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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE SHAWN MYERS

Update from Walla Walla Legislative/Mid-Summer Conference:

2016 Legislative Proposals/Results:

HB 1539 regarding hardship waivers of penalty and interest

This latest version will be used, if necessary, as an alternative to the original. Further changes will be made to strike the language about the postal service.

HB 1798 eliminating the advance tax requirement

This was approved as one of our WACO priorities. We will find sponsors for a Senate version.

1% fee retained by the county treasurer

We will wait to see if WSAC or others propose a similar bill and offer this as an alternative, if necessary. An ad hoc committee was formed to start researching the feasibility of this proposal and refining it for future consideration.

Mobile Homes within 84.64

Darryl Pheasant pulled this one due to concerns he received from a civil deputy PA in King County. Needs more work.

HB 1815 regarding electronic payments and duplicate warrants

This was approved as our other WACO priority legislation.

OST Legislation to create a Pooling County Committee

This was not approved. 3-yes and 22-no. Vote was tallied by Walla Walla County Auditor Karen Martin.

Shawn

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SECRETARY'S REPORT JOSIE KOELZER

The following items were discussed by the assembled Treasurers on Tuesday Morning, July 28, 2015 in Walla Walla:

Wanda Grone has notified us of her intent to put forth a proposal for the 2018 Conference to be held in Island County. Wanda reported the Clerks conferenced there this year.

Gordon Heimbigner discussed moving the conference dates in 2017 to start later in the week and run for a shorter time period (Wednesday through Friday) as opposed to the traditional Tuesday through Friday timeframe. The consensus of the group was cutting down the duration time of the annual conference was a desired outcome since the re-establishment of the separate legislative conference. The dates of the 2017 annual conference in Walla Walla will be June 21, to the 23rd.

A substantial amount of time was spent discussing the legislative process. As we are finishing the first year of the new process there was some feedback and ideas to make the process more defined and efficient. The following is a compilation of the consensus of the group and will be offered at the WACO Conference this Fall for approval:

WSACT Proposed Legislative Process:

Each of the four regional districts of WSACT will meet each year at least once from January to May to conduct an annual district meeting. One of the agenda items for this meeting is to hear proposed legislation from Treasurers to advance, by majority vote, no more than two proposals per district for consideration by the entire association at a legislative meeting in late July. Proposed Legislation must be presented using the form provided by the Legislative Chair and be in draft form, with changes noted to existing statutes.

Proposed Legislation rejected by a district may be appealed to another district for their consideration. No district may advance more than two proposals per year. Legislation that was previously approved but not successful in the state legislature must be returned through the WSACT approval process for further consideration. Rejected proposals from the last district to meet each year can be appealed to the WSACT legislative Committee for consideration of advancement.

District approved Proposed Legislation is required to be delivered by the District Chair to the Legislative chair by the first business day in June. The Legislative Chair will distribute the proposed legislation to the general membership at or before the Annual Meeting.

The WSACT Legislative Meeting will be scheduled in late July each year in the Central part of the state, preferably Ellensburg. The Legislative Meeting will have a tentative duration of one day over a two calendar day period (ie. 12 p.m.-noon to approximately 12 p.m. the following day) All proposed legislation from the districts must receive a majority vote to advance with a limit of two proposals for WACO priority consideration. WSACT may consider advancing other legislation on its own without WACO involvement.



TREASURER MEMORIAL VERA KANEN

Former Walla Walla Treasurer Vera V. Kanen passed away June 29, 2015, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland. Vera was born in 1929 in Granville, N.D., to Fredrich and Magdalene Widmayer. She graduated from Granville High School and moved to Walla Walla in 1947.

A strong and proud person, she raised three children as a single mother. She passed her strong moral values and respect for others onto her children.

Vera began working in the Walla Walla County Treasurer's Office in 1962. She was appointed as county treasurer in 1976. Throughout her 17-year career as treasurer she was admired for the service she provided. Vera retired from office in 1993.

She had a wide variety of interests and hobbies. Vera loved flowers and always took pride in having beautiful flowers in her yard. She loved to sew and was an excellent seamstress. Vera was an avid sports fan and rarely missed a Seahawks or Mariners game; she especially enjoyed watching her grandsons' games.



2016 WSACT CONFERENCE AT RED LION OLYMPIA

We are all set to take reservations! Attendees can either call our toll-free number, 800 Red Lion and ask for the Association of County Treasurers group rate, or, if they prefer, they can access the group rate online at www.redlion.com and entering the group code WAST0620.

CALENDAR

WFOA Sept 15, to Sept. 18, 2015, Tacoma Convention & Trade Center <http://www.wfoa.org>

WACO Sept.28 to Oct 2, 2015, : Hotel Murano, Tacoma, WA www.countyofficials.org

GIOA, March 23-25, 2016 Monte Carlo Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. <http://www.gioa.us/events.html>

WPTA, April 13-15, 2016, Campbell's Resort, Chelan, WA www.wmta-online.com

WSACT Legislative Rally, Jan 2016 TBA

WSACT District Meetings Jan-May 2016, TBA

WSACT Annual Meeting, June 21-24, 2016, Red Lion Inn, Olympia, WA

Treasurer History

By Duane Davidson

John A. Miller
Former Klickitat County Treasurer
Gr-Grandfather to Greg Gallagher



John's father Charles, was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States when he

was six years old. Charles later served in the Civil War with the Union Army. John's mother Sarah Ketch Miller was born in Ohio and married Charles after the Civil War, they first lived in Kansas, where John was born in 1876 and then the Miller family moved to Goldendale when John was 14 years old. John finished his common school education in Klickitat County then enrolled in a business College In Portland OR. He sustained his living during this time working in sawmills, then later opened a successful barber-shop business in Goldendale which he sold in 1900 to start a farm two miles west of Centerville. He was elected first as County Clerk, then County Treasurer in 1914 (exactly 100 years later his Gr-Grandson Greg was elected). He was elected to two- 2 yr terms then served many years as a State Representative , County Auditor and finally as the County Clerk. His farm near Centerville is still in operation today, owned by two of his grandsons.



Treasurer Profiles

Greg Gallagher

Klickitat County Treasurer

My Hometown: *Goldendale, WA*

The hardest thing I've ever done: *Accept being a cancer survivor of Hodgkin Lymphoma & Renal Cell Carcinoma while being a husband and active dad.*

Three people (living or dead) I'd invite to dinner: *Abe Lincoln, Great Grampa John A. Miller, John Wooden*

A dream I have is to: *Build a sports complex/gym and beautiful softball fields for youth to enjoy sports.*

You'd be surprised to learn that my: *Great Grandfather was elected the Klickitat County Treasurer in 1914*

The most adventurous thing I've ever done is: *Snowmobiled to nearly the top of Mt St Helen's.(ya, not too adventurous...)*

My favorite way to relax is: *Hang out and spend time with my family.*

I'm most proud of: *The person that I have become.*

My favorite meal is: *Steak and baked potatoes.*

My pet peeve is: *Lazy people!*

My motto is: *"Look good, feel good, do good!"*

The last book I read was: *Life Code by Dr. Phil*

My favorite movie is: *Top Gun*

My favorite music is: *Country, but I like it all :)*

My Hero-or-Role Model is: *There isn't just one, I'm thankful to my parents, grand parents and influential people throughout my career.*

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