



County Connections

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DPB releases budget guidance to CAOs regarding local cuts

By Mike Edwards and Dean Lynch
VACo STAFF

Virginia's 95 county administrators received an e-mail on April 4 from Richard Brown, the director of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget, regarding the pending state budget cuts affecting every county and city.

The DPB Web site (dpb.virginia.gov) includes estimates for each locality's share of the \$100 million. In addition to the locality-by-locality listing, a summary by state agency service area and a definition of these service areas is also provided on the Web site.

CAOs must take notice of specific deadlines included in the April 4 memorandum, including:

*Given that the 2008 Appropriation Act will not be enacted until July 1, 2008, the Department of Planning and Budget is not required to release the locality-by-locality listing until Aug. 1. The required Aug. 1 listing will serve as the basis for the amount each locality will be required to reduce its state aid.

*Per the enrolled budget bill, localities will have the choice of



Richard Brown has been DPB director since 2001.

Photo courtesy of the DPB.

electing 1) to take the total savings out of one program included on the list, (2) reduce multiple state aid programs on a proportional basis or by a specified percentage reduction, or (3) reimburse the Commonwealth in aggregate for their share of the savings. Localities will be required to make their election by Aug. 30.

*If option 3 is elected, a locality will be required to make payment to the state by Jan. 9, 2009.

Item 475.20 of the 2008 state budget bill (as enrolled) requires

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Governor's Commission on Climate Change holds second meeting

By Larry Land
VACo STAFF

On March 27 the Governor's 43-member Commission on Climate Change held a day-long meeting at the University of Virginia's Miller Center for Public Affairs in Charlottesville. This was the second of five meetings scheduled around the state between last February and this June.

Opening remarks for the March 27 meeting to Commission members were provided by former Gov. Gerald Baliles (current Director of the Miller Center).

He emphasized the urgent problem of climate change and its need to be taken very seriously. Baliles announced plans by the Miller Center to convene a major conference on climate change in early December. He said this conference will promote "open discussions" about:

- *The historic developments leading to expedited increases in atmospheric temperatures since the mid-20th century;

- *The "existing dynamics" across federal, state and local governments;

- *How market forces can be channeled and utilized to reduce the release of greenhouse gases into the environment;

*The development of recommendations pertaining to the role of all three levels of government.

Baliles said that many of the conference attendees will be academics from major universities across the country. The chief objective of the conference will be a report with major policy recommendations to be released to the public in early 2009.

Following Baliles' speech, there were presentations by representatives of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Pew Center

on Climate Change (www.pewclimate.org). Information in both presentations supported what the speakers referred to as a "consensus" among 2,000 of the world's leading scientific authorities that global warming is truly a phenomenon that has man-made causes.

The Pew Center contends that over the last 34 years total emissions of greenhouse gases (principally CO₂, methane, nitrous oxide and certain "synthetic gases") have increased by 70 percent. The combination of increased emissions and massive

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VACo Notes

Patrick Hanley, son of former VACo president **Kate Hanley**, recently was injured in Iraq while serving in the U.S. Army.

Patrick is recovering in Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The entire VACo family extends our thoughts and prayers to the Hanley family.

Kate Hanley represented Fairfax County and presided as VACo president in 1996.

Earl Henson Henley, VACo president in 1975, died on March 29 at his home in Manakin near the site of his birth 87 years ago.

Earl is known for his outstanding leadership and his many contributions to the Goochland community.

He served as county fire chief for 34 years and was on the Board of Supervisors for 25 years with 12 years as chairman.

Earl was a Marine (4th Division) and fought at Iwo Jima where he also witnessed the flag raising on Mount Suribachi.

VACo staff member **Gage Harter** recently won first place for sports writing portfolio from the Virginia Press Association.

The compilation of his work appeared in Richmond Magazine. It was the second consecutive year Harter won first place.



Gov. signs bills that improve mental health treatment

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine signed two General Assembly bills on April 9 that arose from the Virginia Tech tragedy of a year ago and will improve protections for our citizens and treatment for people with mental illness. The omnibus mental health bills are House Bill 499 (Hamilton) and Senate Bill 246 (Howell).

Both bills address the following:

- *Commitment criteria;
- *Disclosures of mental health information between parties (in various Code sections relating to juvenile and adult commitment, jail transfers, and the Health Records Privacy statute);
- *Definition of “responsible person” who may initiate the involuntary treatment process;
- *Evidence that can be considered in issuing emergency custody orders (ECO), temporary detention orders (TDO), and commitment orders;
- *2-hour ECO extension for good cause;
- *Feedback from community services boards to the petitioner or physician if a TDO will not be recommended;
- *Pre-hearing independent examination and CSB preadmission screening;
- *Required elements of independent exam;
- *Requirements for examiner and CSB to attend and participate in hearings;
- *Procedure for transfer of cases between courts, when necessary;
- *New Mandatory Outpatient Treatment (MOT) requirements and procedures;
- *and, confidentiality of court records.



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Gov. Kaine signs legislation that includes bills to reform and fund mental health services, adjust legal commitment criteria and improve campus security.

The conference report on the 2009 and 2010 biennial budget includes flexibility for the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (DMHMRSAS) to work with system stakeholders to determine how funds can best be allocated to meet the pressing need for improved care surrounding the civil commitment process.

The biennium budget includes \$28.3 million to be allocated in key areas, including:

- *Emergency Services - (1) Improving access to emergency psychiatric care, (2) Increasing emergency staff to provide crisis response, participate in commitment hearings, etc. and (3) Expanding the number of residential crisis stabilization programs. Expanded emergency services would provide intensive services, rapid access and peer-provided services as part of the civil commitment process.
- *Outpatient Services – Expands and improves outpatient services by adding new outpatient clinicians as part of the civil commitment process.
- *Case Management – Increases case management throughout the Commonwealth to provide coordination and linkage services with a focus on helping individuals adhere to a treatment plan as part of the civil commitment process.

For more information, contact Dean A. Lynch at dlynch@vaco.org.

New transportation report documents funding constraints at all levels of government

By Robert J. Fogel
NACo SENIOR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR



The gap between America's surface transportation needs and the financial resources required to bridge them is large, short-term and long-term, according to a report released by state and local government groups. All levels of government must work together to set system-performance goals and provide the financial means to meet those goals, the report concluded.

Financing Transportation in the 21st Century--An Intergovernmental Perspective was issued March 12 by the Intergovernmental Forum on Transportation Finance, a body convened by the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) on behalf of six national associations.

NACo was active in developing the report along with its state and local association partners that included the National Governors Association, National League of Cities, National Conference of State Legislatures, The Council of State Governments and International City/County Management Association.

The mandate of the forum was to consider "the current status of surface transportation financing, the appropriate roles of each level of government and the governing policies and financing agreements that may be needed."

The transportation system

**The full report is
available at
www.naco.org under
"Issues and Interest
Areas/Issues/
Transportation."**

that the report considers includes nearly 4 million miles of roads and highways, nearly 600,000 bridges, almost 178,000 transit vehicles, approximately 11,000 miles of transit track-miles and nearly 3,000 transit stations.

"There is a national funding crisis in transportation and we need to act now," said Mort Downey, chairman of PB Consult, Inc. He is a former U.S. deputy secretary of transportation and served as chairman of the Intergovernmental Forum on Transportation Finance, which issued the report.

In addition to Downey, there

were 19 other principals who guided the work of the report, including representatives from the six state and local government associations, congressional staff, Bush administration representatives and several NAPA fellows.

NACo was represented by Supervisor Scott Haggerty of Alameda County, Calif., and Tony Giancola, executive director of the National Association of County Engineers.

According to Haggerty, "There is a great deal of information in this report that will be useful to county officials as they make decisions on and try to influence decisions on transportation policy at all levels. I was pleased to be part of the forum and believe that NACo was able to play a leadership role."

One of the most interesting and important sections looks at the roles and responsibilities of the different levels of government, including system ownership, system components, system funding, federal-aid

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A fish tale of two counties



Photos courtesy of Franklin County



Some would argue Smith Mountain Lake is about the most beautiful thing in Virginia. It spans 40 miles long and 20,600 acres and has 500 miles of shoreline.

The lake was created after the damming of the Blackwater and Roanoke rivers. The filling process started on Sept. 24, 1963 and didn't finish until March 7, 1966.

The place is spectacular to behold. Water from the Roanoke River runs down from the Blue Ridge Mountains and then flows to create Kerr Reservoir. The current then makes its way through the Albemarle Sound and into the Atlantic Ocean.

And boy do the bass bite at Smith Mountain Lake.

"The fishing is pretty good, but when the pros show up on the water, the catching gets

even better," said Scott Martin, director of Franklin County Commerce & Leisure Services.

About 90 percent of Smith Mountain Lake's shores belong to Franklin and Bedford counties. The other 10 percent rests in Pittsylvania County.



It would be easy for these neighbors to squabble over this precious commodity, but that's not how it is. The three counties, especially Franklin and Bedford, share resources, involve each other in decisions and cooperate to solve problems.

Franklin and Bedford operate a joint fire and rescue service on the lake as well as maintain the water system together. They each have representatives on a joint commission.

One shining example of their unity was when a parasite was killing off the lake's striped bass



The pristine waters of beautiful Smith Mountain Lake. Plus, Casey Ashley shows off his winning trophy and a Virginia Tech helmet autographed by every Blue Ridge Brawl competitor.

at an alarming rate several years ago. The counties worked together to remedy the situation and because of the increased population of the fish, attracted the attention of the folks at ESPN Bassmaster Series.

And in case you're wondering, it is that ESPN, the powerful all-sports network.

Franklin and Bedford coun-

Smith Mountain Lake

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Mark Your Calendar...

The 2008 Virginia Interoperable Communications Conference

**Sept. 30-Oct. 1
Norfolk Waterside Marriott**

This year's conference agenda is currently being developed, but we plan to have more participant interaction and panel discussions where questions and answers can be freely exchanged. This will be our 5th Statewide Conference and we hope to have 300+ attendees! Online registration is now available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingevents/interop/2008.cfm.

Hotel accommodations are also available by calling the Norfolk Marriott at (757) 627-4200 OR (800) 874-0264. The rate is \$94 plus tax. Please be sure to contact the hotel by Monday, Sept. 8 and mention your attendance at the Virginia Interoperable Communications Conference in order to receive this special conference rate. For your convenience, the hotel will establish a link specifically for the conference so you can make hotel reservations online. The link will be forwarded to you once it is made available.

Please note there will be a \$25 registration fee this year for all attendees to help offset conference costs. (Participating vendors and sponsors will be registered at NO CHARGE upon receipt of their agreement forms).

You can access the Commonwealth Interoperability Web site for more information on interoperability and conference updates at www.interoperability.virginia.gov.

We look forward to seeing you in Norfolk this year!



Interoperability allows key public safety personnel to talk with one another via high-tech communication systems.

Eastern Virginia Energy Conservation Conference 2008



**May 14-15
Ted Constant Convocation Center in Norfolk**

Old Dominion University with support from the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (DMME) invite you to participate in the Eastern Virginia Energy Conservation Conference (EVEC 2008).

The conference will focus on the proper management of available energy and developing effective energy management programs that positively impact the bottom line. In conjunction with the conference is a great opportunity to view new products and watch product demonstrations from the energy conservation arena.

Conference proceeds will be used to fund scholarships.

Learn more about the Eastern Virginia Energy Conservation Conference by visiting www.evec2008.com.

To receive the Early Bird pricing at the special Friends of VATPDC price register before Friday, April 25.

Friends of VATPDC Early Bird Pricing: \$95.00

To register, visit www.evec2008.com to download the appropriate forms. Please include on the form registration code VAT95 next to the General Admission pricing.

If you need more information please contact Kendra J. Briscoe, program manager, at (757) 683-5479 or kbriscoe@odu.edu.

Or Sam A. Manning, conference coordinator, at (757) 683-3825 or smanning@odu.edu.

Grant Writing Workshop

**May 29-30
Harrisonburg**

James Madison University Police Department and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Harrisonburg, May 29-30, 2008. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies are encouraged to attend.

Purchase orders, checks and credit cards are welcome. Multi-enrollment discounts are available. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment.

Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 220MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals.

For more information including venue location and maps, graduate testimonials and instant, online enrollment, please call 800-814-8191 or visit www.GrantWritingUSA.com.

Public Hearing Notice

Help Shape Virginia Transportation Future FY2009-2014 six-year improvement program Working draft final public hearings

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) invites your comments about essential rail, public transportation, commuter services, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects to be approved in June.

You can review the working draft FY2009-2014 SYIP on VirginiaDOT.org and at VDOT district and residency offices after April 16. For information on statewide rail and transit plans, visit www.drpt.virginia.gov.

(Public hearings for local/secondary/municipality-maintained roads are held in other forums)



Wednesday, April 16
5 p.m.
Holiday Inn Select Downtown
601 Main St.
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Monday, April 21
6 p.m.
VDOT Bristol District Office Auditorium
870 Bonham Rd.
Bristol, VA 24201

Wednesday, April 23
6 p.m.
VDOT Central Office Auditorium
1221 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Thursday, April 24
6 p.m.
Hampton Roads Planning District Regional Building
723 Woodlake Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Wednesday, April 30
6 p.m.
Rockingham County Administration Center
20 East Gay St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Wednesday, May 14
7:30 p.m.
Northern Virginia CC
Ernst Cultural Center
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003
(free parking student B lots 1-17)

Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program

**May 4-5 with concluding session on June 30
Charlottesville**

Sign up for one of the five core courses in the Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program, a joint effort of Virginia Tech and the Virginia Association of Counties. A registration form for "Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities" can be found on www.vaco.org.

Call Carol Huff at 804-343-2507 with questions.

Regional VACo Meetings Schedule

**VACo Region 5
Fluvanna County**
April 29/6:30 p.m.-8 p.m
Fluvanna County Courthouse
Palmyra, VA
Constance Brennan, region director
Contact Info:
Connie Brennan
(434) 263-4690

**VACo Region 12
Wythe County**
April 29/6:30 p.m
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Room 240
Abingdon, VA
Danny McDaniel, region director
Contact Info:
Danny McDaniel
(276) 620-0087

**VACo Region 2
Middlesex County**
May 14/9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dozier's Regatta Point Marina
Deltaville, VA
John Miller Jr., region director
Contact Info:
Marcia Jones
Middlesex County Administrator's Office
(804) 758-4330

Virginia Transit Association 2008 Annual Meeting

**May 19-21
Crystal City**

Three-day conference will be held at the Hilton Crystal City in Arlington, May 19 – 21. This conference is for all transportation professionals interested in moving transit to the NEXT LEVEL! Contact 804-643-1166 or www.vatransit.com for more information.

Congratulations!

Gov. announces 85 new jobs for Hanover

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine today announced on April 9 that Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee Inc. will invest \$40.1 million to open a roasting facility in the Town of Ashland in Hanover County, creating 85 jobs. The company will roast and package coffee for both retail and food service industries, as well as produce flavored coffee, organic coffee, fair trade coffee, infused coffee and iced and hot tea products. Virginia successfully competed with Maryland and North Carolina for the project.



“It is a pleasure to welcome Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee to Virginia,” Kaine said. “Hanover County’s proximity to the company’s current customer base, as well as the Commonwealth’s business climate, both drove the company’s decision for Virginia. The value of the Port of Virginia in economic development was underscored as Mother Parkers plans to bring the bulk of its green coffee and raw tea through our port.”

Established in 1912 and headquartered in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, privately owned Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee has grown into a leading expert in traditional and specialty coffee, tea and complementary beverage solutions for the retail and food service industries. Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee Inc. employs approximately 600 in Canada and the United States.

Draper Aden Associates make two moves

Barbara Hadley has been promoted to a project administrator for the Environmental Team in the Richmond office.



Barbara will help facilitate project scheduling, budgeting and planning. She has been with the firm for five years.

Draper Aden Associates are pleased also to announce that Tracy Christian has joined the firm as administrative support in the Charlottesville office.

Tracy has 18 years of administrative experience and is currently pursuing a degree at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

Business Appreciation Week

May 11-17



Each year, the Commonwealth of Virginia sets aside a time to recognize and celebrate its existing business community. Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has designated May 11-17 for the state and localities to acknowledge the positive effect Virginia businesses have on the quality of life and economic prosperity throughout the Commonwealth.

This year’s Business Appreciation Week features “The State of Small Business,” which constitutes 98 percent of Virginia’s business community and creates over 60 percent of all new jobs. Small businesses account for half of Virginia’s contribution to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product-- a whopping \$160 billion.

During Business Appreciation Week, Virginia celebrates the contributions of all companies and offers special recognition to the small business community. From Abingdon to Zuni, their vision, courage and perseverance supports state and local governments, major industries and citizens of the Commonwealth. Across “The State of Small Business,” entrepreneurs are realizing their dreams as they grow from home offices and garages to sprawling facilities and sparkling high-rises.

Business Appreciation Week is coordinated annually by the Virginia Department of Business Assistance (VDBA), which supports economic development in the Commonwealth by working with new and existing businesses to provide workforce incentives, loans, business information, and educational opportunities for the business and economic development communities.

For more information on Business Appreciation Week, visit www.vdba.virginia.gov.

Draft Secondary Road Standards available for comment

VDOT has announced the beginning of the public review period for the proposed secondary street acceptance standards. These new regulations, which will affect all counties, will control the acceptance of streets into the state system for perpetual public maintenance.

The concept of new secondary street requirements was proposed by the governor and unanimously endorsed by the 2007 General Assembly session. VDOT staff, with input from technical and implementation advisory committees, developed the draft standards. County representatives and VACo staff, along with developers, environmental advocates and stakeholder groups, served on those committees.

Public comment will be accepted through June 30 and reviewed by VDOT technical team, the Implementation Advisory Committee and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) as the regulations are finalized.

Counties can review and comment on the proposed regulations in two ways. The regulations, additional information, and a comment form can be found at www.VirginiaDOT.org/projects/ssar.

Also, VDOT will also hold several public meetings to collect oral and written feedback on the proposed regulations. These are scheduled for:

*April 30 at 4 p.m. in Harrisonburg: Rockingham County Administration Center, 20 E. Gay St., Harrisonburg, VA, 22802

*May 7 at 4 p.m. in Bristol: VDOT Bristol District Office Auditorium, 870 Bonham Road, Bristol, VA, 24201

*May 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Fairfax: Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Cultural Center Forum Area, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA, 22003

*May 21 at 4 p.m. in Richmond: VDOT Central Office Auditorium, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA, 23219

Once the regulations are adopted by the CTB, VDOT will provide local staff and developers with a guidance document and support as these regulations are implemented.

Smith Mountain Lake

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ties partnered to host ESPN's 2004 Virginia Northern Open, which in baseball terminology is a Triple-A event. The top prize for the Open was \$50,000.

"All the people we dealt with for the event, including ESPN, felt they were dealing with one locality," said Kathleen Guzi, Bedford County administrator. "That's how seamless it was."

The minor-league tournament returned in 2006 to even greater success. That led ESPN to offer the Blue Ridge Brawl to be held at Smith Mountain Lake. The event is part of the ESPN Bassmaster Elite Series.

"Now we were in the major leagues," Martin said. "The total prize money for the Blue

Ridge Brawl was \$600,000."

More than 20,000 spectators flocked the shores last June 7-10. Another potential 93 million watched on TV. Martin said the estimated economic impact for the Elite event was between \$1.5-\$2 million for the counties. That figure includes direct spending and advertising impact.

"This partnership worked because of the elected leaders and staff in both jurisdictions," said Rick Huff, Franklin County administrator. "These individuals had a shared vision of what was possible and then they executed a tremendous event by working hand-in-hand with one another."

Guzi added, "The success of the event really says 'when we work together, we can provide the services and everything it takes to pull off an event of this magnitude.'"

Casey Ashley, a 23-year-old rookie, claimed top honors at the Blue Ridge Brawl. He earned \$109,000 for catching 19 fish for a total weight of 57 pounds and 3 ounces. Salem-native John Crews was the best Virginia finisher. He placed eighth.

So what about the future of elite fishing at Smith Mountain Lake?

Martin said there should be some really good news to report soon. Rumor has it that another ESPN Bassmaster Elite Series event will return to the area next year.

"For a long time we had to fight to get them to consider Smith Mountain Lake as a venue," Martin said. "Now, thanks to the proven partnership between Bedford and Franklin, BASS calls us."

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

Planning Director/Middlesex County

Salary commensurate with experience; include requirements with resume and county application. Applications and information may be obtained from the County

Administrator's Office, Middlesex County, P. O. Box 428, Saluda, VA 23149; 804-758-4330, or from www.co.middlesex.va.us. Applications due by Thursday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Deputy Director/Arlington County

Salary negotiable up to mid-\$120,000. Open until filled. Arlington seeks a strong executive leader to serve as Deputy of an integrated Department of Human Services. Submit our easy Internet employment application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers (click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down and click on the job title).

Questions? Call 703-228-3500 and press 4. We have staff who will be happy to assist you.

Utilities Director/Gloucester County

\$70K - \$85K DOQ with excellent benefits. Visit us

online at www.gloucesterva.info to review complete job description, residency requirement, and download employment application. Submit Gloucester County application with cover letter and resume by 4:30 p.m., April 18, to Gloucester County Human Resources, 6467 Main St., Gloucester VA 23061.

Senior Transportation Planner/Town of Leesburg

\$52,752-\$88,542 plus extensive benefits package. Open Until Filled. TO APPLY: See www.leesburgva.gov to obtain a Town of Leesburg application form OR request an application form from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail or fax your application to: Town of Leesburg, HR Dept., 25 W. Market Street, P.O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

Building Official/Sussex County

Please submit salary requirements and Virginia State application to: Mary E. Jones, Sussex County Administrator, P. O. Box 1397, Sussex, VA 23884. Physical Address: 20233 Thornton Square, Sussex, VA. Email Address: mjones@sussex-countyva.com. Deadline: 2 p.m., Friday, April 25. Position open until filled.

Erosion and Sediment Specialist/Sussex County (Part-time)

Please submit Virginia State application and salary

requirements to: Mary E. Jones, Sussex County Administrator, P.O. Box 1397, Sussex VA 23884. Physical Address: 20233 Thornton Square, Sussex VA 23884. Email Address: mjones@sussex-countyva.com Submission Deadline: 2 p.m., Friday, April 25. Position open until filled.

Director of Planning, Zoning and Development/Leesburg

\$79,689-\$133,752 plus excellent benefits package; closing date is May 16 at 5 p.m. TO APPLY: See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail application and resume in confidence to: Nancy Fixx, HR Director, Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., P. O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Applications may be faxed to the HR Dept. at 703-737-7190. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

Director of Parks & Recreation/Northampton County

Please refer to Northampton County's website online at www.co.northampton.va.us/job_s.html for further job description, requirements and county's application form. Resume, completed application form and cover letter can be submitted to Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 no later than April 25.

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**Senior Planners (2 openings)/
Leesburg**

\$52,752-\$88,542 plus excellent benefits; closing date is May 9. A Town of Leesburg application for employment is required. See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on the closing date. Mail application to: Town of Leesburg, HR Dept., 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176. Applications and resumes may be faxed to the HR Dept. at 703-737-7190. EOE/ADA

Director of Public Works/City of Bristol

Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228-2360; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by April 21. For further information visit www.springsted.com.

**Long-Range Planner/
Northampton County**

\$41,754 -\$62,631 plus benefits. Detailed job description and county's application form may be obtained online at www.co.northampton.va.us.

Resume, completed application form and cover letter should be submitted to: Human Resources, P. O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347 no later than Monday, April 21.

Executive Director/Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

\$120,000-\$140,000 DOQ plus excellent benefits. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with employment and salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@Springsted.com by April 20. For profile describing the region and the position please visit www.springsted.com.

Stormwater Chief/York County

Base salary \$61,833 or higher commensurate with experience, qualifications; excellent benefits. A York County application is required and may be obtained from the Human Resources Office, 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd, 2nd Floor, Yorktown, VA; at www.yorkcounty.gov; or call (757) 890-3690. Hearing impaired TDD (757) 890-3300. Open until filled.

Building Official/Carroll County

A full position description found at: www.CarrollCountyVA.org/employment. All candidates for this position must provide a resume along with a completed Virginia State Application to the

Carroll County Administrator's Office at 605-1 Pine Street, Hillsville, VA 24343. Position will remain open until filled.

Human Resources-Assistant Director/Leesburg

\$62,216-\$104,426 plus excellent benefits. Closing Date: May 9 at 5 p.m. TO APPLY: Visit www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail application and resume in confidence to: Attn.: Nancy Fixx, HR Director, Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., PO Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Applications may be faxed to the HR Dept. at 703-737-7190. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

Director of Public Utilities/Caroline County

Relocation allowance provided. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references and a Caroline County application for employment to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228-2360; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by April 15, 2008. Official Caroline County applications can be downloaded and printed from the County's website www.visitcaroline.com. For further information visit www.springsted.com.

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Director of Finance/Caroline County

Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references and a Caroline County application for employment to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228-260; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by April 15, 2008. Official Caroline County applications can be downloaded and printed from the County's website www.visitcaroline.com. For more information visit www.springsted.com.

Director of Planning and Development/Fluvanna County

Salary DOQ. To apply please submit resume, a County Application found at www.co.fluvanna.va.us. Also submit a cover letter stating

salary expectations to: Fluvanna County Human Resources, PO Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. The position will remain open until filled.

Demographer, Prince William County

\$51,002-\$81,604 full range plus benefits. Applications submitted through Prince William County Web site www.pwcgov.org/jobs. Open until filled. EOE.

Asst. County Administrator/Grayson County

Salary commensurate based on education and experience. Applications are available by contacting the Grayson County Administrator's Office at 276-773-2471. Position open until filled.

Events and Fair Coordinator/Isle of Wight County

Salary \$32,912-\$41,141 Position open until filled. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume to: Human Resources,

P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at www.iwus.net or call 757-365-6263 for more information.

City Events Coordinator/Hopewell

Open Until Filled. A City of Hopewell Application is required for all job vacancies. You may access a city application @ www.ci.hopewell.va.us Submit application to Human Resources, City of Hopewell, Municipal Building, Room 221, 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860. Call 804-541-2211 for information.

Community Development Specialist/Henry County

Planning, Zoning and Inspection Office. Starting salary: \$32,277. Applications accepted until position is filled. Send letter of application and detailed resume to: Susan Reynolds, Human Resources Director, County of Henry, PO Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078.

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highway and transit programs, and the transportation planning process.

"I strongly recommend that county officials review this section of the transportation financing report," said Giancola. "NACo asked that this information be made part of the report, and a lot of good material is included."

As the title of the report indicates, a great deal of attention is focused on the broad subject of transportation financing. The report points out that in order to protect national, state and local public interests, the long-term shortfalls must be addressed beginning in 2009, and the immediate problem in the Federal Highway Trust Fund needs attention even sooner.

"Higher levels of funding by federal, state and local

governments are essential to both maintain and improve the nation's aging transportation infrastructure," the report concluded.

The report contains six recommendations and describes the roles and responsibilities of the governments and other entities that support the nation's highway and transit systems.

For a copy of the report, contact Aster Eshete at (202) 942-4213 or aeshete@naco.org.

Commission

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deforestation is causing water temperatures to increase and global sea levels to rise. These events, they contend, are disturbing sensitive ecological balances around the globe.

During the public comment session, however, several speakers challenged the contentions by scientists from EPA, the Pew Center on Climate Change and the IPCC. One speaker with a dissenting opinion commented that hysterical claims about increasing global temperatures are false and there is countervailing evidence suggesting that global temperatures are actually cooling. Another speaker commented that changes in atmospheric temperatures are more attributable to changes in solar cycles than human activities.

The Commission will next meet on April 22 at the College of William and Mary's

University Center. The next meeting after that will be May 13 at George Mason University, with another one after that scheduled for June 17 at Virginia Tech.

The meeting schedule and other information on the Governor's Commission on Climate Change are available at www.deq.virginia.gov/info/climatechange.html. The Commission is scheduled to issue a final report with recommendations by December 15, 2008.

Members of the Commission were appointed by Gov. Timothy Kaine late last year. The Commission Chair is Secretary of Natural Resources, Preston Bryant.

Members of the Commission representing local governments are Fairfax County Supervisor, Penny Gross; Arlington Circuit Court Clerk (and former Arlington County Board member) Paul Ferguson; and Blacksburg Town Mayor, Ron Rordam.

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a \$50 million reduction in state aid to local governments in both FY 2009 and FY 2010. The selected state programs eligible to be reduced do not include the constitutionally required K-12 direct aid to education funds and the car tax reimbursement amounts.

DPB is committed to working with the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia

Association of Counties to address any additions or deletions to the programs included in the reduction base. If you have any suggestions, please contact VML or VACO so that all suggestions can be consolidated into a single list. Please provide your suggestions or comments prior to the end of April.

Any other questions, especially those concerning the accuracy of the data for your locality, should be directed to DPB (see info box).

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