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**Register now
for the
WACO
Conference
October 3-7!**

*Washington Association of County Officials
Washington State Association of Counties*

Last Call for WACO Conference!

The 47th Annual WACO Conference is fast approaching! We will be meeting at the new Hilton, in Vancouver, October 3-7, and we have an excellent educational program lined up, as well as some great activities. The agenda was outlined in the last *Courthouse Journal* by WACO President Tom Fallquist.

In the next few days, you will be receiving, via mail, a draft copy of the program and information about the Washington Counties Scholarship Fund. Most importantly, that mailing will include the Nominating Committee report, with letters from the nominees for the WACO Board of Trustees; a draft of the Legislative Recommendations for 2006; and proposed changes to our

WACO Bylaws. It is important for you to be there to vote on these significant matters having to do with WACO leadership and the direction of our organization.

Please take a look at the program and plan on attending this very important conference. This is your opportunity to meet with your colleagues from around the state and to participate in the organization that you all have made so valuable.

If you have not yet registered, please do so by visiting our website at www.wacounties.org. We have not met in Clark County for 20 years, so please come and enjoy this beautiful part of our state.

WACO Deputy Director Returns to King County

WACO Deputy Director Michelle Hagen will be stepping down as the Deputy Director of the Washington Association of County Officials as of October 7. She has accepted a new position with the King County Department of Assessments.

"I cannot begin to describe what a privilege it has been to be affiliated with an Association whose employees and members are so talented, committed, hard working, and who care so much about what they do. I will miss you all very much," Michelle stated.

"Change is good...it's a source of

growth for all of us. I look forward to new experiences, but remain appreciative of the chance to have spent some great years working with so many great people."

Michelle has been the property tax expert at WACO for the past four years, as well as a great source of wit and humour. Michelle's knowledge and her dedication to WACO members has been much appreciated. We wish her the very best!

Counties Respond to Hurricane Katrina Disaster

NACo President Bill Hansell has recently sent out a letter to all counties in the country asking that

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they help their sister counties and parishes in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi by giving donations to a NACo sponsored plan that will provide relief to employees of counties and parishes. Many of them have lost all they have, and yet they still continue to serve their citizens. This program, the Parish and County Family Fund, has been coordinated by NACo with FEMA and the three state associations.

President Hansell has asked each county to make a contribution that equals their NACo dues. In addition he has challenged each county official to make a personal contribution. To date, WSAC has learned that Skagit County and Franklin County have made contributions. As other counties report to us we will let everyone know what the status is.

Certainly this is a calamity of historic proportions and when it hits the county family, many of you will want to do something. Clark County Commissioner Marc Boldt is leading an effort to have everyone who attends next week's Annual Conference, in Vancouver, to come by the registration table and sign a large wall banner that will be sent to a county or parish that has been particularly hard hit. He hopes that after the media has quit covering events that WSAC will continue to develop a lasting relationship with a county or parish so they know we have not forgotten them. He will be discussing his proposal at the Annual Conference.

Following is the full text of President Hansell's letter with addresses where donations may be sent.

Counties Helping Counties/Parishes in the Wake of Katrina

Send a donation today to the Parish and County Family Fund

Dear Fellow County Official, Hurricane Katrina could be the worst natural disaster to ever hit our country. Many gulf coast counties and parishes have been devastated. I have been working with the NACo staff to help our county and parish colleagues in those hard hit areas. We are calling our effort "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast," and it will have several dimensions to it. The first was the need for housing of displaced citizens. At a request from HUD, we sent out an email last Friday to county officials. The response was marvelous, and I want to thank all of you who have responded. Places for thousands of families have been found.

Over the last six months I was honored to speak at state association meetings in the three hardest hit states: Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. In fact, the Alabama Association was meeting while Katrina was a tropical storm out in the Caribbean. (Perhaps the lesson is don't have me be a conference speaker!)

My heart nearly broke seeing the devastation to individuals and entire communities. I was compelled to call NACo into action. My vision is to have a "County to County/Parish Response" – counties helping each other in a time of need. I have talked about the NACo family, and this is what families do in time of need.

The second phase of our effort is to raise funds to help counties/parishes and their employees. NACo has established

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

the **Parish and County Family Fund** to collect money to help our parishes and counties in the hardest hit states. The funds will be distributed to the counties and parishes through the three state associations.

I am going to "put my money where my mouth is." My wife, Margaret, and I are giving \$100 to the fund, and I will be asking my fellow Umatilla County Commissioners to have Umatilla County make a contribution equal to our NACo dues. That figure is \$1,250. Both are a little bit, but if we all do a little bit, much will be accomplished. Everything raised will go to the **Parish and County Family Fund**.

Lastly, I have appointed a task force of local officials to help guide this project. NACo 1st Vice President Eric Coleman will serve as chair. I have asked the four NACo Board members from the three states to serve on the committee, as well as Greg Cox, President of the California State Association of Counties, NACo Board member Don Larson of South Dakota and Bob Bohlmann of York County, Maine who is on the NACo Board representing the Emergency Managers Affiliate.

Please send a donation today to the **Parish and County Family Fund**. Contributions of all sizes to the fund are welcome. Please share this information with your employees. I encourage your county, county officials, employees and citizens to contribute to the fund.

Counties Care for America is used by NACo to describe what counties do. We do care and we now have an opportunity to put action to our words. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, Bill Hansell, NACo President

Pierce County Deputy Sheriff Responds to Hurricane Katrina

Deputy Dan Hudson of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department was vacationing in the San Juan Islands when he received a call from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to respond to the Gulf Coast hurricane disaster. Less than 24 hours later, he was in Shreveport, LA waiting for the storm to cross over the coastline, so Hudson and his team could enter the area to survey damage and provide assistance as required. Deputy Hudson filed the following report to share with County employees:

"It was a long night as my team and I attempted to gain access to the (New Orleans) downtown core to assess the damage and see where we could apply resources. We had to settle for sending in rescue teams from the west boundary of the city. We worked through the night to establish a base and to launch our resources at first light. No sleep followed by blinding sun and heat. We were able to brief the teams at 7 a.m. and send them into the inundated core of the city. We have not looked back since and continue to send out resources every day.

"We have battled getting boat resources to help get our resources into the housing zones. I believe the press is oblivious to all that is going on. They are ensconced in the downtown core and away from 90 percent of the action. To date our crews have extracted more than 6,500 individuals as well as providing food, water, and ice to another 1,000 who refuse to leave.

"Resources are scarce, and getting interagency cooperation has been difficult. Enter the military, and now I am resource rich. On a particularly difficult day I called for buses to transport our folks, but the

state would not provide them until I obtained police officers to put on the buses for security. I called the local jurisdictions and obtained only five law enforcement officers when I needed 50. The Army came to the rescue and offered to provide helicopters. Now it seems that FEMA has its own fleet of supporting Army and National Guard helicopters.

"We have divided the city into divisions and work in 27 geographical areas. As of three days ago we had hastily searched 95 percent of the city and surrounding regions in St. Bernard Parish. We have also completed primary searches when we could access roofs and the doors or windows. We continue to pull people off roofs and out of structures throughout the city.

"We have had a working relationship and unified command here with the Coast Guard, Louisiana Air National Guard and Jefferson Parish and an intermittent relationship with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife.

"Last week I briefed the lieutenant governor. During the past three days, I have briefed Vice Admiral Allen of the US Coast Guard, a two-star general, a one-star General and about 40 colonels of Joint Task Force Katrina, which is the joint command post for all the helicopter assets here.

"Today I am happy with lots of resources starting to call us for assignment and tasking. Marines, Navy, Army and National Guard units hover around our command post. We have had great success and hope to continue the same."

~Dan Hudson

The Parish and County Family Fund

All money raised through the Parish and County Family Fund will be

distributed to counties and parishes and their employees in need in the hardest hit states. The distribution will be handled by state associations of counties/parishes for Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Under federal law, this donation is tax deductible as a charitable

contribution for Federal Income Tax purposes. NACo will pay for all administrative costs related to managing the fund. In addition, NACo will seek reports from the state associations to keep us up-to-date on how the money is being spent.

Make a donation by check payable to: Parish and County Family Fund, c/o NACo, 440 First St, NW, Washington, DC 20001; or make a donation by phone by calling us at 1(202) 661-8820 between 8:00 am and 6:00p.m EDT.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

Mississippi County Loses Public Defense Appeal

In a closely watched case regarding whether the county or the state is responsible for funding adequate criminal indigent defense, Quitman County, Mississippi has lost in that state's supreme court.

In an opinion issued July 21, 2005, the Mississippi Supreme Court affirmed the lower circuit court,

finding that in requiring counties to pay all the costs of public defense the state was not violating its constitutional duty to ensure effective assistance of counsel. The full opinion is available at <http://www.mssc.state.ms.us/Images/OPINIONS/CO26215.PDF>.

Mississippi and Washington are two of only 11 states that rely exclusively on county resources to

pay for trial-level criminal indigent defense.

Courthouse Ramblings

To All My Friends...from Martha

Good news!...My feet are doing well, the gout is gone and I am able to walk much more. AND...this coming Thursday at 6:30 pm, set your VCR or TIVO to FSN, the Seahawks show. I am going to have my 30 seconds of fame on TV. They did an interview of me and my caretaker regarding my stay at the Pete Gross house. It was a pretty neat experience. At the end of the filming the cameraman wanted us to holler go Seahawks....so we did....but in my enthusiasm I also said "kick ass Seahawks" the cameraman said "can we say that on TV?" I bet that will not be shown on TV.

I miss you all. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and letters. I can't wait to get back home....Love ...Martha

Franklin County Treasurer **Jenny Zacher** has announced her retirement from office, after 30 years with the treasurer's office, effective September 30. Jenny was appointed treasurer in 1993, when her predecessor Valoria Loveland resigned, and was elected to the office later that year. She held numerous positions in the office before becoming treasurer, including managing personal property accounts and helping to supervise two tax conversions. She also served as administrative assistant to Loveland.

Jenny is looking forward to spending more time with her family and her four-year old grandson, Devin. Once the renovation of the Franklin County Courthouse is

completed early next year, she says she may even go back to volunteer. We will miss Jenny as both a member the Treasurers' Association and of WACO, but we wish her a wonderful and very happy retirement!!

Congratulations to Cowlitz County Auditor **Kris Swanson** who gave birth to a second son on September 12! Zachary Stephen weighed in at 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 22 1/2" long. He joins his brother Camden, 6, and father, Eric.

General Government Issues

WSAC and Other Partners Host Community Wildfire Protection Planning Workshop

County officials, fire commissioners, and homeowners interested in wildfire safety and promoting hazardous fuel reduction and other projects on National Forest Lands are invited to attend a special one-day workshop, scheduled for Spokane, October 14. The workshop provides the opportunity to network with a variety of community leaders to learn more about the substance and details of their plans and how they made them work.

The Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) of 2003 provides timber counties and high-risk communities adjacent to USFS/BLM managed lands the opportunity to review and influence USFS/BLM hazardous fuel reduction activities. High-risk communities gain opportunity to receive higher priority for grant funding for fuel reduction projects if the community has completed a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

Local Washington community representatives will be available during breaks, lunch and after the workshop to display their

Community Wildfire Protection Plans and discuss their experiences with plan development and implementation.

The session will be held at the Red Lion Inn at the Park, 303 W North River Dr, Spokane, WA 99201 – 2255, Tel. (509) 326-8000.

To register, or for more information contact: Western Forestry and Conservation Association, 4033 SW Canyon Road, Portland, OR 97221, Tel: (503) 226-4562, 1(888) 722-9416, fax (503) 226-2515 or register online at: www.westernforestry.org.

Association News

NACo President Bill Hansell Announces Leadership Position on NACo Steering Committees

Bill Hansell, NACo President and Umatilla, Oregon County Commissioner has announced the chairs and vice-chairs of the eleven steering committees that advise NACo on developing legislative policy positions.

As previously reported Ted Anderson, Skagit County Commissioner, has been appointed Chair of the Public Lands Steering Committee. Ted had served for several years as vice-chair of the committee.

Leo Bowman, Benton County Commissioner, has been appointed one of four Vice-Chairs for the Transportation Steering Committee. Previously Leo had been a subcommittee vice-chair.

Other appointments included Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County Commissioner, as chair of the Food Safety Subcommittee of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Steering Committee, Don Munks, Skagit County Commissioner, as chair of the Water Subcommittee of the Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee and Kirke Sievers, chair of the County Fiscal Policy Subcommittee of the Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee.

Any member of WSAC or WACO who wants to be a member of a NACo Steering Committee may do so by submitting an application through the executive directors of each association, Bill Vogler or Debbie Wilke.

In addition to the four steering committees noted above members can serve on the following:

Community and Economic Development, Health, Human Services and Education, Justice and Public Safety, Labor and Employment, and Telecommunications and Technology.

Good Things

Coming Soon to a Computer in Your Office

Because several of our affiliates are working on electronic filing of real estate excise tax affidavits (REET), WACO will be adding a REET bulletin board to our website.

Each impacted affiliate (Assessors, Auditors, and Treasurers) has at least one committee meeting on a regular basis. Some of these meetings are with the Washington State Department of Revenue and information is being disseminated at various levels. This site will enable members to post information, committee meeting minutes, etc. so that information can be readily available to all involved both within an affiliate group and between affiliate groups. It's a good thing!

And the List of Good Goes On...

The list of county officials and their employees who have been deployed to Louisiana to aid in the recovery effort following Hurricane Katrina grows daily and is as follows:

Tamara Ciaciura, Kitsap County Coroner's Office (DMORT), Don Phillips, Clark County Medical Examiner's Office (DMORT), Dustin Hegewald, Spokane County Medical Examiner's Office (DMORT), Steve Ames, Retired Walla Walla County Coroner (Kenyon International), Spokane County Medical Examiner Sally Aiken, M.D. King County Medical Examiner, and Richard Haruff, M.D.; Kitsap County Coroner Greg Sandstrom and several members of his staff are all on list to be deployed and may be by the time you receive this newsletter.

In addition to the incredible challenges they meet in rendering assistance to the devastated areas, they have the challenging task of stretching limited resources to cover their own jurisdictions in Washington.

DMORT is the Disaster Mortuary Operational Response, a federal level response team formed in the early 1990's and designed to provide mortuary services in case of a mass fatality incident or cemetery related incident. It is comprised of over 1200 trained and capable volunteers who provide mobile morgue operations, forensic examination, DNA acquisition, identification of remains, search and recovery, embalming and casket services, along with medical and psychological support to survivors and even records management. Kenyon International Emergency Services provides worldwide disaster management.

Please advise WACO when personnel from your county are deployed. We would like to recognize their efforts and their sacrifices and will keep them in our thoughts until their safe return.

Pacific County Sheriff's Office Sheriff John Didion, Sgt. Ekman, Deputy Bergstrom, Chief Criminal Deputy Ron Clark and other personnel in the Pacific County Sheriff's Office responded quickly and generously to a request for assistance from the Madison County Mississippi Sheriff for Hurricane Katrina-devastated Hancock County. Recently they shipped over 260 pounds of uniform shirts, trousers and jackets; jumpsuits; and donated underwear as well. The county jail trustees assisted by removing the

patches from the shirts.

Hancock County is the southernmost county in Mississippi near Biloxi and Gulfport, names that have become all too familiar to us of late. It has a land area of 477 miles and a population of approximately 45,000. Hancock County is also rated one of the two most severely ravaged counties in Mississippi as a result of the recent hurricane.

Did You Know?

Did you know that WACO and WSAC members have donated more than \$178,000 to the Washington Counties' Scholarship Fund since its inception and that 56 children of county employees have received over \$100,000 in scholarships.

The Fund relies on your generosity and so do all those kids!

Don't forget to send a check!

Announcement

The Honorable Governor Christine Gregoire will be officiating at the official grand opening of Phase I of the Vancouver Crime Laboratory on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. The Laboratory has long been a priority for southwest Washington prosecutors, sheriffs, and coroners.

Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>SEPTEMBER 2005</u>			
13 th NW Onsite Wastewater Treatment Short Course & Equipment Exhibition	Seattle, WA - hosted by University of Washington	Sept. 19 - 20	Christy Roop Pack (206) 543-5539
WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Vancouver	Sept. 19 - 20	(360) 753-1886
Communicating with Generations – CPO Program	Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Vancouver, WA	Sept. 20	http://www.cpoprogram.org/
WSAC 99 th Annual Conference & Fall Western District	Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Vancouver	Sept. 20 – 23	www.wacounties.org/wsac
Assn of County Human Services	Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Vancouver, WA	Sept. 21 - 23	(360) 753-1886
<u>OCTOBER 2005</u>			
Washington Association of County Officials' Annual Conference	Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Vancouver	October 4–7	(360) 753-7319
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF)/Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) ACE Committee (HR & Payroll Only)	Radisson Hotel, SeaTac	October 12	(360) 586-0466
<u>NOVEMBER 2005</u>			
Washington Counties Risk Pool, Risk Managers Roundtable	Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla	November 2	(360) 586-7447, ext 104
Washington Counties Risk Pool, Autumn Board Meeting & Planning Session	Marcus Whitman Hotel, Walla Walla	November 2-3	(360) 586-7447, ext 100
VETERANS DAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	November 11	(360) 753-1886
Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs' (WASPC) Annual Fall Conference	Red Lion Hotel, Olympia	November 14-17	(360) 753-7319
Assn of County Human Services	Ellensburg	November 16 - 18	(360) 753-1886
Washington Counties Insurance Fund (WCIF)/Washington Counties Insurance Pool (WCIP) Boards Combined Meeting	Red Lion at Columbia Center, Kennewick	November 17	(360) 586-0466
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	WA Counties Bldg CLOSED	Nov. 24 and 25	(360) 753-1886
WA State Assn of Local Public Health Officials	SeaTac	November 29 - 30	(360) 753-1886

Attachments

Kittitas County Hires New Public Works Director

By M.J. "Squeak" Giaudrone

Kittitas County Commissioners have hired a new public works director from a list of eleven applicants. Scott Bradshaw will take over the job previously held by Paul Bennett, who resigned his position in May 2005. Bradshaw, a licensed journeyman electrician, received his degree in Engineering from the University of Washington and comes to Kittitas County from Palo Alto, California where he was assistant director of utilities,



engineering and operations for that city. Prior to that, Bradshaw served as director of retail engineering and operations for the Chelan County Public Utility District; and had owned his own electrical contracting business in Leavenworth. Bradshaw was also employed by Puget Sound Power and Light (now Puget Sound Energy), where he held several positions during his fifteen years, including engineering, managing construction, operations and maintenance and monitoring contract compliance. In addition, he also has experience with labor negotiations and arbitration issues. A native of Leavenworth, Bradshaw

and his wife have four grown children: a son in California; two daughters in Seattle; and a daughter living in Australia.

Bradshaw states that he has always had a fondness for Kittitas County and is pleased to be both living and working in it now.

Eyman Effort has Nominal Resistance

By Brad Shannon, from the Daily Olympian

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Tim Eyman has an almost clear path to the Nov. 8 election with his latest proposal, Initiative 900, which requires special efficiency audits for state and local governments.

Critics of I-900, including members of the Association of Washington Cities, have submitted a "con" statement for the Secretary of State's voter pamphlet, saying the proposal goes too far, creates a new bureaucracy and wastes taxpayer money.

But foes do not plan to finance a formal campaign, AWC President Pam Carter said Wednesday after an interview with The Olympian's editorial board.

I-900 could make Washington unique among the states in requiring local governments as well as state agencies to undergo independent audits ordered by the state auditor, Brian Sonntag.

Eyman, who appeared separately before the editorial board, is relishing the support he has garnered for his plan from politicians.

"Just put Sonntag on steroids and let him do his job," Eyman said, describing the effect of I-900, which he calls "the 900-pound gorilla." He said it would identify wasteful or

inefficient programs and offer a "deterrent effect" for agencies that are not directly being audited.

Eyman didn't put a dollar figure on savings, but the text of his measure says billions of dollars in savings are possible. His measure is based on a model audit language from the conservative Evergreen Freedom Foundation, he said.

The initiative would make \$17 million available in the ongoing two-year budget cycle and \$25 million more in 2007-09, letting the state auditor examine programs run by state agencies or by local governments. The auditor now looks at finances only to see that financial accounting rules are followed.

Political backing

Not only is state Auditor Brian Sonntag supporting I-900, so is Rep. Mark Miloscia, D-Federal Way, Eyman said. Miloscia's support is important because he championed a performance audit bill in the Legislature for several years that finally passed in the spring.

Opponents say there are problems with Eyman's latest measure.

Carter, who serves as a Tukwila City Council member, and Stan Finkelstein, executive director for the Association of Washington Cities, told the editorial board that the \$17 million available through 2007 would barely cover the costs of state government audits, let alone the local-government functions.

They raised the possibility that state auditors might bill the cities for the audits. Eyman did not categorically rule out that possibility, but he said he thinks Sonntag would ask lawmakers for more money if he ran out of money; Sonntag later dismissed the idea in an interview,

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saying he would not do that.

Extra costs

Other criticisms by Carter and Finkelstein are that local governments already are the most accountable to citizens and should not be saddled with extra costs of preparing documents for the state-hired auditors. They noted that several cities, including Lacey, already do performance audits or use them as management tools.

They also noted there are more than 2,000 units of local government and that I-900 calls for the auditor to make recommendations that might not fit or be appropriate for all agencies.

Miloscia, who fought hard in the Legislature to get his House Bill 1064 passed, said recently that he plans to vote for I-900 because it provides more money for audits. I-900 provides \$17 million to \$25 million every two years for state and local audits, while the Legislature's plan includes closer to \$3 million.

Eyman said the initiative and HB 1064 aren't incompatible, and Sonntag said he can work with both - if voters approve I-900, which gives him direct powers to decide which agencies to audit. He said the citizen advisory board created by HB 1064 would govern only those audits done using money that the legislation provides.