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Virginia Counties Organize Regional Courthouse Meetings

Beginning this Spring, VACo staff will participate in Regional Courthouse Meetings around the state in order to identify legislative issues of interest to Virginia's 95 counties.

County officials will receive an invitation to attend from a regional representative on the VACo Board. The meetings offer members an opportunity to network with regional elected officials and administrators. Dates and locations are listed below:

March 14 - 10 a.m., Region 11
Greenfield Education and Training Center in Daleville (Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Giles, Roanoke)

March 22 - 9 a.m., Region 3
Hanover County Board Room (Charles City, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent)

March 23 - noon, Region 8
Fairfax County Government Center (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William)

March 29 - 3 p.m., Region 10
Pittsylvania County General District Courtroom, Chatham (Appomattox, Campbell, Floyd,

Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania)

March 29 - 6 p.m., Region 1
Wakefield 4-H Center (Accomack, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex)

March 29 - 7 p.m., Region 4
Southside Virginia Community College in Alberta (Amelia, Brunswick, Charlotte, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward)

April 16 - 6:30 p.m., Regions 12 and 13
Southwest Virginia Education Center in Abingdon (Region 12: Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington, Wythe; Region 13: Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, Wise)

April 19 - time TBA (late afternoon), Region 5
Fluvanna County Courthouse (Albemarle, Buckingham, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Powhatan, Nelson)

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Highlights from VACo/VML Legislative Day 2007



By Wendy Jenkins
VACo President Teresa Altemus introduces Gov. Timothy Kaine.



By David Parsons (VML)
Southampton County Supervisor Walter Brown, III, listens to staff presentations.



By Wendy Jenkins
More than 500 local officials attended VACo/VML Legislative Day at the Richmond Marriott.

Courthouse Meetings

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April 20 - 2 p.m., Region 7

Germanna Community College Culpeper Campus with a simul-cast to the Fredericksburg Campus (Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, King George, Louisa, Orange, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, Stafford)

April 30 - place and time TBA, Regions 6 and 9

(Region 6: Clarke, Frederick, Greene, Madison, Page, Shenandoah, Warren; Region 9: Alleghany,

Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Rockingham)

May 9 - 9 a.m., Region 2

Location in James City County TBA (Essex, Gloucester, James City, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, York)

Each county will designate one representative to discuss key issues during the meeting. This information will help VACo staff develop the 2008 Legislative

Program. VACo's legislative team will provide a brief update regarding the recently concluded legislative session.

Mark your regional meeting on the calendar! This is a unique opportunity for regional leaders to come together to discuss important issues.

For more information contact Mike Edwards or Carol Huff at (804) 788-6652. ☞



Take Advantage of VACo's Network Consulting Services

As an added member benefit, VACo's technical services staff can help your county navigate through the myriad of networking technology options, assess short-term and long-term goals and design a personalized solution for your needs.

We want to provide you with guidance to help your county develop a strategy for achieving its technology goals. It's all part of VACo's commitment to Virginia's 95 counties to be:

- Efficient, innovative and goal oriented
- A valuable resource network for planning and implementing new ideas and technologies

Whether your county is starting from the ground up to implement a network solution or is in need of a redesign of an existing network, we're here to help. We'll start by talking to key technology and management staff to identify the technology goals and objectives of your organization. Together, we

will determine a strategic direction that can improve productivity, reduce operating costs and increase efficiency. It's important to note that VACo will not be the vendor that will provide hands-on implementation and installation.

What services are offered?

- Network Design & Integration
 - * Network needs analysis
 - * Local Area Networks (LAN) and Wide Area Networks (WAN)
 - * Disaster recovery options
 - * Internet/Intranet integration
 - * File server configurations
- Security Assessment
 - * Virus Protection: Active and passive scanning of e-mails and attachments, as well as files that move about your network to ensure that they are free of malicious software
 - * Intrusion Detection: Scanning to detect unauthorized access to your network through active computer and information monitoring
 - * Vulnerability Assessment: In-

depth analysis of critical systems providing a customized security blueprint, thus reducing weaknesses in your network

- * Security Policy and Implementation: Developing and implementing a tailored policy, using high availability equipment and other industry standard security measures

Experience counts

John N. Kandris, A+, ACT CCA MCP, has extensive network administration and network integration and building experience both in the government and private industry sectors. He has designed, installed and implemented VACo's state-of-the-art network. His clients have included major companies such as Dupont Fibers Federal Credit Union, Cigna Healthcare and Bank of America. Contact John at jkandris@vaco.org or (804) 343-2508. ☞

EPA Grants Available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has \$2.7 million to support community based partnerships for reducing risks from toxins. The EPA will award the funds to cooperative agreements through its Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program.

Local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities may apply for funding. The EPA will conduct conference calls on Feb. 20 and 26, and March 1 for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process. Applications are due April 9.

For additional information about the 2007 cooperative agreements, projects awarded in 2005 and 2006, and how to apply, visit <http://www.epa.gov/care/agreements.htm>. Additional information about the CARE program is available at <http://www.epa.gov/care/>. ☞



Mark Your Calendar...

NACo Legislative Conference

March 3-7, Hilton Washington & Towers, Washington, D.C.
www.naco.org

Forum for Rural Innovation

March 9, Winchester
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Best Western Lee-Jackson
Motor Inn & Conference Center

The forum will feature a series of presentations with an emphasis on farming for high profitability by using innovative and sound business approaches particularly suited to the Mid-Atlantic region. A \$35 registration fee includes the forum program, morning refreshments, and a buffet lunch. Registration information is available online at www.LoudounFarms.org or by calling (703) 777-0426. Pre-registration by March 2 is required.

The 2007 City and County Technology Summit

March 12-14, Las Vegas, NV
Hosted by The Performance Institute, the 2007 City & County Technology Summit is the most comprehensive event offered to educate and train local professionals to improve performance in IT. VACo members will receive 25 percent off tuition. Please mention code T560-VAC when registering.
Contact: Melvin Hall
Hall@PerformanceWeb.org
(703) 894-0481
<http://www.cityandcounty.org/>

The Lobby School

March 13-14, Alexandria
Hampton Inn Alexandria South
Registration and information is available at <http://www.lobby-school.com>. 501(c)(3), IRC groups receive a 20 percent discount. Register for one or both days.

Virginia Government Communicators Spring Conference

April 17, Fairfax County Government Center
For more information visit <http://www.vgconline.net/> or call Barbara Gordon at (703) 642-4635.

VACo Board of Directors Meeting

April 28, location TBA

VACo Supervisor Certification Course

April 29-30, location TBA
Closing session on June 29
Inventing Your County's Future: The Role of Community Planning

America's Anniversary Weekend

May 11-13, Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement and Anniversary Park
Tickets are available by calling (866) 400-1607 or at www.americas400thanniversary.com.

VACo Resolutions Committee Meeting

May 24, Albemarle County
(location TBA) ☼

Congratulations!

Dewberry, one of the nation's leading engineering consultants, has been selected to engineer the 200-acre site for Swedwood North America's new furniture manufacturing plant at Cane Creek Centre, an industrial park in Pittsylvania County. A subsidiary of The IKEA Group, Swedwood anticipates employing more than 700 at the plant, with operations starting up in late 2007.

DJG, Inc., a 29-year-old engineering, architecture and planning firm based in Williamsburg, is pleased to announce the addition of Larry Slaughter, LS, as a civil designer. Ivy Stroud, Associate AIA, has joined the firm's Architectural Group. ☼

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads have been edited due to space considerations. To view the full versions, visit www.VACo.org.

Assistant Chief Financial Officer/ City of Asheville

The starting salary range for this position is \$52,275 - \$69,265 with an excellent benefits package. Submit an application and resume to the City of Asheville, Human Resources Department, P. O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148, fax 828-259-5479, or e-mail apply@ashevillenc.gov. Applications are available at www.ashevillenc.gov. Open until filled.

Assistant County Administrator /Director of Finance

Send resume and application to Angelia Yancey, County Administrator, Charles City County, P.O. Box 128, Charles City, VA 23030. Closing date: Feb. 20.

Budget Analyst II/Fairfax County

\$48,189 Job # 07-9074
It is anticipated that this position will be filled with an entry level budget analyst. Apply online at www.fairfax-county.gov/jobs. TTY (703) 222-7314.

Building Inspector/King and Queen County

Annual salary \$28,000 to \$30,000. Open until filled. For

additional information, contact the King and Queen County Administrator's Office at (804) 785-5975.

Building Official/Montgomery County

Salary DOQ with excellent benefits. County application required. Open until position is filled. For more information about this position contact Human Resources at (540) 394-2007 (TDD 540-382-5700); County Job Line (540-394-2010); or visit www.montva.com.

Chief Internal Auditor/Stafford County

Salary Range: \$91,102 - \$141,208
Application Deadline: March 23. Qualified applicants should apply online at www.co.stafford.va.us.

City Manager/Portsmouth

Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary and references to: John T. Maxwell or Roger M. Scott, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 4698 Honeygrove Road, Suite 4, Virginia Beach, VA 23455 by March 23. Fax (757) 422-6617 or email: jmaxwell@springsted.com. For a full profile describing the City of Portsmouth and the position visit www.springsted.com.

Community Engagement Specialist/County Executive's Office

Salary Range: \$37,699-\$48,969/Annually. Deadline: March 2. Apply online at www.albemarle.org Send cover letter & resume to Gilliam@albemarle.org, County of Albemarle,

Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827.

Communications Officer/Henrico County

Accepting applications from Feb. 2 - March 4. Starting salary \$30,437.97 annually. www.henricopolice.org, applications accepted online at www.henricojobs.com

Coordinator of Management Support Unit/Albemarle County

Salary \$46,524 - \$60,481
Deadline: March 2. Complete job description and online application at www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp. County of Albemarle, Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827.

County Attorney/Prince Edward County

Letters of interest with resume and fee requirements will be accepted through March 9. Please submit letter/resume to: County of Prince Edward, ATTN: Sarah Elam Puckett, Acting County Administrator, P.O. Box 382, Farmville, VA 23901. (434-392-8837). spuckett@co.prince-edward.va.us

Director of Tourism/Bedford County, City

Starting salary range is \$50,312 - \$55,343 depending on experience, plus excellent benefits package. Applications and job

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descriptions are available at www.co.bedford.va.us, (540) 586-7601. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Engineer I/City of Richmond

Position #35M00000473
The Department of Public Utilities - Technical Services Division - is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Engineer I to support our Water Utility Engineering Group. Salary Range: \$42,072 - \$69,106
Submit a City of Richmond completed application at the following website:
<http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/hr/hrjobs.aspx>. For more information call (804) 646-5900. Open until filled.

Engineer II/City of Richmond

Position #35M00000631
The Department of Public Utilities - Wastewater Division is seeking a highly qualified individual for the position of Engineer II. Salary Range: \$49,183 - \$80,787. Submit a City of Richmond completed application at the following website: <http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/hr/hrjobs.aspx>. For more information call (804) 646-5900. Open until filled

Engineer III/City of Richmond

Position #35M00000623 (Wastewater Utility). Salary Range: \$53,923-\$88,571. Position is open until filled. Submit a City of Richmond

completed application at the following website:
<http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/hr/hrjobs.aspx>. For more information call (804) 646-5900.

Engineer III/City of Richmond

Position #35M00000621
The Department of Public Utilities - Technical Services Division - is seeking a highly qualified individual for the position of Engineer III - Gas Design (Mechanical, Civil or Electrical Engineer preferred). Salary Range: \$53,923 - \$88,571. Position is open until filled. Submit a City of Richmond completed application at the following website: <http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/hr/hrjobs.aspx>. For more information call (804) 646-5900. Open until filled.

Engineer III/City of Richmond

Position #35M00000767
Water Maintenance Engineer is responsible for managing Water Maintenance, Paving, and External Contracts. Salary Range: \$53,923-\$88,571. Submit a City of Richmond completed application at the following website: <http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/departments/hr/hrjobs.aspx>. For more information call (804) 646-5900. Open until filled.

Water Operator/Louisa County

Contact the Authority office for details. Louisa County Water Authority, P. O. Box 9, Louisa, Virginia 23093. (540) 967-1122

Manager of Program Accountability/Albemarle County Dept. of Social Services

Position #00057
Salary: \$43,362 - \$52,035
Full job description available at www.albemarle.org/jobs. State application is required. Deadline: Feb. 23. Apply: Albemarle County Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902 (434) 296-5327, Fax (434) 296-5828.

Town Manager/Colonial Beach

Town residency required. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 8790 Park Central Drive, Suite B, Richmond, VA 23227; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail richmond@springsted.com by March 9. For a full community position profile visit www.springsted.com.

Zoning Administrator/Pulaski County

Send resume, cover letter and references to the Virginia Employment Commission, 206 Third Street, Radford, VA 24141 or to Peter M. Huber, County Administrator, 143 Third Street, N. W., Suite 1, Pulaski, VA 24301. The County will begin review of all Applications on Feb. 23. ☹

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