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The Preliminary 2005 Final Bill Summary, prepared by WSAC and WACO staff, is being separately emailed to all Courthouse Journal recipients today. It attempts to provide a brief, topical overview of all bills passed that may be of interest to counties. After the Governor completes action on bills next week, it will be updated and posted on the web. Please let us know if you see any errors or omissions.

### **Aloha to Brenda!**

Please join us at the Washington Counties Building on Monday, May 16, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. for a fond farewell to **Brenda Bamford**, WACO Financial Operations Manager. Brenda is leaving WACO after 10 years for the good life at home with her family. If you can't make it Monday, please drop by anytime before her last day here, which is May 26.

## **Washington Counties Scholarship Winners Announced**

The Washington Counties Scholarship Committee met last Friday to conclude the final round of their selection process and to name the five students who will receive \$2500.00 each for the 2005/06 school year.

One-hundred forty scholarship applications were received this year and the quality of character and school and community involvement of each and every one of these remarkable young people should be an inspiration to us all. They are all unbelievably talented, intelligent and unique individuals and the parents of all of them are undoubtedly very proud!

Congratulations to the winners!

- Danny Hagen, son of Wes Hagen, Skagit County Assessor's Office and

Kathy Hagen, Skagit County Prosecutor's Office. Danny is graduating from Meadowdale High School in Lynnwood this spring and is planning on pursuing degrees in public administration and psychology in college. He hopes eventually to become the manager of a non-profit organization or to run a government sponsored service program.

- Michelle Leibrand, daughter of Dr. Howard Leibrand, Skagit County Health Department and his wife Marilyn. Michelle is a sophomore at the University of San Diego studying biochemistry and marine science. She is pursuing a career in researching marine natural products chemistry, which involves the discovery of novel

pharmaceuticals from the ocean.

- Katie Porter, daughter of James Porter, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, and his wife Katherine. Katie is graduating from

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Olympic High School in Bremerton this year and is heading off to Brigham Young University. She is planning to major in Human Health and Performance so that she may become a sports coach, or possibly a nutritionist.

- Michaela Rollins, daughter of Martin Rollins, Spokane County Prosecutor's Office and his wife Genevieve. Michaela is finishing her junior year at Western Washington University, with a self-designated major in Russian studies and political economy, and a minor in Russian. She will then seek a Master's degree in Russian and East European studies with a PhD in Government, all with the desire to become a diplomat.
- Angela Voiles, daughter of Sherman Voiles, Pierce County Sheriff's Office, and his wife Nancy. Angela is currently a sophomore at Linfield College and has always known she would like to pursue a career in the medical field. Her choice is to become a physical therapist.

Alternates for the scholarships were:

- Jeremy MacConnell, son of Cathy MacConnell, Pierce County Juvenile Division.
- Ryan Elliott, son of Priscilla (and Tom) Ricci, Clark County Purchasing Department
- Liza Shoenfeld, daughter of Amnon Shoenfeld (and Kate Riley), King County Community and Human Services

Finalists for the scholarships were:

- Daniel Bell, son of Evelyn (and Danny) Bell, Stevens/Ferry/Pend

Oreille Superior Court

- Kristin Burmaster, daughter of Midge (and Al) Burmaster, Clark County Community Services
- Trisha Bury, daughter of Kay (and Steven) Bury, Clallam County Commissioner's office
- Bret Cocking, son of Robin (and Tom) Cocking, Whitman County Health Department
- Stephanie Costello, daughter of Merrylee (and Jim) Costello, Spokane Regional Health District
- Autum Dierking, daughter of Donene (and Earl) Diecking, Cowlitz County Treasurer's office
- Malysa Dumbaugh, daughter of Lori (and Russ) McPhee, Kitsap County Assessor's office
- Anna Ferrario, daughter of Linda (and John) Ferrario, Skagit County Environmental Health
- Gregory Jans, son of Phil (and Gina) Jans, Chelan County Juvenile Court
- Kodi Jo Jaspers, daughter of Becky (and Daniel) Jaspers, Chelan County Assessor's office
- Kelsey Kalkwarf, daughter of Vera (and Jim) Kalkwarf, Grays Harbor County Social Services
- Sadie Kash, daughter of Deborah Kash-Matheson, Kitsap County Personnel and Human Services and Gordon Metheson, Kitsap County Facilities, Park and Recreation, and Marc Kash
- Kaleo Keanu, son of Vicki (and Alan) Keanu, Kitsap County Assessor's office
- Andrea LaCour, daughter of Anne (and Ron) LaCour, Island County Auditor's office
- Annie Nguyen, daughter of An Do (and Luu Nguyen) King County Judicial Administration

NOTE: Legislative Committee schedules and agendas can be found at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wsladm/calendar.cfm>

- Kimberly Pfitzer, daughter of Ramona (and Doug) Pfitzer, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Department
- Yan Riga, son of Zavema (and Ivan) Riga, Clark County Auditor's office
- Christa Rinehart, daughter of Dave (and Tammy) Rinehart, Chelan County Sheriff's office
- Danielle Spear, daughter of Nanette (and Delbert) Spear, Spokane County Auditor's office
- Adam Starkey, son of Pauline (and Joe) Starkey, Chelan County Juvenile Justice Center
- Dmitri Suslikov, Jr., son of Dmitri (and Alla Dobrovidova), Mason County Public Works
- Duane Tomkins, son of Greg (and Nancy) Tompkins, Walla Walla County Commissioner
- Janae Williams, daughter of Ronald (and Kathryn) Williams, Pierce County Prosecutor's office
- Richard Williams, son of Paula (and Rick) Williams, Whatcom County Auditor's office
- Meghan Worf, daughter of Kerry (and Scott) Worf, Mason County Community Development

## Election Administrators Meet in Ocean Shores

County auditors and elections staff members met in Ocean Shores this week, marking 20 years since the first elections conference was held in this state in May of 1985. The issues and ideas generated from "Crossroads '85" were significant and the annual elections conference has continued to grow in scope, providing an important educational experience as the election laws and procedures which govern this state's electoral process continue to change. In fact, this year's conference theme was "The Tides of Change". Over 220 people participated.

Topics included the Help America Vote Act, the new statewide voter

registration database, technology issues, legal issues, election legislation that was passed by the 2005 legislature, public disclosure, signature verification techniques, the new primary election and interaction with the media. Special speakers from out of state included Paul DeGregario, with the Elections Assistance Commission, and Dick Smolka, the editor of the Election Administrators Report. Smolka was also a speaker at the 1985 elections conference and has been a frequent visitor to these meetings since.

An unplanned surprise at the conference, catching everyone off-guard and causing a few very humorous moments, was an appearance by Grays Harbor County Sheriff's deputy Lynn O'Conner, who served subpoenas to the 35 of 39 county auditors who were at the meeting, ordering them to appear to testify in the court challenge of the election of Governor Gregoire. All of the county auditors lined up in alphabetical order, by county, and the papers were presented to them one by one. Even though all of the auditors received the citations for the trial in Wenatchee, which begins May 23, very few, if any of them will actually have to appear in court. However, the citations are required by the state's election contest law, which dates back to the 1880's.

Many accolades to those who helped to make the conference such a success: program chair Carla Heckford, Pend Oreille County Auditor, and her "team": Pat Gardner, Pacific County Auditor (also a co-host); Norma Brummet, Skagit County Auditor; Secretary of State Sam Reed's able crew of Katie Blinn, Sheryl Moss and John Pearson, and the many others who participated in the program. A special thank you goes to host Vern Spatz, Grays Harbor County Auditor, for his excellent abilities to run a smooth

conference and for the perfect evening bonfire on the beach.

Please see an elections conference "fun" story from the Aberdeen Daily World, attached to this issue of the *Courthouse Journal*, as well.

## Pierce County Hosts WIR Annual Meeting in Tacoma May 24-27

Pierce County is hosting the Western Interstate Region (WIR) of NACo at the new Tacoma Convention and Trade Center May 24-27. This is the first major NACo meeting held in the state since the Annual Conference was held here in the mid 1980's. NACo's Western Interstate Region Conferences focus on public lands and other issues critical to the western region of the United States by providing county officials with the opportunity to hear speakers, discuss legislation, network with other officials and exchange information on those issues.

On Tuesday there are two no-charge tours offered. There is still room on the bus that will go up to Mt. Rainier and will feature a Gateways Communities program. It leaves the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel at 8:00 a.m. and will return at 5:00 p.m. There is also an agricultural tour of the Pierce County farming community, titled *Creative Solutions to Retain Viable Farms on the Urban Fringe*. It will depart from the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel at 12:30 and return at 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday the WIR Board of Directors and the NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee will meet. General sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday covering many issues of importance to western states. Of special note is a presentation on *Confronting the Challenges of Crystal Methamphetamine in Western Counties*. The NACo Board of Directors will also meet on Friday. You can view the full agenda by clicking on

[http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Conferences\\_and\\_Events/WIR/Schedule\\_\(as\\_of\\_4\\_7\).htm](http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Conferences_and_Events/WIR/Schedule_(as_of_4_7).htm)

You can still register for the conference by going to the WIR web site at [http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Conferences\\_and\\_Events/WIR/WIR\\_Conference\\_Main\\_Page.htm](http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Conferences_and_Events/WIR/WIR_Conference_Main_Page.htm)

### **Don't Miss WSAC Spring District Meetings**

It's time to reconnect with your colleagues in county government and WSAC at the Spring 2005 District Meetings. The 2005 Spring Eastern District Meeting takes place in Benton County at the Red Lion Columbia Center in Kennewick on May 19 – 20. The Spring Western District Meeting heads to Mt. St. Helens and Cowlitz County for a volcanic eruption of a good time, June 9 – 10 at the Kelso Red Lion.

The Eastern District Meeting will highlight an ample amount of time on Thursday for roundtable discussions among the members on major issues. In addition, there will be presentations from the U.S. Office of Defense Preparedness out of Austin, Texas and your own Washington State Emergency Management Association; plus a continuation of work that the Rural Issues Subcommittee has pursued with the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development on rural economic development.

Both District Meetings will include a panel discussion on the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee (TPEAC), including county members who can inform the group on how this mouthful of a name actually can work to streamline your local permitting processes. Also, WSAC staff will brief members on the

successes of the recently concluded 2005 Legislative Session.

If you haven't registered yet for these meetings, please do so right away! Registration materials are on the WSAC website or can be obtained from Ginni Peppert at WSAC.

## Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

### Implementation Update on Trial Court Funding Bill

After Governor Christine Gregoire's signature on **ESSB 5454** (trial court funding), scheduled for today, May 13, the bill will become effective July 24. However, state agencies and local governments already are preparing to implement various components of the bill.

Following is a quick synopsis of the bill's key components, and how and when they are expected to be implemented. Please note that this is a work in progress. Your comments are welcome for streamlining or otherwise improving the process. More information likely will be available at the upcoming WSAC Eastern and Western District Meetings, as well as the annual WSAC convention in September.

- **Filing fee increases.** The bill increases the fees for filing various civil actions in Superior and District Court. The fee increases take effect July 24, and the state Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) is working with county clerks and court officials to administer the increase seamlessly statewide. As with the existing fees, approximately 54 percent of each fee will be retained by the county general fund and 46 percent will be remitted to the state Public Safety and Education Account.
- **State contribution to district court and municipal court judge salaries.** The bill provided that the state shall begin making contributions to the salaries of district court judges and some municipal court judges. In this first year of the biennium, the state's contribution will be 25 percent of the state's share of

revenue from the filing fee increases, less \$1 million, to be capped at \$2.4 million. These payments are intended to be prospective and not a reimbursement. The state AOC anticipates that the first distribution will be made to counties and eligible cities by October 1 to cover the state's contribution for salaries in the fourth quarter of 2005. The exact amount of each quarterly distribution is not known because revenues may fluctuate and more cities may become eligible over the course of the biennium. However, beginning in July 2007, the state's contribution will increase to 50 percent of the state's share of revenue from the filing fee increases.

- **Local "Trial Court Improvement Accounts."** The bill requires each jurisdiction receiving a state contribution for district or municipal court judge salaries to establish a dedicated "trial Court Improvement Account" to be used to fund a wide variety of improvements in the district, municipal and superior court systems, as appropriated by the local legislative authority. The jurisdiction shall contribute funds to this new account in an amount equal to the state's contribution for district/municipal court judge salaries. These accounts are not expected to be created or funded until the state makes its first distribution of funds in October. It is anticipated that each jurisdiction may make contributions to its account quarterly, to correspond to the state's payment for judges'

salaries. The bill does not require funds in the account to be appropriated on any particular schedule. To assist counties and cities in establishing the new accounts, WSAC and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is working with local government attorneys and staff to draft a model ordinance. The Trial Court Improvement Account model ordinance should be available for your use by mid-June.

- **Criminal Indigent Defense Pilot Project.** The bill provides \$1 million of the state's share of the filing fee increase for a pilot project to identify ways to improve public defender services for indigent persons charged with a crime. The pilot project is funded for only the 2005-07 biennium and will be administered by the state Office of Public Defense (OPD). Over the next few months OPD will select one or two jurisdictions to participate in the pilot project.
- **Expansion of state administration of parents' representation in dependency cases.** The bill provides \$5 million from the state's share of the filing fee increase to OPD to begin expanding state administration of defense services for indigent parents involved in child dependency/termination matters. The final state budget provides an additional \$2 million, for a total of \$7 million for the biennium. The intent is that over the next several biennia the state will completely take over this defense function, which is

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## ***Courts, Public Safety, Law and Justice (continued)***

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currently funded and administered largely by counties. The statewide expansion is based on the success of two pilot projects that have been operating in the Pierce County and Benton-Franklin judicial districts. By next week (May 16), OPD intends to ask each juvenile court in the state to submit a "letter of interest" if it wants to be considered for the first phase of the dependency defense expansion. The courts will be asked to respond to inquiries regarding attorney caseloads, attorney compensation and other contract terms, and whether the court and its officers are willing to engage in practices intended to improve both the quality of defense services as well as the overall efficiency of the court. Several counties likely will be chosen for this first phase of statewide expansion.

## Washington Supreme Court Requires Growth Boards to Give “More Deference” to County and City Decisions

A unanimous state Supreme Court last week upheld a King County urban growth boundary decision, reversing the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board and indicating that the deference due to county and city legislative bodies is greater than that given to state administrative agencies.

The court, in Quadrant Corp. v. Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board, said several times that counties have broad discretion in implementing GMA and that, “the legislature intends that the boards apply a more deferential standard of review to actions of counties and cities than the preponderance of the evidence standard provided for under existing law.

“Local comprehensive plans and development regulations require counties and cities to balance priorities and options for action in full consideration of local circumstances. The legislature finds that while this chapter requires local planning to take place within a framework of state goals and requirements, the ultimate burden and responsibility for planning, harmonizing the planning goals of this chapter, and implementing a county's or city's future rests with that community. Id. In addition, even a board's finding of 'noncompliance' with the GMA's requirements results only in an order specifying a time frame within which the county or city shall comply with such requirements, board monitoring of such progress, and a subsequent

compliance hearing. (RCW 36.70A.300(3)(b), .330.) In the face of this clear legislative directive, we now hold that deference to county planning actions, that are consistent with the goals and requirements of the GMA, supersedes deference granted by the APA and courts to administrative bodies in general. (footnote omitted).”

The Court also held that counties and cities planning under the GMA may consider vested development rights when determining whether an area already is characterized by urban growth.

## Ecology updates Western Washington Stormwater Manual

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) has published an update to its *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington*. The manual represents Ecology's latest guidance on strategies to prevent and reduce the harms of stormwater pollution.

### Objective:

As water runs off impervious surfaces like roads, it picks up pollutants such as pesticides, animal waste from lawns, oil, grease, heavy metals, dirt, and dust. This runoff has emerged as one of the largest sources of pollution in Puget Sound, contributing to restricted shellfish harvesting, un-swimmable waterways, and dwindling fish and orca whale populations.

The objective of this manual is to protect water quality by providing strategies to control the quality and quantity of storm water discharged in new residential and commercial developments, at industrial and construction sites, and in urban areas.

This manual defines some of the more advanced stormwater techniques in the nation. Volume I recommends minimum requirements for new development and redevelopment projects of all sizes and provides guidance on preparing and implementing stormwater site plans. These requirements are satisfied by the application of best management practices (BMPs) from Volumes II through V.

### Use:

Current law and regulations require the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of stormwater systems that prevent pollution of state waters. The manual is a guidance document that provides local governments, state and federal agencies, developers and project proponents with a stormwater management strategy to use on new development and redevelopment projects. Its “Requirements” and BMPs become mandatory through:

- Ordinances and rules established by local governments.
- Permits and other authorizations issued by Ecology and other local, state, and federal authorities.

If this strategy is implemented correctly, in most cases it will result in compliance with existing federal and state regulatory requirements for storm water, including compliance with the federal Clean Water Act and the state Water Pollution Control Act. Federal, state, and local permitting authorities with jurisdiction can require more stringent measures that are deemed necessary to meet locally established goals, state water quality standards, or other established natural resource or drainage objectives. This manual

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## ***Environment, Land Use and Resources (continued)***

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provides techniques to control high flows, with refinements based on local conditions. Ecology continues to encourage infiltration as the preferred option for dealing with storm water, when feasible. This technique calls for the storage of storm water in a basin where it can be slowly absorbed into the ground water.

### **Most Significant Changes:**

Updates to the manual apply recent research, revise design criteria and procedures, correct errors, and clarify statements. The most significant changes include:

- Representation of low impact development techniques in the runoff computer model.
- Tailored flow control requirements for sites in highly urbanized areas where stream channels have stabilized over the past 20 years.
- Relief from flow control requirements for discharges to segments of certain rivers where peak flows will not change the stream channel.
- More focused effort to reduce the discharge of metals that are created by traffic.
- Expanded use of "Certified Erosion" providing more protection than the previous manual.
- Expanded use of continuous runoff modeling and minimal use of single event hydrograph methods and "Sediment Control Leads."

### **How to Obtain Copies of the Stormwater Manual**

Printed copies or a CD of the manual can be ordered at the following Internet address:

<https://wws2.wa.gov/prt/printwa/wsprt/default.asp>

The *Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington* is also available on Ecology's Stormwater Homepage. The Internet address is:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/index.html>

Corrections, new information and technological updates will be published on Ecology's Stormwater Homepage listed above. You can also visit this Web site for updates and additional information about other Ecology stormwater activities.

For more information, contact Ed O'Brien at 360-407-6438 or E-mail at [eobr461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:eobr461@ecy.wa.gov)

### **Turkey-Gram #3- Former Commissioner Nielsen's Reflections on Her Service in Turkey**

Former San Juan County Commissioner Darcie Nielsen has been writing periodically about her job in Turkey where she is working for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. She says she will be in Washington D.C. next week for about 10 days in case any of you will be there. You may contact her at the following email address [darcie@superonline.com].

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#### *Turkey-Gram #3*

A travel book describes Dogubayazit in eastern Turkey as a "dusty frontier town." Instead, I found a poor Kurdish community in a spectacular setting. Although, near the border with Iran and a bit dusty during the hot, dry summers and snowbound in the winters, the outlaw image invoked by the word "frontier" seemed at odds with this quiet Muslim town. The landscape here reminds me of central Washington with dramatic mountain ranges off in the distance, rolling hills, broad valleys, and meandering rivers. Snow capped Mt. Ararat rises majestically nearby giving the town a magnificent almost surreal backdrop.

On a hill overlooking the town is Ishak Pasha Palace built by a sultan in 1784. The palace is the last great monumental building of the Tulip Era of the Ottoman Empire, a period famous for grandiose opulence. Elaborate gold plated gates of the palace were removed by the invading Russians in the early 1900's and are now in a museum in St. Petersburg. Long abandoned and now in restoration, the palace is still

impressive with its expansive courtyards and intricate stone carvings. Built into a rock face nearby are the ancient ruins of a defense castle built in the 4<sup>th</sup> century BC, near this are a dilapidated mosque built in 1401, and the tomb of Ahmedi Hani, a famous Kurdish poet and philosopher who died in 1707.

As in most of Turkey, the extraordinary, bloody and tumultuous multi-ethnic history of this region is evident in the numerous ruins and the faces of the people. Sadly, history seems to be repeating itself here. With roving tanks and soldiers patrolling the streets, the military presence is menacing and intense. The threat of terrorism and the military response has caused a tremendous increase in population as people from the outlying villages have fled to the supposed safety of the town.

We are working with Mayor Mukaddes Kubilay; she is one of only 18 women mayors in Turkey. Her decision to run for office was a very brave one. Despite intimidation and death-threats received by her and her family, this dynamic Kurdish woman prevailed and is now in her second term of office. Facing sexist attitudes and daunting city infrastructure and financial problems, the Mayor is tireless in her efforts to support her community, particularly women and children. She formed a women's cooperative that runs the most popular restaurant in town, facilitated a carpet weaving studio where women are learning to make traditional Kurdish design rugs, and working with the support of an Italian "sister city" she built a desperately needed family health care center. She also

formed an environmental group to plant trees and raise awareness about protecting nature.

The Mayor's good work is an inspiration and her community is lucky to have her, but there is so much more that needs to be done. We visited neighborhoods of "new" mud brick houses with dirt floors, no sewer systems, and no hot water. Women were washing clothes in tubs outside, children in tattered clothes and holey shoes played with kites made of plastic garbage bags near open sewage troughs, and two sisters made bread in a wood-burning oven that looked like a rusty metal pipe stuck in the ground. The public schools are overcrowded and understaffed and there are no buses to get the children there safely. Yet despite the poverty and military tension, the people were warm and friendly and opened their hearts and homes to us. I returned to modern, urban Ankara with two beautiful carpets and culture-shock.

*Darcie Nielsen,  
National Democratic Institute for  
International Affairs in Turkey*

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## **NACo Steering Committees**

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### **NACo Seeks Volunteers for Steering Committees**

Do you want a voice in creating the national legislative policies of the National Association of Counties? Then consider filling out a NACo nomination form to be appointed to one of their eleven steering committees, (Agriculture and Rural Affairs; Community and Economic Development; Environment, Energy and Land Use; Finance and Intergovernmental Relations; Health; Human Services and Education; Justice and Public Safety; Labor and Employment; Public Lands; Telecommunications and Technology; and Transportation).

The nomination process for membership on NACo policy steering committees is underway. As a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties and serving as NACo's front line in their grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo legislative and annual conferences and at one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel.

You may receive a form by calling Ginni Peppert at the WSAC office. Please be as thorough as possible in completing the nomination and grassroots forms and send it to us by June 5, 2005. The nominations are processed in our office and will be forwarded to NACo immediately upon receipt for approval by the incoming NACo President, Bill Hansell, after the NACo Annual Conference in July. NACo will announce your appointment in September 2005.

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## Boards and Commissions

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### **Building Code Council Has Vacancy for a WSAC Member**

#### *Description*

The State Building Code Council studies, recommends revision and provides technical and general assistance to building officials about adopted codes relating to uniform building, energy and barrier-free designs; adopts and amends building codes.

#### *Qualifications*

Two county legislators or county executives; two city legislators or mayors; one local government building code enforcement official; one local government fire-service official; one general construction representative specializing in commercial and industrial building construction; one general construction representative specializing in residential and multi-family building construction; one architect; one structural engineer; one mechanical engineer; one construction building trades representative; one representative of manufacturers, installers, or suppliers of building materials/components; one person with physical disability representing disabled community; one from general public. At least six members shall reside east of the Cascades.

#### *Vacancy*

Currently there is a vacancy for the western Washington position for a county legislative member or county executive. The position was previously held by Chris Endresen, Kitsap County Commissioner. If you are interested in serving on the Council the WSAC Board of Directors will be accepting nominations for the Governor's consideration at their meeting next

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your application to WSAC no later than May 17.

### **Openings on Public Works Board**

There are two openings on the Public Works Board. The current terms of Eric Johnson, Lewis County Commissioner and Pete Capell, Clark County Public Works Director are up at the end of June 2005. Both board members have submitted their names for re-appointment by Governor Gregoire; however the Governor's office has asked that three names be submitted for each position. If other WSAC members or Public Works Directors are interested in having their names submitted to the Governor please send your application into WSAC no later than May 17.

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## **Training and Upcoming Events**

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### **CPO Training in Tukwila**

There's still room...REGISTER for May 17 Ethical Dilemmas and May 18 Meet the Media CPO Courses by Friday, May 13. (Payment may be sent after course date) Details available through the website: <http://www.cpoprogram.org>

#### **May 17 Ethical Dilemmas**

##### **4 Core Credits - \$120**

- Enhance knowledge of the foundations of Ethics
- Discuss Ethical Sources and approaches
- Provide simple Decision-making models
- Increase awareness of problems and responses
- Core Principles (simple rules) involved in ethical behaviors for public officials
- Conflict of Interest issues
- Personal advantage/gain

#### **May 18 Meet the Media**

##### **2 Elective Credits - \$60**

- Techniques for building an effective working relationship with the media will be discussed and demonstrated.
- Skills for effectively dealing with the media in a variety of settings will be practiced.
- Participants will learn skills for more effectively responding to media inquiries.
- Skills for developing presentation and content delivery will be demonstrated as well.

**UPCOMING COURSE**...Registration available next week.

*Participants asked for a challenge. Put your skill set through the wringer.*

#### **Advanced Leadership Course- SIMSOC (Simulated Society)**

##### **4 Elective Course Credits - \$120**

**June 28**

Sea-Tac, Red Lion Hotel

#### **WHAT PARTICIPANTS GET OUT OF SIMSOC, IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

"SIMSOC throws you into real life."

"Provided real life situations and problems in a risk-free environment"

"An excellent tool for focusing attention on community needs."

"The ability to make us all feel that we can be effective leaders in our community."

"The freedom to be someone else was very revealing."

For more than 18 years The Pyramid Group has used SIMSOC as an integral part of helping participants in community leadership development programs (CLP's) develop strategic skills in understanding how communities and societies operate. These skills are valued highly by thousands of participants who have participated in these CLP's, and who frequently refer back on the SIMSOC experience to assist them in their community leadership.

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The simulation requires a minimum of 15 participants and a maximum of 60. Each participant needs the Participant Manual, and the Coordinator needs the corresponding manual. It is a complex simulation requiring some use of forms and subtle communication interplays between the participants.

The participant manual contains the rules, forms and various readings selected by Gamson. We recommend to the participants that they become familiar with the rules before playing, and we recommend some readings as a way to prepare for the simulation.

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## ***Training and Upcoming Events (continued)***

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### THE VALUE OF SIMSOC TO COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

As one can see from the participant comments, the learning experience is rich and valuable. There are a few significant values derived from this program.

- Most participants in CLP's have been out of socioeconomic thinking for a while. In fact, most admit that it has been since college that they considered such heavy issues, and to revisit these issues in a participative, dynamic way adds significant value to their leadership experience.
- Adults learn best by doing, and the value to SIMSOC is to let people create their own society. Their choices have consequences and these consequences have to be addressed in order to realize a successful community.
- Participants are enabled to create their own definition of a successful community, and to experience the challenges and difficulties to create one.
- The simulation is safe. Participants can experiment with different strategies. These social experiments are not possible in real life for most participants.
- Significant connections are made to SIMSOC throughout the leadership experience. Almost all sessions have something in common with an aspect of the simulation and the experience.

### ABOUT THE EXPERT

Brent Henley is President and Principal Consultant of The Pyramid Group. He has facilitated SIMSOC for more than 20 years with community leadership programs, civic entrepreneur programs, and community groups. He graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana and Louisiana Tech University. He is a graduate of Leadership Shreveport Bossier, Leadership Louisiana and a Distinguished Leadership Recipient of the National Association for Community Leadership, as well as being a lifetime member of the Community Leadership Association.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

Format:

- Highly Experiential, participants create their own society
- Participant Manual
- Minimum 8 hours to play
- Extensive Debrief and Community Learning Connections

Facility Requirements:

- 4 Breakout rooms with tables and chairs
- 1 Large room to hold all participants at once
- 1 coordinator's table centrally located to view all breakout rooms

Participant Materials

Participant guide

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**Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Focus Training "Jail-Related Liability Issues,"** June 21 in Tacoma, June 23 in Moses Lake. Free to Member Counties; \$50 non-members (includes lunch & materials). Info: 360-586-7447, ext. 100, or email [info@wcrp.wa.gov](mailto:info@wcrp.wa.gov)

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## Good Things

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### **Congratulations to Pierce County!**

Pierce County's Rainier Media Center has been named programming award winner in the Cable Television Public Affairs Association's annual competition. The national first-place award was received at the organization's annual forum in Washington, D.C.

The award honors RMC's program on the Mother Earth Farm, which is operated in the Puyallup Valley by the Pierce County Emergency Food Network and provides fresh vegetables for food banks throughout Pierce County. The program was written and produced by Kimberly Hill and edited by Dave Kellman.

RMC operates and manages government access programming on local cable channels and serves unincorporated Pierce County and the cities of Fife, Orting, Sumner and University Place.

## Courthouse Ramblings

Our thoughts are with Garfield County Engineer **Grant Morgan**, whose wife Sandra passed away on Wednesday, May 4. Services were held May 9<sup>th</sup> in Pomeroy. Cards or notes can be sent to Grant at his office, PO Box 160, Pomeroy, WA 99347-0160.

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### News from WACO "Sick Bay"

The WACO "sick bay" has reached overcrowding lately. Too many county officials have called in sick. We keep them in our thoughts and wish them a speedy recovery.

### Douglas County Sheriff Dan

**LaRoche** recently underwent a 5 1/2 hour cervical fusion that will require him to wear a neck brace/cage for at least four weeks. During that time he will undergo evaluation for a stem cell transplant later this summer after tests revealed that the Hodgkin's lymphoma he had suffered from has returned. Dan is very upbeat and says he is looking at saving a lot of money on boating and fishing this summer. We know he would like to hear from you. Contact WACO for his e-mail or home address.

### Mason County Coroner Martha

**Reed** is starting her third week of isolation for acute leukemia at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma and reports she feels better this week than she has in quite a while. She has been seen cruising the floor doing what she calls her "gerbil run." You may send cards to Room 10 C-2 at St. Josephs Medical Center, 1717 south "J" Street, Tacoma, WA 98405, or you can call her at (253) 426-4101 and ask for Room 10 C-2.

Martha welcomes visitors and cards but cannot receive flowers or balloons.

### Pacific County Sheriff John Didion

stayed home barely long enough to receive cards after undergoing a procedure to insert two stents to open blockages to his heart 10 days ago. The Sheriff is spending part-days in his office and said he appreciated all the get-well wishes.

### Douglas County Treasurer Mary

**Dodge** is back at work and ready to race despite having multiple breaks to her foot and spending May in a cast. Mary is assisted by a mobile device on rollers that lets her move around the office without putting weight on her injury. Mary expects to join other WACO officers at a Tri-Association meeting in Kennewick next week.

### Yakima County Sheriff Ken Irwin

can't run any races until he recovers fully from recent arthroscopic surgery on his knee.

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### Commissioner Sullivan Survives Dangerous Fall

Jefferson County Commissioner **David Sullivan** was very lucky when on May 1<sup>st</sup> he survived a 40-foot fall off a bluff at his home. He broke his back, neck and ankle when a portion of the bluff broke off and fell forty feet as he was cutting brush at the top. He will be in a neck and back brace for about three months. He was fortunate that there was a small ledge that stopped his fall because if it had not been there he would have fallen nearly 120 feet to the beach below. He had to be rescued by the Port Townsend Fire

Department who lowered him to a rescue boat below.

Sullivan, who took office in January 2005, says he will continue his duties as commissioner, but will be slow getting around on crutches and braces.

## Calendar of Events

<i><b>Meeting</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>	<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Information</b></i>
<b>For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.</b>			
<b><u>MAY 2005</u></b>			
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	La Quinta Inn & Suites/Conference Center, Tacoma	May 17	(360) 586-7447
Assn of County Human Services	Kennewick	May 18-20	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Spring Eastern District	Red Lion Hotel Columbia Center, Kennewick	May 19-20	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) - Collision Investigation 2005	Best Western Lake Inn & Conference Center, Moses Lake	May 19	(360) 586-7447
WA State Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs' Spring Conference	Coast Hotel, Wenatchee	May 23-26	(360) 486-2380
NACo – Western Interstate Region Conference	Tacoma, WA	May 25 - 27	<a href="http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_NACo/Committees_and_Caucuses/Western_Interstate_Region/Western_Interstate_Region_Intro.htm">http://www.naco.org/Content/NavigationMenu/About_NACo/Committees_and_Caucuses/Western_Interstate_Region/Western_Interstate_Region_Intro.htm</a>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>WA Counties Bldg CLOSED</b>	<b>May 30</b>	<b>(360) 753-1886</b>
<b><u>JUNE 2005</u></b>			
WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	Davenport Hotel, Spokane	June 1 – 2	(360) 753-1886
Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) District Court Training Program	Holiday Inn Select, Renton	June 2 - 3	(360) 753-2175
International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' Annual Conference	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, Nevada	June 5-9	(360) 753-7319
Washington County Administrators' (WCAA) Spring Meeting	Lincoln Inn & Suites, Ellensburg	June 9	(360) 577-3065
WSAC Spring Western District	Red Lion Hotel, Kelso	June 9 - 10	<a href="http://www.wacounties.org/wsac">www.wacounties.org/wsac</a>
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Annual June Conference	Ellensburg Inn, Ellensburg	June 13-15	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel & Conference Center, Walla Walla	June 14-16	(360) 753-7319
Washington Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Annual Conference & Training	Campbell's Lodge, Chelan	June 20-21	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Clerks' Annual Conference	Red Lion Silverdale Hotel, Silverdale	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Annual Conference	Clarion Hotel, Yakima	June 20-24	(360) 753-7319
Association of Washington Cities' (AWC) Annual Conference	Tri-Cities	June 21-24	(360) 753-7319
WA State Association of County Engineers (WSACE) Annual Conference	Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla	June 22-24	<a href="http://www.crab.wa.gov/wsace/">http://www.crab.wa.gov/wsace/</a>

## ***Calendar of Events (continued)***

WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys' Summer Training Program	Campbell's Lodge, Lake Chelan	June 22-24	(360) 753-2175
National Sheriffs' Association Annual Conference	Louisville, Kentucky	June 25-29	(360) 753-7319
Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas	June 26-29	(360) 753-7319
International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers' (IACREOT) 34th Annual Conference	New York, New York	June 29 – July 6	(360) 397-2003 or joanne.mcbride@clark.wa.gov
<b><u>JULY 2005</u></b>			
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	July 4	(360) 753-1886
2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Pend Oreille Valley Lavender Festival	Pend Oreille County	July 9-10	<a href="http://www.co.pend-oreille.wa.us/">http://www.co.pend-oreille.wa.us/</a>
Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 13-14	<a href="http://www.pria.us">www.pria.us</a>
National Association of Clerks, Recorders and Elections Officials (NACRC) Annual Conference (with NACo)	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-17	<a href="http://www.nacrc.org">www.nacrc.org</a>
National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Conference	Honolulu, Hawaii	July 15-19	<a href="http://www.naco.org">www.naco.org</a>
National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA) Annual Summer Conference	Portland, Maine	July 17-20	(360) 753-7319
Assn of County Human Services	Okanogan County	July 20-22	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Training, 1 pm	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 26	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Workshop, 1 - 5 pm	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 27	(360) 586-7447
Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) Annual Board Meeting, 9 am	Red Lion Hanford House, Richland	July 28	(360) 586-7447

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## **Attachments**

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### **June 20-21 WACME Conference & Training Campbell's Resort & Conference Center, Chelan**

#### **JUNE 20 – ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CONDUCTING AN INQUEST -- 8:00 – 5:00**

The goal of this 8 hour course is to guide coroners and medical examiners through the intricacies and legalities of an inquest. This course will familiarize participants with the coroner's statutory authorization to convene an inquiry into deaths that are surrounded by suspicious circumstances. Why have an inquest? When would you have an inquest? Who are the players? How do you proceed? How is it done in Washington State?

Four hours will be devoted to lecture and equal time to relevant exercises and application to Washington State law.

The course is being instructed by Dr. William Lucas, Regional Supervising Coroner and past Acting Deputy Chief Coroner of Inquests, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

#### **JUNE 21 – DEATH NOTIFICATION – TOXICOLOGY LAB ISSUES -- 8:00 – 12:00 noon**

The concluding four hours of training are devoted to death notification and issues and answers from the Washington State Toxicology Laboratory.

Continuing education credits are available for those maintaining the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigator's (A.B.M.D.I.) requirements.

Space is limited. Priority will be given to Coroner, Medical Examiner, and Prosecutor/Coroner personnel. All others wishing to register will be allowed as space provides.

**Cost:** Training Course is being provided by W.A.C.M.E. and is free to all registered participants.

**Registration:** Contact Kathie with WACO, send to 206 Tenth Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98503.  
Email: [khouts@wacounties.org](mailto:khouts@wacounties.org), Phone: 360-753-7319, Fax: 360-664-2812

**Training Date:** Monday, June 20, and Tuesday, June 21 until noon

**Training Location:** Campbell's Resort & Conference Center  
104 W. Woodin Ave, Chelan, Washington 98816  
Phone for reservations: (509) 682-2561

**Questions:** (AFTER MAY 20) - Contact W.A.C.M.E. Education Chair Tim Davidson  
Email: [davidsont@co.cowlitz.wa.us](mailto:davidsont@co.cowlitz.wa.us), Phone: 360-577-3079 (Cowlitz County Coroner's Office), Cellular: 360-957-6051.

# Attachments (continued)

## CONFERENCE EVENTS

**WACME LEGISLATIVE MEETING, Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Room location to be announced)**

**WACME DINNER/BUSINESS MEETING, Monday at 6:30 p.m. (Room location to be announced)**

**ABMDI Certification Testing, Tuesday afternoon (Time and location to be announced)**

**REGISTRATION:**

Applicants Name (Last) (First) (Middle)		
Title/Rank:	Social Security Number:	Agency:
Agency Mailing Address: (Street or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)		
Agency Phone:	Agency Fax:	Email Address:

**Additional Applicants**

Applicants Name:	Rank:	Social Security Number:

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**LODGING INFORMATION:** A block of non-smoking rooms is being held at Campbell’s Resort on Lake Chelan, 104 W. Woodin, Chelan, WA 98816 **until May 19**. Room rate is \*\$128.00 plus tax. (Be sure to let them know you are with the WACME group.) Registrants are required to make their own reservations. Phone for reservations: (509) 682-2561.

\* Coroner and medical examiner staff will be reimbursed for lodging for **actual costs** up to \$128.00 plus tax per night for two nights (Sunday and Monday) if they attend the program from Monday a.m. until Tuesday noon.

**Alternate Hotels**

Best Western Lakeside Lodge: 2312 W. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, phone: 509-682-4396

Caravel Resort: 322 W. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, phone: 509-682-2582

Lake Chelan Motel: 2044 W. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, phone: 509-682-2742

Midtowner Motel: 721 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan, phone: 509-682-4051

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## ***Attachments (continued)***

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### **Auditors don't 'duck' issue over 2004 governor election snafus**

**BY Steven Friederich - Daily World Writer**

Thursday, May 12, 2005 11:29 AM PDT

OCEAN SHORES - Poking fun at King County Elections Director Dean Logan, the state's auditors presented him with a children's book called "Duck for President."

The book, meant for preschoolers, is basically about a duck who lives on Farmer Brown's estate with pigs, cows and even a dog. Duck, unhappy with his situation, decides it's time for a change and runs for an election that puts him in charge of the farm. What follows is a series of election mishaps as Duck becomes governor and eventually president - both by slim vote margins because votes are found in the oddest of places; stuck to the rear end of someone's pants, for example.

"Fouled up ballots basically secure (Duck) the election," said Grays Harbor Auditor Vern Spatz. "We thought Logan would get a kick out of it."

The sometimes-embattled Logan is in town this week for the Washington Association of State Auditors convention, an event drawing more than 220 people for four days.

In the tongue and cheek presentation of the award, Spatz told Logan he was being given the book "for courageous action in the face of both hostile and friendly fire; for exemplifying the highest degree of integrity, ethics and principles under the most trying circumstances, for conducting a fair, if not perfect, election."

Logan is a central figure in the discovery of ballots in King County the state Republican Party is questioning in Chelan County Superior Court to overturn the gubernatorial election. Gov. Christine Gregoire won the election by 129 votes after several recounts over Republican Dino Rossi.

Auditors and election workers at the convention are learning about proper signature verification techniques from a state patrolman, the new top two primary system, are previewing the new statewide voter database and will learn about the definition of a legal vote, among other issues, Spatz said.

The auditors will be in town through today.

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## *Attachments (continued)*

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### 2005 Directory of County Officials in Washington State – UPDATES since publication May 12, 2005

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- Pg v/WACO: Trustee-at-Large, position 3, Suzanne Sinclair, Island County Auditor
- Pg 15/Grant Co: Coroner has a new e-mail, it is [cjj@grantcountycoroner.org](mailto:cjj@grantcountycoroner.org)
- Pg 19/Jefferson Co: Newly appointed clerk is Ruth Gordon, e-mail address [rgordon@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:rgordon@co.jefferson.wa.us)
- Pg 23/King Co: Sheriff Sue Rahr's correct e-mail address is [susan.rahr@metrokc.gov](mailto:susan.rahr@metrokc.gov)
- Pg 26/Kittitas Co: Newly appointed auditor is Jerry Pettit, [email jerry.pettit@co.kittitas.wa.us](mailto:jerry.pettit@co.kittitas.wa.us)
- Pg 28/Lewis Co: Newly appointed sheriff is Steve Mansfield.
- Pg 34/Pierce Co: Council District 6, Dick Muri's phone number should be (253) 798-3308
- Pg 37/Skagit Co: Assessor address should be Admin Bldg, Rm 204, 700 S 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Pg 41/Spokane Co: Assessor Ralph Baker's correct e-mail is [rabaker@spokanecounty.org](mailto:rabaker@spokanecounty.org)
- Pg. 54/Co Officials' Associations: WA Association of Coroners & Medical Examiners new officers are: Greg Sandstrom, Kitsap County, President; Tim Davidson, Cowlitz County, Vice President; and Gina Fino, MD, Chelan County, Secretary-Treasurer.
- Pg. 55/WA Assoc of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs: New Executive Director is Don Pierce.
- Pg. 61/WA County Admin Assoc: Top of Page, Glen Chipman is no longer president of the Association. President is now Claire Hauge, OFM Manager, Cowlitz County.