequently asked questions as well as provides suggestions.

Among other application require-

ments is public involvement early in the process, as directed by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Project criteria includes both state and federal requirements for documentation that must be included. Due to the NEPA requirements and guidance from the President's Council on Environmental Quality, projects that have been started or completed prior to approval are not eligible for funding.

Additionally, the requirements under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 have not been published in the Federal Register. The law changed the requirement regarding hazard mitigation planning for the state, local governments and tribes. As soon as more information is known, it will be published on the Emergency Management website.

For additional information, please contact Joan Sterling, Hazard Mitigation Supervisor, (360) 596-3107.

Human Services, Housing & Juvenile Justice Association of County Human Services (ACHS) to Meet in Port Orchard

ACHS will be holding its bi-monthly meeting at the Givens Center in Port Orchard, November 14 – 16. The Givens Community Center is located at 1026 Sidney Avenue. The ACHS meeting will be concurrent with the WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, 20 minutes away, in Silverdale. Of note to ACHS members will be the participation of Secretary Dennis Braddock on a panel concerning state-local relations, moderated by Barry Mitzman of public

television fame. The panel, part of the WSAC Conference, is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, at 10:15 a.m., at the WestCoast Silverdale. ACHS members are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, November 14, the Developmental Disabilities Section will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The morning session will cover a stakeholder's update, budget reductions, infant and early childhood conference, and the local leadership initiative as pre-

sented by Donna Patrick from the Developmentally Disabled (DD) Council. County DD programs face the potential of major reductions during the next legislative session, including the termination of the high school transition program and huge cuts to employment and day programs. In the afternoon the DD Central Office staff will join the meeting and continue the discussion on budget reductions.

The Mental Health Section will meet on Wednesday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. During the morning, the Mental Health Division will attend. The principal topic will be the proposed budget reductions. In the

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afternoon, representatives of the Community Mental Health Council will attend from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m., followed by a discussion on improving the agendas generally and potential topics for meetings in 2002. The status of the state contract will also be covered.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon, the ACHS Cross-Systems/Business Meeting will occur. The agenda includes election of officers, any necessary update on site selection for 2002, a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation update, a presentation of Northwest ADA/IT from Leslie

Smith and Karla Rutheford, and an update from the September 28 Tim Brown meeting.

The Chemical Dependency Section meets on Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The morning covers various work group reports – Co-Occurring Disorders Committee, Alcohol, Drug Addiction, Treatment and Support Act, the Legislative Committee, and prevention, as well as a discussion of the ongoing structure and purpose of workgroups. There will also be updates on the statewide Methamphetamine Coordinating Committee, the last Tim Brown meeting, and

a rescheduling of the Dec. 14 meeting due to a conflict with the next Tim Brown meeting. In the afternoon, the Central Office will join the group with various updates from Fred Garcia and others including follow-up from the planning meeting, the budget exercise, the little deal spread sheet, talking points on methamphetamine, and specialized beds billing.

For questions about the meeting site and Port Orchard, please contact Betsy Bosch at (360) 337-4880.

Workshops



Drug Court Workshops Announced

The federal FY 2002 Drug Court Grant Program Application Kit workshops provide regional training and technical assistance to communities that will be submitting the Grant Program Application Kit. Details are available online at: <http://www.ojp.ncjrs.org/dcpoform/> or

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo/>.

Tax Increment Financing Workshop

The Office of Trade and Economic Development is sponsoring two workshops on Tax Increment Financing, a newly established economic development finance tool. The workshops are scheduled for:

Tuesday, November 27, 1:00 -5:00 p.m.

WestCoast Tri-Cities Hotel
Clearwater A
1101 North Columbia Center Blvd
Kennewick, Washington

Moderator:

Robin Pollard, Washington Office of Trade and Economic Development

Presenters:

Jay Reich, Preston, Ellis, Gates, LLP

Dick Ehlers, Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation

Wednesday, December 5, 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Tacoma Rhodes Meeting & Conference Center
Whidbey Room
950 Broadway Street
Tacoma, Washington

Moderator:

Robin Pollard, Washington Office of Trade and Economic Development

Presenters:

Jay Reich, Preston, Ellis, Gates, LLP
Lindsay Sovde, Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation

If you would like to attend, please respond to Karen McArthur, Office of Trade and Economic Development at 360-725-4027 or karenm@cted.wa.gov.

Coming Events

November 12-15

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

November 13-14

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

November 14

WSAC/WACO Joint Board meeting, Silverdale Hotel on the Bay, Silverdale

November 14

Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF) Board Meeting, in conjunction with WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, 10:00 a.m.—12 noon

November 14-16

WSAC Fall Legislative Conference, WestCoast Silverdale, Silverdale

November 14-16

Association of County Human Services (ACHS) Meeting, Port Orchard, Givens Center

December 6

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) Meeting, Wyndam garden Hotel, SeaTac

December 13-14

Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Annual Winter Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Seattle
2002 Meetings

January 11

WACO Board Meeting, Washington Counties Building, Olympia

January 16-18, 2002

ACHS Meeting, Olympia

January 30 - February 1, 2002

Legislative Rally, Olympia

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January 30

Tri-Association (WSAC/WACO/ AWC) Legislative Reception, St. Martin's College, Olympia

February 7, 2002

WSALPHO Meeting, Olympia

March 20-22, 2002

ACHS Meeting, Tacoma, Pierce County

April 11-12, 2002

WSAC Western District Meeting

Rosario Resort, San Juan Islands, San Juan County

April 25-26, 2002

WSAC Eastern District Meeting, Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop

May 15-17, 2002

ACHS Meeting, Spokane

June 17, 2002

WSALPHO Meeting, Bellevue (Connected to WSAC Summer Convention)

June 18-21, 2002

WSAC Summer Convention, Bellevue Inn, Bellevue, King County

July 17-19, 2002

ACHS Meeting, San Juan County (or location in Northwest WA)

September 12, 2002

WSALPHO Meeting, Spokane

Employment Opportunities

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST. (Application Period Extended) The Snohomish County Council invites qualified applicants to submit a statement of qualifications together with application form and response to supplemental questions by 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 26, 2001. The position supports both policy development and fiscal oversight functions. Candidates must have a law or master's degree in public policy, administration or an equivalent field, plus demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: land use and growth management; law and justice; public works; and/or general county operations policy and budget analysis. A Bachelor's degree and at least five years experience in any of these areas will be considered. Writing, speaking, collaboration and team skills will be evaluated. Salary range: \$4618-6525 per month. Call Tom Dickson (425) 388-3494 for further information. The Council is an equal opportunity employer. For an application packet, please contact the Dept. of Human Resources, MS-503, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA. 98201-4046, (425) 388-3411. Or, go to the Employment page at our website: <http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us>

snohomish.wa.us

MASON COUNTY - PUBLIC WORKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. \$4,854 to \$5,765/mo. Responsible for planning, organizing, & directing engineering activities of the Public Works Department. Requires Bachelor's degree in civil engineering or related field and four years of professional-level experience in public administration, including the design & construction of roads, bridges, drainage systems & traffic engineering. Must be a registered professional civil engineer in the State of Washington with a valid Washington State driver's license. County application required and available at Mason County Human Resources, 411 N Fifth St, Shelton, WA 98584; or call (360) 427-7265. Applications accepted until position filled.

GRANT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, Chief Deputy Clerk. Position Description: Administers all non-judicial functions of the District Court and plans, implements and manages the daily operations of the court by performing supervisory duties under the general direction of the Judges. Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in judicial administration, public or business administration from a four-year college or university; three years experience in a professional management position in the criminal justice system; or

equivalent combination of education and experience. Salary: \$2,493, starting to \$3,117 per month. Closing date: November 19, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Court Contact Person: Joan Duffin, Chief Deputy Clerk, (509) 754-2011 ext 628, FAX (509) 754-6099.

YAKIMA COUNTY PARALEGAL. Salary Range: \$2,730 - \$3,685 per month plus excellent benefits. There are two openings with the Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The first position is in the **Felony Division** and will conduct sensitive and/or forensic interviews, conduct complex legal research & investigations, and assist in all phases of trial preparation. The second position is in the **Corporate Counsel Division** and will manage investigations, draft discovery and response documents and conduct legal research including issues affecting land use matters. Extensive knowledge in the computer research technology and law library experience is preferred. Requires the completion of an approved paralegal program and two years experience as a paralegal or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Applications and supplemental questionnaires must be received in the Yakima County Human Resources Department, Room 412 Courthouse, Yakima, Washington 98901, (509) 574-2210 by Thursday, November 15, 2001. For further information and application forms, contact (509) 574-

2220 or E-mail: human.resources@co.yakima.wa.us. Yakima County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

YAKIMA COUNTY, SENIOR ATTORNEY, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CORPORATE COUNSEL DIVISION - This position is in the Yakima County Prosecuting Attorney's Corporate Counsel Division. The Division is a full service corporate counsel law office providing legal advice and representation to all Yakima County elected offices and department heads. The areas of practice include all areas of law that are engaged in by a Washington county. The division employs four attorneys, two paralegals, and one office specialist. This recruitment will fill a vacant Senior Attorney position within the Corporate Counsel Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The Senior Attorney position offers unique and rewarding opportunities for professional growth performing highly skilled professional labor law, as well as supervisory duties related to special projects. The successful candidate will also be part of the inter-departmental county team currently working on a fresh approach to customer assistance and civil review. This position is at will and serves at the pleasure of the Prosecuting Attorney. Salary Range: \$62,381 to \$94,782 per year. Hiring Sal-

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ary Range: \$62,381 to \$70,464. Final filing date: November 15, 2001. For further information contact Yakima County Human Resources, 128 N. 2nd Street, Room 412, Yakima, WA 98901, Phone (509) 574-2220, In-state: 1-800 572-7354 extension 2220. E-mail: human.resources@co.yakima.wa.us, website: www.pan.co.yakima.wa.us. Yakima County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

YAKIMA COUNTY, SENIOR PLANNER. Salary Range: \$38,411 - \$55,061. Hiring Range to \$43,388. The Yakima County Planning Department is known throughout the state for its leadership and innovation in urban, rural and environmental planning issues. This position will be involved with or will manage complex, often highly visible subdivision, zoning and/or environmental projects at all levels of review. This position requires the equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree in Planning and three years of progressively responsible planning experience including current planning. Experience with ARC/info, ARC/view and

WA State land use and environmental law are desirable. Located in Central Washington, Yakima County is large (4,200 square miles) and diverse. Residents enjoy 300 days of sunshine each year and four distinct seasons. Yakima County is ranked seventh nationally in the number of farms and is one of the top five areas in the nation for specialty crops. Its irrigated farmlands and rolling foothills provide a backdrop to the nearby Cascade Mountains. Seventy percent of the County's 220,000 residents living in its fourteen cities, towns and urban growth areas. The unique blend of rural and urban lifestyle choices offer a quality of living unsurpassed in the Northwest. Check out the County's website at www.co.yakima.wa.us or www.visityakima.com for more information. Filing deadline: Thursday, November 15, 2001. Apply to: Yakima County Human Resources, 128 N. 2nd Street, Courthouse Room 412, Yakima, WA 98909, Phone: (509) 574-2220, e-mail: human.resources@co.yakima.wa.us.

GRANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COORDINATOR -

Grant County is seeking an exceptional individual to provide administrative services to the Board of County Commissioners, the county and its offices and departments. Has responsibility for assisting in and coordinating the budgetary process, labor management, risk management, grant funding management, services contract management and facility management. Ideal candidate has strong administration, written and verbal communication, technical and public relations skills. Three plus years proven experience at the upper administration level. BA/BS in Public or Business Administration or related field or equivalent work experience required. \$43-56K, DOQ. Generous benefits package. Full job description and applications available through Moses Lake Work Source (509) 766-2559 or 1-800 662-1313, reference order #892203. Open until November 30, 2001. EOE.

