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**WSAC
Legislative
Rally**
**February 10,
2005**
(details to follow)

Remember To Mark Your Calendar! WSAC Legislative Rally

Registration information and more news about the WSAC Legislative Rally is being sent this week to all commissioners, councilmembers and county executives.

Mark your calendar today to save February 10 for the Legislative Rally. In addition to the annual legislative briefing and lunch from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., there is a reception for WSAC members that evening. The WSAC Legislative Steering Committee will meet the morning of February 11.

City and County Leadership Meet with Legislative Leadership

Officers from WACO, WSAC and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will begin a round of visits to the Legislature this week to deliver the message of the Tri-Association for 2005 in person.

This is the third year that the three associations have joined forces to identify the most urgent issues for local government and in many cases, propose a

legislative fix. WACO and WSAC members approved the adoption of the package in October in Spokane. It was later approved by city leadership.

All WACO and WSAC members are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity with their legislators to promote the package and educate them as to the plight of jurisdictions in their respective districts.

WACO Board of Trustees Has Vacancies

WACO President Tom Fallquist has announced that he is soliciting candidates to fill a second vacancy on the WACO Board of Trustees. The new vacancy occurred when Cowlitz County Assessor Dean Takko resigned his position and was sworn in as state representative for the 19th Legislative District on Monday. He held the Trustee-at-Large Position 3,

representing counties with populations from 40,000 to 125,000.

Interested officials from counties that size are asked to apply by January 21 and the Board will appoint a successor for Takko's term that expires in October, 2005. In February, the Washington State Association of County Assessors (WSACA) will confirm the appointment

of a new assessor to replace Skagit County Assessor Mark Leander who ran successfully for Secretary/Treasurer. That term ends in October also.

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Eligible officials include any county official from a county with a population from **40,000 to 120,000** as "determined by the most recent population estimate by the state office of financial management" (WACO Bylaws Article IV, Section 1). Those counties, according to the July 2004 OFM estimate are: Skagit, Cowlitz, Grant, Island, Lewis, Grays Harbor, Chelan, Clallam, Walla Walla, Mason, Franklin, Whitman, and Stevens. (Sorry, Okanogan. Try

again. The estimate puts you at 39,600.)

The expenses for WACO Trustees are paid in order to allow any county official to serve without hardship to the county. Officials who are interested are urged to e-mail, fax or mail a letter of interest that includes brief resume to WACO by **January 21 at 5:00 p.m.** The WACO fax number is (360) 664-2812 or khouts@wacounties.org.

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

Budget, Finance and Taxes

Revenue Unveils Proposal for Sourcing Mitigation and Ongoing Funding for Low Tax Base Counties

This week the State Department of Revenue (DOR) unveiled a proposal combining mitigation for sales tax sourcing and ongoing backfill for low tax base counties and cities. The proposal had been approved in principle by the outgoing administration. It is being resubmitted, along with all other DOR proposals to the incoming administration.

The proposal dedicates all of the new revenue the state expects to receive the year it implements sourcing. Under the proposal the low tax base funding would continue for a total of thirteen years. Mitigation funding would start at 71.4% of projected losses and would be held at a constant total funding level for three years. After that the funding would decline by 10% per year until it is eliminated. The mitigation funding would be held constant for three years. Counties, cities and transit districts would be eligible for mitigation funding. Public facilities districts that have imposed the 0.033% sales tax will be allowed to recoup losses that might otherwise impair their bonds by raising their tax level and crediting that increase against the state sales tax.

Representatives of the coalition of counties, cities and business interests that have supported streamlining think that this proposal contains many positive features. They have urged DOR to move ahead with this proposal so that it can be perfected in the legislative process.

WSAC is sending a copy of the bill and the detailed funding estimates to each county.

State Collections Ahead of Forecast

The January 10th collection numbers for the state were 5% above the estimate for the month. The \$77.4 million increase came in large part from Real Estate Excise Tax (+\$21.4 million) and revenue act taxes (sales, B&O, and utility taxes +\$32.3 million). If this trend continues, it could be good news for state and local budget writers.

Locke Pension Proposals Met With Grumbles

Cuts in pension funding accounted for almost about one fourth of \$1.8 billion of Locke administration proposals to balance the budget. Some legislative budget writers are concerned that the sheer size of the proposals undermines pension funding. The pension funding reductions (shown with state budget savings) included:

- **Use Projected Unit Credit Method** – The actuarial method used would be changed from the aggregate to the projected unit credit method, another actuarially accepted method that is used by other state and local governments and in the private sector. This had been proposed by the Locke Administration in past budgets and was rejected by the Legislature. The method weights later years of service more heavily than early years. As a result pension liabilities could be pushed out as much as 20 years. *\$98 million GF-S savings*

- **Phase in Rate Increase over Four Years** – As in a Select Committee on Pension Policy proposal, rate increases would be phased in annually rather than biennially. In the Locke proposal, all the cost reduction from the phase in would be paid for within the four years. This proposal was supported by local government board members.

\$34 million GF-S savings

- **Defer Contributions to Plan 1 Unfunded Liabilities** – Governor Locke proposes to continue the approach taken by the House Appropriations Committee in the 2003-05 biennial budget, and defer contributions to the unfunded liabilities of PERS and TRS Plan 1. *\$150 million GF-S savings*

- **Gain Sharing** – The gain sharing benefits authorized in the 1990's have resulted in unanticipated costs to the system. Gain sharing provides extra benefits when the state's rate of return on the pension funds exceeds 10%. Following the market crash after 9/11, the funds have begun to recover through several years of returns in excess of 10%. Locke's proposal would retain the gain sharing benefit for PERS and TRS Plan 1 and 3 members. It would change it, however, from an automatic program to one that requires legislative approval when a gain-sharing event is triggered. (Locke is recommending that it not be triggered.) The current funding policy of paying for the gain sharing benefit at the time the benefit is paid is retained. It is not clear whether the Legislature has a statutory path to fixing this

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problem. Some previous court rulings have held that once a pension benefit is granted, it may not be withdrawn. Some legislators are proposing trading this benefit for a limited COLA and an earlier retirement option for Plans 2 and 3. ***\$176 million GF-S savings***

Local budget writers should not assume that these proposals, in total, will pass. The end result is likely to be something between the Actuary's recommendation and these proposals. Unfortunately, this means continuing uncertainty about what rates counties must pay beginning July 1, 2005.

Courts, Public Safety, Law & Justice

Whitman County Sues Over I-747

Whitman County has joined a group of environmental and social organizations in a lawsuit that claims Initiative 747 violates the Washington State Constitution. Approved by voters in 2001, Initiative 747 limits state and local property tax levies to a 1 percent annual increase.

Whitman County Commissioner Greg Partch explained that the revenue restrictions imposed by I-747 don't keep up with inflation and are severely affecting local government entities, particularly special districts. "Our costs have gone dramatically up," Partch said in a January 11 Seattle Times article. "Over five years every one of our districts will be broke," he told The Times.

The lawsuit, filed in King County Superior Court, claims that the initiative violates the Washington Constitution in several ways, including falsely stating the previous cap on levy increases and falsely stating in the ballot title that the 1 percent limit on growth of the state property tax could be overcome by popular vote. The initiative does not provide for a popular statewide vote to increase the state property tax.

Whitman County is one of only two counties, along with King, whose citizens voted against the initiative. Co-plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Washington Citizen Action, the Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition, and 1000 Friends of Washington.

Sheriffs Meet in Olympia

Sheriffs from sixteen counties met in Olympia for the first day of the 59th Session of the Washington State Legislature. Before attending

ceremonies "on the hill" and meeting with legislators, Washington State Sheriffs' Association (WSSA) President Craig Thayer, Stevens County Sheriff convened a short business meeting.

During the WSSA business meeting, Franklin County Sheriff Richard Lathim and Douglas County Sheriff Dan LaRoche were appointed to replace former King County Sheriff Dave Reichert who was elected to Congress and Lewis County Sheriff John McCroskey, who is retiring to private industry, on the Western States Board of the National Sheriff's Association (NSA). The group also endorsed Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter to the new administration. Lifetime memberships in WSSA were discussed and will be voted on at the next regular meeting with all members present.

While on the hill, the sheriffs spent time with then Governor-elect Christine Gregoire and had a group picture taken.

Sheriffs to Provide Tsunami Relief

At the urging of Whitman County Sheriff Brett Meyers, the Washington State Sheriff's Association (WSSA) is initiating an effort to raise an estimated \$20,000 to aid tsunami victims. Stevens County Sheriff Craig Thayer, WSSA President, is encouraging every sheriff, deputy and staff person to forego lunch for one day and instead donate \$10.00 to a tsunami relief fund. He will also invite police chiefs and their personnel to join the effort. The monies are requested by the end of January and are to be sent to the Washington Association of Sheriffs

and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and then will be forwarded to the Red Cross.

Positions Available to Represent WSAC on E-911 Committee

The WSAC Board of Directors is accepting nominations to fill positions representing Eastern Washington commissioners on the state Enhanced-911 Advisory Committee.

Following the retirement of Ferry County Commissioner Dennis Snook, the primary position is vacant. Whitman County Commissioner Greg Partch has been serving as the alternate representing Eastern Washington commissioners on the Committee.

Commissioners interested in being appointed to the state E-911 Committee should submit brief letters of interest by January 28 to WSAC staff Sophia Byrd, sbyrd@wacounties.org. The WSAC Board of Directors will make the appointment at its February Board meeting. The Board will appoint someone to fill the primary position, and if that action creates a vacancy in the alternate position the Board will also appoint a new alternate.

The Enhanced-911 Advisory Committee is created by RCW 38.52.530, and is directed to advise and assist the state E-911 Coordinator in implementing and operating enhanced 911 services throughout the state. The Committee meets monthly, usually on the third Thursday, at SeaTac. The Committee will reimburse for travel and lodging associated with the monthly meeting.

Committee members represent diverse geographical areas of the state and include representatives of

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various public safety entities, county and city legislative authorities, county 911 coordinators, the state Utilities and Transportation Commission, telephone companies and wireless service providers.

Elections, Licensing and Recording

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Bill #	Committee	Description	Time	<u>Location</u> Bldg/Room	Date
<u>Work Session</u>	Senate Government Operations & Elections	Work session on Election Reform with Secretary of State and Elections Division. Discussion of draft legislation	10:00 am	JAC-1	01/17/05
<u>Work Session</u>	House State Government Operations & Accountability Committee	Work Session on Elections Overview	8:00 am	JLOB-D	01/21/05

Environment, Land Use and Resources

Select Committee on Hood Canal off to Quick Start

The House Select Committee on Hood Canal, chaired by Representative Bill Eickmeyer, (D - Mason County) has scheduled full sets of hearings in the first two weeks of the legislative session as the Committee members begin to explore the causes of Hood Canal water quality decline and possible

solutions. Environmental groups are targeting both Hood Canal and the larger Puget Sound area for extensive water quality improvement efforts through land use, on-site septs and water quality legislation.

Rep. Eickmeyer is determined to address Hood Canal separately from Puget Sound and other marine waters. He has introduced **HB 1060**

to create an aquatic rehabilitation zone in Hood Canal. The Select Committee will hold a public hearing on **HB 1060** on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 6:00 pm in House Hearing Room E. The following morning, at 10:00 am, the Committee will hold a work session on the local government response to Hood Canal problems.

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<u>HB 1060</u>	Select Committee on Hood Canal	Establishes an aquatic rehabilitation zone on Hood Canal	6:00 pm	JLOB HHR E	01/19/05

Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Authorizes Extension in Use of Federal Funds for Mental Health (CMS)

Thanks to the efforts of the Governor's Office, DSHS, and Congressman Brian Baird, CMS has been convinced to extend the deadline for nonmedicaid use of federal funds until July 1, 2005. The most recent deadline had been January 1, 2005. Many counties and RSNs had already made plans to either reduce or cease serving nonmedicaid clients. They had also begun the planning for reducing nonmedicaid services in the crisis or residential area as well as other service areas. This extension will negate the need to work for an immediate supplemental appropriation of \$20 million to bridge the period between Jan. 1 – June 30.

While we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in getting this extension, especially Congressman Baird, the battle is only just begun. The Governor did not include the \$80 million for the 2005-2007 biennium in either his Book I or Book II budget despite the inclusion of an additional ½ billion in revenue in Book II. The word from inside sources is that both the House and the Senate wanted the number set at zero so they could decide just what they want to purchase. There is also a rumor that the money wouldn't be appropriated unless there were organizational changes made to the service delivery system.

Cody Mental Health Bill Drafted

Rep. Cody has had a comprehensive revision of the tenets of [SB 5400](#)

drafted which substantively changes both RCW 71.24 and RCW 71.05. WSAC staff does not have an electronic copy of the bill at this time but will shortly and get it out to the RSNs and counties before the end of the week. In brief, the bill essentially relieves county government from the statutory requirement to provide community mental health services and merely allows us as well as any other entity to be recognized by the department as a regional support network through a department procurement process consistent with generally accepted government standards.

Several service modalities are also deleted. These include day treatment and consultation and education services. "Employment services" is amended to delete the reference to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. "Resilience" and "recovery-based" programs are added to the definitions section and the intent section along with the inclusion of evidence-based practices. The duties of the Secretary are expanded to include the assurance of an appropriate amount of community-based, geographically distributed residential services. The requirement to allocate one hundred percent of available resources to the RSNs in accordance with the distribution formula in 71.24.035 (13) is deleted.

Throughout RCW 71.24.045 which listed the duties of the county authority, the words "county authority" are stricken and replaced with RSN. This would only allow RSNs to be licensed service providers and not individual counties within a RSN such as currently occurs in Snohomish and

Walla Walla. It does allow for one region to supervise or operate services or facilities in other regions.

The population minimum is stricken and not replaced with any other number. Where local government held the authority to determine the inclusion of tribal authorities on the governing board, that authority is delegated to the department. There is a blank appropriations section for the 05-07 biennium. And finally, in RCW 71.05, the involuntary commitment act, the "county-designated mental health professional" (CDMHP) is deleted from the definitions section and replaced with "designated mental health professional". This would mean that whoever the successful bidder for a region is, they would be the authority for designating the person responsible for fulfilling the duties previously held by the CDMHP in 71.05. The bill also instructs the code reviser to replace CDMHP with the new term wherever it appears in the RCW which would include the children's involuntary commitment act, 71.34 and other statutes.

DSHS is instructed to enter into a contract with the existing RSNs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and issue a request for proposal to establish new RSNs to be effective July 1, 2006. The bill has an emergency clause which would require it to go into effect upon the Governor's signature. There is also a liability section which would continue responsibility for any harmful act that occurred prior to the July 1, 2006 date with the existing RSN and/or provider.

According to House staff, the bill will be heard sometime during the week of January 24 – 28.

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Bill #	Committee	Description	Time	<u>Location</u> Bldg/Room	Date
<u>HB 2222</u>	Happy Appropriations Committee	Sample – This is a really good bill for free ice cream	12:00 pm	JAC-1	01/03/05
<u>HB 1037</u>	H. Approps	Making supplemental appropriations	3:30	JLOB A	1/19/05
	H. Cap Budget	Work Session – Housing	1:30	JLOB A	1/17/05
	H Ch & Fam Svcs	WS – Prevention/Early Intervention	1:30	JLOB D	1/17/05
	H Ch & Fam Svcs	WS – DD Budget	8:00	JLOB D	1/19/05
	H Ch & Fam Svcs	WS – Workfirst	1:30	JLOB D	1/20/05
<u>HB 1031</u>	H Comm & Labor	PH – long-term funding for problem gambling	1:30	JLOB C	1/17/05
	H Hlth Care	WS – DSHS	1:30	JLOB A	1/18/05
	H Hlth Care	WS – Future Financing/Struc MH, Capacity & Demand for Inpatient and Residential	1:30	JLOB A	1:30
	H Housing	WS – DSHS, Low Income Hsg Alliance	8:00	JLOB D	1/18/05
	H Housing	WS – Farm Worker Housing Trust	10:00	JLOB D	1/20/05
	H Juv Just/Fam Law	WS- Juvenile Crts, Treatment for Offenders and Non-offenders	10:00	JLOB E	1/18/05
<u>HB 1058, HB 1082</u>	H Juv Just/Fam Law	WS – Overview MH Treatment for Adolescents PH - revising provisions for MH treatment for minors	8:00	JLOB E	1/21/05
	Sen FI, Hsg, Cons Prot	WS – Housing Finance Commission/Hsg Authorities	3:30	JAC 2	1/18/05
<u>Init. 330 and 336</u>	Sen Hlth & LTC	PH – health liability reform	3:30	JAC 4	1/17/05
	Sen Hlth & LTC	WS – Prescription drugs	8:00	JAC 4	1/19/05
	Sen W & M	WS – Budget Outlook	1:30	JAC 4	1/19/05

Association News

WACO Legislative Committee Meets

Walla Walla County Prosecutor Jim Nagle, chair of the WACO 2005 Legislative Committee, convened the first meeting by conference call on Wednesday.

The Legislative Committee is comprised of the legislative chairs for each of the member groups of WACO. They will meet at least every other week during session to give a status report of their own affiliate's part of the WACO 2005 Legislative Package and to review other proposals that have not been previously reviewed by the membership. It is the responsibility of the committee to take a position on legislation that is "independent"

of the usual legislative process and is being proposed by an affiliate, an official or a county.

This week the committee voted to support a property tax measure to modify the taxation of land valued under the open space program changing the compensating tax period on agricultural and farm land from seven to three years when it is removed from current use and taxed at market value. The 20% penalty is eliminated on all current use classifications.

They also voted to support a measure to change the definition of weapons in a bill prohibiting possession of weapons by prisoners in county jails. The language changes "deadly weapon" to "any

weapon, firearm, or any instrument which, if used, could produce serious bodily injury to the person of another." The language mirrors the section prohibiting possession of the same in state facilities.

Chair Nagle has set the next conference call for Wednesday, January 19th at 8:15 a.m. Any WACO members with proposals they wish the committee to review should contact WACO.

Training and Upcoming Events

Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership Courses

Greetings from the Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership at the University of Washington's Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs! We want to remind you of our new **early registration policy for 2005 courses**. Our new policy is applications received 60 days prior to a course start date will receive the early registration discount.

Course descriptions and learning objectives may be viewed online at: www.cascadecourses.org/courses/Series-Schedule.html. We encourage you to spread the word about our courses – please forward this to any of your colleagues who might be interested in our programs.

If you have already registered for 2005, we thank you and look forward to seeing you soon!

If you have not yet registered, you may do so at our website: www.cascadecourses.org. We encourage you to take advantage of the early registration rate.

If you are a member of any of the following associations, **special tuition assistance funds** may be available to you; check with your association contact person for more information:

- ⊙ *Seattle Management Association*
- ⊙ *Washington City/Council Management Association*
- ⊙ *Washington City Planning Directors Association*
- ⊙ *Washington Finance Officers Association*
- ⊙ *Washington Public Ports Association*
- ⊙ *Washington State Association of County and Regional Planning Directors*

See our web site for course dates, descriptions, and more information about the Cascade Center: www.cascadecourses.org. Please contact us at 206-685-0523 or via e-mail at cascade@u.washington.edu (you can simply reply to this message) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in our 2005 courses.

Upcoming courses include:

March 28 – April 1 “Managing the Budget Process”

April 6 – 8 “Ethics, Leadership and Public Service”

April 14-15 “Creating a Performance-Based Organization”

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Courthouse Ramblings

A "retirement" dinner for former Cowlitz County Assessor **Dean Takko** will be held on Saturday, January 28, at Henri's Steaks and Seafood, in Longview, at 6:00 p.m. Takko (D) was recently appointed as the 19th District State Representative taking the place of Brian Hatfield, who resigned to take another position. Takko has served as the Cowlitz County Assessor for six years, and in the 80's was Wahkiakum County Assessor for 3 ½ years. For information about the dinner, please call Vicki Schuetze at (360) 577-3010. Cost is \$20 inclusive. Please RSVP.

Calendar of Events

<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Information</i>
For your convenience training and workshops are bolded.			
<u>JANUARY 2005</u>			
Assn of County Human Services	Olympia	January 19 - 20	(360) 753-1886
Washington State Association of County Auditors' (WSACA) Licensing Meeting	Comfort Inn & Conference Center, Tumwater	January 18-19	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Legislative Conference	Comfort Inn & Conference Center, Tumwater & WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 19-20	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Breakfast with Legislators	The Mason Jar Restaurant, Olympia	January 20	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Treasurers' Legislative Meeting	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 24-25	(360) 753-7319
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 27	(360) 753-1886
Urban County Caucus	Mercato Ristorante', Olympia	January 27	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	January 28	(360) 753-1886
<u>FEBRUARY 2005</u>			
Washington State Association of County Assessors' Legislative Meeting	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 1-3	(360) 740-1392
WSAC Board of Directors Meeting	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 10	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Rally Day	Phoenix Inn, Olympia	February 10	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	February 11	(360) 753-1886
<u>MARCH 2005</u>			
WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 3	(360) 753-1886
Urban County Caucus	Mercato Ristorante', Olympia	March 3	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 4	(360) 753-1886
National Association of Counties' (NACo) Annual Legislative Conference	Marriot Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC	March 4 - 8	www.naco.org
"Your Path to the Marketplace"	Pend Oreille County	Mar. 5 – Apr. 16	(509) 447-2401
WA Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners' (WACME) Medicolegal Training	WA State Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Bldg, Lacey	March 7-11	(360) 753-7319
Washington State Association of County Auditors' Recording Conference	Red Lion Hotel, Wenatchee	March 15-16	(360) 753-7319
Assn of County Human Services	Skamania County	March 16 - 18	(360) 753-1886
WCAA Annual Conference – Winter	Enzian Inn, Leavenworth	March 23 – 25	(360) 753-1886

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WSAC Rural Issues Sub-committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 24	(360) 753-1886
Urban County Caucus	Mercato Ristorante', Olympia	March 24	(360) 753-1886
WSAC Legislative Steering Committee	WA Counties Bldg, Olympia	March 25	(360) 753-1886