

SKILLS

- Municipal & Government Finance
- Executive Financial Leadership
- Operating & Capital Budget Development
- Multi-Year Financial Planning & Forecasting
- Treasury & Cash Management
- Public Investment Portfolio Management
- Governmental Accounting & GASB
- Financial Reporting & Analysis
- Washington State Auditor Compliance
- Internal Controls & Fiscal Accountability
- Revenue Forecasting & Analysis
- Banking & Financial Institution Management
- Purchasing & Expenditure Controls
- Payroll & Accounts Payable Oversight
- Governmental Fund Accounting
- Staff Leadership & Development

EDUCATION

EASTERN WASHINGTON MPACC,
MASTERS IN PROF ACCOUNTING
2026

EASTERN WASHINGTON
BA, **BACHELORS IN BUSINESS**
ADMINISTRATION
2006

Leslie Peterson, MPAcc

CPA EXAM ELIGIBLE

Public-sector finance executive with more than 10 years of governmental financial leadership experience overseeing complex municipal financial operations, budgeting, treasury and investment management, accounting, financial reporting, internal controls, regulatory compliance, and organizational financial strategy. Currently serving as an elected County Treasurer, with responsibility for financial activity across more than 100 governmental funds and an approximately \$120 million public investment portfolio.

Collaborative and resilient leader with demonstrated experience developing staff, improving financial systems and processes, resolving complex financial issues, strengthening internal controls, and navigating sensitive public-sector environments with integrity, professionalism, and sound judgment.

STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

County Treasurer | April 2016 - Current

Serve as an elected countywide financial executive responsible for treasury operations, cash and investment management, banking, financial controls, statutory compliance, and stewardship of public funds for a complex Washington local government.

- Provide executive-level financial leadership and advice to County Commissioners, department heads, elected officials, and other stakeholders regarding financial strategy, budgeting, revenues, cash management, investments, internal controls, and fiscal sustainability.
- Oversee treasury activity involving 100+ governmental funds, maintaining fund integrity, accountability, accurate cash positions, and compliance with Washington State requirements.
- Participate extensively in countywide operating and capital budget development, financial analysis, revenue forecasting, and long-range fiscal planning.
- Played a key role in identifying structural budget misalignment and developing a balanced 2026 County budget following multiple years of fiscal imbalance.
- Support Washington State Auditor examinations and address complex audit, compliance, financial reporting, and internal-control matters.
- Manage relationships with multiple banking and financial institutions and evaluate banking services, investment alternatives, financial products, and operational risks.
- Exercise independent executive judgment in confidential and politically sensitive matters while maintaining transparency, professionalism, and statutory responsibility.