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# WSACT NEWS

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SHAWN MYERS



Legislative update:

SB 5767 (no charge for electronic payments/issuing duplicate warrants with a unique number) has passed both the House and Senate. There was an attempt to add our other HB 1798 (eliminate the advance tax on plats) that failed but, was going to be an amendment on the floor to SB 5767 by Representative Pike. These were our two priority bills. We thought this was going to save 1798 but, for some reason Representative Pike failed to do so. I have not heard why. HB 2539 (Concerning the inheritance exemption for real estate excise tax) was not something we proposed but a few of us worked with the sponsor to try to make it work better for us. This has also passed.



## WSACT MEMBERSHIP NEWS



**Sue Harnasch**

**Sue Harnasch** has accepted a new job at Stevens County as the Human Resource Director/Finance Director. Before becoming the Stevens County Treasurer in 2002, she was with the County Auditor's Office starting as accounts payable and working her way up to the Chief Accountant. She has also held the position of Treasurer of the City of Colville for three years before her County Treasurer tenure. Sue and her husband Rod have four adult daughters.



**Kathy Walsh** -

The Stevens County Commissioners have appointed **Kathy Walsh** as interim Treasurer. Kathy will seek appointment through the party process to be the appointed Treasurer. She is a native of Snohomish County. Her father Donald Britton was a business owner and Snohomish County Commissioner. She has lived in Stevens County for 16 years. Kathy has been with the Treasurers office for 14 years, five years as the Chief Deputy. Kathy and her husband Carl are parents of two children and she spends her spare time being a new grandmother!

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- Remember to add to your "to-do list" the T-1 Report. (RCW 42.17A.570). You are personally responsible to file a F-1 annually as an elected official but the T-1 Report is a report by the Finance Committee which you chair. Both the F-1 and T-1 are due on April 15th. Forms can be found at the PDC website. All three members of the Finance Committee should sign the T-1 Report.
- During the January Legislative Meeting in Olympia a brief Business Meeting of the Association was conducted where the only item on the agenda was acceptance of the Audit Report.
- District Chairs are currently planning for the District meetings. Dates and locations of these meetings should be available in our next newsletter.
- The Benton County Treasurer and Auditor have recently finished a two day "Mini Lean" (my term) with the State Auditor's Office Local Government Performance Team. The focus to identify "work waste and improve processes" in our financial reporting. It was a good start and our experience was very favorable. Please check out the State Auditor's website for more information under the Local Government Tab/ Resources. Good video about Cowlitz County is located there.
- The Government Investment Officers Association (GIOA) is coming up fast! March 23-25. Registration fee is only \$100 and free for first time attendees. Click [here](#) for the website.

### TREASURER HISTORY

(THANKS TO SHAWN MYERS. FROM THURSTON COUNTY ARCHIVES)

# PAY TAXES BEFORE DECEMBER 1

If Second Half of 1934 Taxes Are Not Paid Before December First, They Become Delinquent and Bear 10 Per Cent Interest.

If the Taxes of 1932 and Prior Years Are Paid Before December First, the Interest Is Remitted and Five Per Cent Rebate Will Be Allowed.

#### TAXES ARE LEVIED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES

General Expenses of Schools  
Erecting School Buildings  
Library  
Police and Fire Protection  
Port and County Government  
Social Service

*Paying taxes is a civic service, and our county advances only so far as we support the above services.*

**The Following Table Will Show the Advantage of Paying the Taxes of 1932 and Prior Years Before December 1st**

Year	Tax Bill	If Paid Before December 1st	If Paid After December 1st
<b>1926</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$91.25</b>
<b>1927</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$86.25</b>
<b>1928</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$81.25</b>
<b>1929</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$76.25</b>
<b>1930</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$71.25</b>
<b>1931</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$66.25</b>
<b>1932</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$47.50</b>	<b>\$61.25</b>

The taxpayers who are not prepared to take advantage of paying the taxes of 1932 and prior years without interest and with a five per cent rebate, will find the 20-payment contract over a period of ten years to their advantage. The 1933 tax is included in the contract plan.

If you are interested in the contract plan, call and see the County Treasurer for full explanation.

**J. R. JOHNSON**  
*County Treasurer*

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