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VACo raises concerns before appropriations subcommittee on CSA



Dean Lynch

Dean Lynch, VACo's director of intergovernmental affairs, testified June 18 before the House Appropriations subcommittee on Health and Human Resources.

Lynch spoke after Cabinet Secretary Marilyn Tavenner in presenting funding issues dealing with the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA). Lynch, representing views expressed in many local government forums over the last months, raised concerns over the lack of time for public input into the development of community based and residential service definitions.

"Local governments are unhappy and baffled by the short time period allowed for vetting the proposed public policy changes dealing with community based services and residential services," Lynch testified. He also noted that VACo and VML provided written comments to Tavenner in response to the proposed policy changes.

The policy was amended on June 12 at the State Executive Council meeting to hold local match rates as they are currently for educational services. Local match rates will be lowered to the community based rate for community transition services.

Below are additional funding issues discussed by Lynch.

CSA

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VACo President William B. Kyger Jr. stands with Gov. Timothy M. Kaine as he gives an address during the first day of the transportation funding special legislative session.

Transportation debate continues week of July 7; House to vote on a statewide funding bill

By Mike Edwards
VACo STAFF

The first four days of the transportation funding special legislative session produced plenty of news, however, very little action.

On Thursday, June 26, the House Rules Committee referred a Senate bill to the full House. The bill, SB 6009 Saslaw, will presumably be voted on by the full House the week of July 7. The bill was referred to the full House by the committee "without recommendation," which means the House Rules did not endorse the measure.

It's likely that SB 6009 Saslaw will not be approved by the full House. The Senate passed the measure on Wednesday, June 25, along party lines by a vote of 21-16.

Here's an outline of SB 6009 Saslaw.

SB 6009 (Saslaw) includes increases in the gas and sales and use taxes. The bill attempts to close the foreseeable road maintenance shortfall, infuse new transit spending, and establish regional funding plans for Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, as well as the Fredericksburg and Richmond areas.

Estimates of total new statewide dollars:

FY 2010 \$452 million
FY 2015 \$719 million.

Use of new dollars: Support mass transit and road maintenance; foster greater use of interstate tolls; and establish specific regional funding plans.

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news from our associate members

Aden named to VT Alumni Board of Directors



William A. Aden, PE, CEO and founding member of Draper Aden Associates has been selected to serve on Virginia Tech's Alumni Association Board of Directors for a three-year term.

The 32-member board serves in an advisory capacity to the university's alumni relations programs and governs the Association.

Bill also currently serves on the Virginia Tech College of Engineering Advisory Board. He is a past member of the College of Civil Engineering Advisory Board. Bill has been a frequent guest speaker at engineering classes and conferences held at the University. He also currently holds the position of president of the Blacksburg Partnership, Inc., a nonprofit, independent economic development organization.

Bill is a registered Professional Engineer in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Florida. He is an active member of the VA section of the American Water Works Association, the American Society of Civil Engineers, Professional Service Management Association and the National Society for Professional Engineers. Bill holds an M.S. in Environmental Engineering and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech.

DJG hires McKinley

DJG, Inc., a 30-year-old engineering, architecture and planning firm based in Williamsburg, is pleased to announce Christine McKinley, NCIDQ, has joined our Architectural Group.



McKinley earned a bachelor's degree in interior design from James Madison University. With 15 years experience, McKinley has worked with commercial, residential and private clients. McKinley will be assisting with the interior finishes of the MacLaughlin Fitness Center at Fort Lee for the US Army Corp of Engineers and Old Point Townhomes for Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Have you recently browsed our associate members pages on www.vaco.org?

If not, you'll be happy to discover an entirely new format that provides all the information you'll need.

Here's an example:

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VACo Notes

You probably already know that at the May 16 meeting, VACo's Annual Conference Committee decided on a theme for the 2008 event. After considerable brainstorming, the committee agreed on...

Counties Poised for Change: The New Face of Local Government

The next task was to come up with an appropriate logo. Moseley Architects, who will be sponsoring our tote bags again this year, offered the services of their graphic artist, Joe Gilmore, to design a logo that would eloquently convey the theme.

All we can say is Wow! Thank you Moseley Architects!



So without further ado, we are pleased to unveil the VACo 2008 Annual Conference logo.



With the new fiscal year, VACo has unveiled a redesign of County Connections.

We hope that with the modern look will come a different attitude. It's always been our goal to provide you with the latest news and information from members, associate members and events that affect counties.

Now more than ever, we want you to be a part of the process. Send in your county news or praises of colleagues. Also, contact us if you have an issue or a feature story you would like to share with other counties. We will do our best to spread your message.

VACo really wants to make County Connections a publication that brings us all closer together. But again, we need your help to make that happen.

Errico appointed chair of Virginia State Bar section

Phyllis Errico recently was elected chair of the Local Government section of the Virginia State Bar.

Her appointment came at the 70th annual Virginia State Bar Conference in Virginia Beach.

There are 20 sections of the Virginia State Bar. Each is a separate group devoted to improving the practice of law in a particular substantive area or specialty practice.

Organized in 1985, the Local Government section provides assistance and support to public and private practitioners of local government law through the sponsorship of programs and publishing a quarterly journal addressing issues of importance to local government practitioners.

Phyllis has enjoyed a busy and rewarding year thus far. Not too long ago, she passed the Certified Association Executive exam, earning

her the CAE designation. Less than 5 percent of all association professionals have achieved this mark of excellence.

Phyllis will be honored at the ASAE Annual Meeting & Exposition in San Diego, CA, on Aug. 16-19.

The CAE program was established in 1960 and has served to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance and designate those who demonstrate knowledge essential to the practice of association management. To earn the CAE credential, candidates must satisfy professional experience and education requirements and pass a challenging examination on all aspects of association management.

Phyllis was also named the 2008 Chair of the Government Affairs committee of the Virginia Society of Association Executives. The Virginia Society of Association Executives is the only association in the state that serves



Phyllis Errico, VACo general counsel, has enjoyed a fruitful year.

the association management industry.

VSAE focuses its resources on the professional development needs of its members by providing information, education and ideas to assist association executives in their profession. "I enjoy the challenge of learning new things and expanding my skills," Phyllis said. "These are the things that keep me energized and interested and motivate me to grow in my profession."

Wiley Jr. wins Tradition of Excellence Award



Roger C. Wiley Jr.

Roger C. Wiley Jr., who has worked for Virginia and local governments during most of his 38-year career, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award

by the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section.

The award recognizes a lawyer who embodies the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence and who has benefited a community and enhanced the esteem of general practice attorneys in Virginia. The award was presented by the section on June 21 at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

Wiley now practices with Hefty & Wiley PC in Richmond, where he represents local government clients and handles state constitutional and legislative issues.

He twice has worked for the

Virginia Attorney General's Office – first as an assistant counsel to the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, and more recently as a senior assistant serving as chief of opinions and the local government section.

Raised in Pittsylvania County, Wiley received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Virginia.

He started his law career at the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, served for almost 14 years as city attorney for Charlottesville, and practiced for three years with Paxson, Smith, Gilliam and Scott.

He was nominated for the award by Jan. L. Proctor, president of Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Inc., which Wiley served as a founding member and past president.

He also is a past member of the Board of Governors of the VSB Local Government Section.

Proctor wrote that, with Wiley's broad experience working for governments, "Roger has very much been engaged in the general practice of law in every sense of that phrase."

Loudoun County fire report to benefit counties nationally

Fire officials nationwide will be the beneficiaries of a report on a recent Loudoun County house fire that left six firefighters injured.

A multicounty team of fire officials has been formed to review the incident — "painting a picture of what happened" through factual documentation of the incident information, Loudoun County officials said.

A draft report, to be completed in 30 to 45 days, will be used as lessons learned for the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue system, the region, the state, and the National Fire Service. A final report is expected in 60 to 90 days.

The team will be led by a Montgomery County (MD) Fire and Rescue Service division chief. It also includes fire officials from Loudoun, and nearby Arlington and Prince William counties.

County employee honored for environmental efforts

John Morrill, Arlington County's energy manager, received the EPA Climate Protection Award for excellent service in establishing environmentally friendly policies in the county.

The award, established in 1998, recognizes exceptional leadership, outstanding innovation, personal dedication, and technical achievement in climate protection, and is judged by an international panel comprised of past winners.

People from anywhere in the world, both in private and public sectors, are eligible to win the award; however, only 39 individuals received this honor in 2008.

The award ceremony was held May 19 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Morrill was acknowledged as "a driving force" behind Arlington's climate action program, the Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions. Morrill has worked for Arlington County since leaving the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy in 2000.

Following five years of his leadership, the amount of energy use in the county per-square-foot was reduced by

6 percent, while carbon dioxide emissions decreased by 2.6 percent.

The county's energy efficiency continues to improve, due in large part to his guidance.

Improving energy efficiency is non-stop, he says. "We've eliminated virtually all of the incandescent lights in our buildings and completed a ton of other lighting retrofits, and now we're busy on more complicated work like replacing HVAC systems, and updating building controls," he said.

He was instrumental in the county's decision to purchase 6 percent of electricity from wind power as renewable energy credits. "Not only does wind power reduce our carbon footprint, this purchase also retires nitrogen oxide allowances for Clean Air Act compliance in the metro D.C. region," he said.

The county has been pursuing alternative fuels in its own fleet for years. Arlington was the first local jurisdiction on the East Coast to purchase hybrid-electric cars for its fleet, and the county now has more than 90 hybrids in its vehicle inventory. Since 2001, all of Arlington County's diesel vehicles have operated on B20 fuel, a blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent traditional



Photo courtesy of EPA



John Morrill, Arlington County, and Kathleen Hogan, director, EPA's Climate Partnerships Division show off Morrill's EPA Climate Protection Award.

diesel. The county has E85-capable vehicles and runs its own transit buses on compressed natural gas.

Morrill has co-authored two books on energy and the environment, *Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings* and *Residential Indoor Air Quality*. These books offer easy-to-understand guides to help readers to make environmentally friendly choices and save money. John Morrill's progress in Arlington County and his enthusiasm to spread green ideas to others make him an excellent example for others to follow.

NACo Conference hype reaches fever pitch

The countdown is on. Your host committee is busily putting the final touches on the NACo 2008 Annual Conference and Exhibition. The timing couldn't be better. Kansas City's brand new Power and Light District (an easy walk from the Conference Center) is alive and kicking.

If you haven't been to Kansas City lately, you are in for a treat. We'd like to invite you to visit the Kansas City Visitors and Convention Association Web Site at www.visitkc.com. Kansas City really does have something for everybody. You can fill every moment of your free time, or you can simply stroll over and enjoy the beautiful Barney Allis Plaza that is located right across the street from the downtown conference hotels.

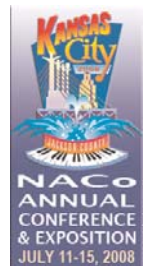
If you're staying in the Crown Center area, you can shop without ever leaving the building. Also you can see the Royals play. Tickets are available through the NACo Web site along with lots of other fun tours.

Volunteers will be available in every hotel lobby to help you plan your day. If you have any questions at all, just look for the folks in the lime green T-shirts. They are there for your convenience. Whether you need directions, ideas or just a friendly face, feel free to stop any of them if you need assistance.

The conference-wide event is shaping up to be a great bash. Folks staying at the Crown Center hotels can walk over using the skywalks and enter Union Station without ever setting foot outside, or ride one of the handy shuttles that will be available. Buses will begin picking up attendees at the downtown hotels at 6:30 p.m. and will run consistently throughout the evening.

But don't even think about leaving early, because there will be lots of fun and excitement from beginning to end. Live entertainment, great food, a world-class fireworks display...you'll have it all!

Your hosts from around the Greater Kansas City area are very excited to have you as their guests. See you soon!





This is the last photo taken of Robbie Green. Pictured are wife Karen and son Robert Chaytor. The family posed for the photo during Labor Day Weekend, just a couple of weeks before Robbie died in a crash while pursuing a suspect. The photo was for Robert to show to his class as an example of family. On the wall to the left is Robbie's father Charlie, who proposed a bill that Gov. Timothy M. Kaine signed into law, making it a felony to cause the death of a police officer during a traffic pursuit.



Photo courtesy of Charlie Green



THE LAW



There were two deputy positions open in the Powhatan County Sheriff's Office when Robbie Green and about 85 others sat down to take the qualifying test. Green was excited about the prospect of getting into law enforcement, especially in the county where he was born and raised.

A couple of months passed before Green discovered he was one of a handful of applicants who would interview for the positions. The dream was fast becoming a reality.

When it was time, Green confidently looked his interviewer square in the eyes and said, "If you give me the opportunity to serve, I will never let you down."

Green was true to his word.

He joined the sheriff's department in 2000 and every day he was an inspiration at work. Dennis Proffitt, Jr., who worked with Green, remembers how his colleague would just beam in the uniform.

"We served together from 2001-04

and I can tell you that he was the heart and soul of the Powhatan Sheriff's Office," said Proffitt, who is currently an officer with the Chesterfield Police Department and whose father is the sheriff of Chesterfield County. "In all my years of law enforcement, I have never come across anyone who put their heart in the job and the place where they served like Robbie did. Robbie was eager to come to work every single day."

Charlie Green was extremely proud of his son. The two shared a special father-son relationship.

"I coached him in baseball," said Charlie, who is a member of the Powhatan Board of Supervisors. "I watched him progress through school and supported everything he did. We served together in the National Guard. I can tell you that you won't find many relationships like the one we had. We loved each other very much."

On Sept. 20, 2006, there was a knock on Charlie's door late at night. It

was the kind of sound that every parent fears.

"That night when I opened the door, I knew Robbie was in an accident," Charlie said. "I knew it was bad."

Deputy Green died in the line of duty. He had joined a chase of an SUV that made a U-turn to avoid a traffic checkpoint conducted by Powhatan deputies and state police. The chase spanned 10 miles with the vehicles reaching 100 mph.

Robbie lost control of his cruiser and crashed during the chase. He was just 33 years old.

"When he died, I had no regrets or thoughts that I should have said this or should done that with him," Charlie said. "He knew I loved him."

The driver of the SUV, Khalil Walker, crashed into a ditch on state Route 6 near the Goochland-Henrico line. He was captured and was originally charged with second-degree murder, but the charge was dismissed late last month by Circuit Judge

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There's still time to apply for VDOT's revenue sharing program

On April 17, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a new policy for administration of the Revenue Sharing Program. The revision was based on changes made to the Code of Virginia, Section 33.1-23.05, by the 2008 General Assembly. The current program guidelines and application forms can be reviewed at www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp.



The program's budget remains at \$50 million for FY 2009. All counties, cities and towns maintaining their own roadways may apply for Revenue Sharing funds up to \$1 million. Changes have been made in several areas of the program's guidelines. The graphic box below summarizes key points to be considered in submitting a new or revised application for FY 2009.

If your locality wishes to participate in the program for fiscal year 2009, the following terms must be provided by Aug. 1, 2008 to the Local Assistance Division through your local VDOT representative:

- * A resolution of the County Board of Supervisors or City/Town Council outlining their request to participate and support of the projects identified for possible funding from the program (sample on Web site).
- * A detailed Designation of Funds Form for each project, which gives detailed project information (on Web site).
- * A detailed Designation of Funds Form that summarizes and prioritizes the list of eligible projects (on Web site).

If an application was submitted to meet the original March 20 deadline and it remains valid, it will not be necessary to re-apply. A letter to that effect from the county administrator or city/town manager will suffice.

Please coordinate closely with your local VDOT representative. Designation of funds forms should be submitted electronically to your residency administrator or urban program manager at least seven days prior to the deadline to allow for review and concurrence. A signed copy of the forms should also be provided. If you have any questions about the program, contact Bill Dandridge at 804-786-2743 or at william.dandridge@vdot.virginia.gov.

Revenue Sharing Program

- The General Assembly approved several changes to the Revenue Sharing Program this year.
- Section 33.1-23.05 of the Code of Virginia, states the Revenue Sharing Program can provide up to \$50 million and each locality may request up to \$1 million.
- The Revenue Sharing funds will be used to match locality funds for improvement, construction, or reconstruction of the highway systems within a county, city or town. This includes the primary, secondary and urban systems of highways. A locality may request funds for a project in another locality.
- The Revenue Sharing Program may be used to finance eligible work on a locality's highway systems.
- The Revenue Sharing Program is intended to provide funding for relatively small, immediately needed improvements or supplement funding for larger projects.
- Ideally, funds should be used in the same fiscal year they are received. Project work utilizing the Revenue Sharing funds must be initiated within 2 subsequent fiscal years of the date of allocation of funds.
- Detailed descriptions of the types of work eligible for Revenue Sharing funds can be found in the Guide to the Revenue Sharing Program. These include:
 - * Deficits on Completed Construction, Reconstruction or Improvement Projects
 - * Supplemental Funding for Projects Listed in the Adopted Six- Year Program Plan
 - * Construction, Reconstruction or Improvement Projects not included in the Adopted Six-Year Plan
 - * Improvements Necessary for the Acceptance of Specific Subdivision Streets Otherwise Eligible for Acceptance into the System for Maintenance (Rural Addition)
 - * New Hardsurfacing (Paving)
 - * New Roadways
- If a city or town maintaining its own streets, or a county wants to participate in this Program, the City or Town Council or Board of Supervisors must provide VDOT with a Revenue Sharing application and resolution by August 1, 2008. Towns not maintaining their own streets must submit their requests as part of the application from the county in which they are located.
- All localities are being encouraged to work directly with the Residency, Urban Program Manager or other designated VDOT Representative selecting the projects for the Revenue Sharing Program. Once notified a locality is interested the local contact will need to work closely with the locality to work out details. All applications must be sent to the Residency Administrators or Urban Program Managers for review and approval before submittal so allow extra time for this prior to the deadline.
- Upon receipt of the requests, the assigned VDOT manager will review the application from the localities. Once the localities' requests are found to be acceptable, the Local Assistance Division will prioritize the requests as delineated in Section 33.1-23.05.B of the Code of Virginia.
- Priorities for funding are divided into four tiers. Tier one will be fully funded before any funds are available for tier two, tier two will be fully funded before funding is available for tier three, etc. If funds are depleted in the first tiers, no further funds will be available.
- For all tiers, if requests within a tier exceed available revenue sharing funds, all projects within that tier will be prorated based on the total requests for that tier. Each project is considered individually to determine appropriate tier.
 - Tier one provides funding when the project is administered by the city, county, or town. Local administration must include all remaining phases of the project. The locality may request VDOT perform certain services on a reimbursement basis and VDOT may agree based on resource availability.
 - Tier one will not be implemented until FY 2010 as stipulated in the 2008 legislation.
 - Therefore only tiers two through four will be used to prioritize requests for the FY 09 application.

Commission on Climate Change establishes work groups

By Larry Land
VACo STAFF



Since being established late last year, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's 39-member Commission on Climate Change has held a handful of daylong meetings in various parts of the state.

The most recent meeting was conducted on the campus of Virginia Tech on June 17.

According to one Commission member, the imperative for generating energy from such sources as the sun, wind and other alternatives means that local governments will need to be less restrictive in their regulations pertaining to the location of such devices as windmills and photo-voltaic cells.

Commission members also devoted considerable attention to the need for improving coordination between land use and transportation planning. Several individuals making presentations made references to what they believe to be a necessity for development patterns that are no longer based on assumptions of the perpetual availability of cheap fuel.

One presenter, Petra Mollet from the American Public Transportation Association, said that 32 percent of

carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere are attributable to transportation.

This is a reality she said that will require less reliance by Americans upon single-occupancy vehicles as the most pervasive means of transportation. To cut down on motor vehicle miles traveled and fossil fuels consumed, new communities will need to be developed where there are shorter distances between the places where we live, work, shop and play.

With respect to rising sea levels, the commission also devoted considerable time discussing steps some coastal communities may need to take in order to "adapt" to sea-water inundation.

One speaker said there may be

other reasons why many communities may need to adopt adaptation strategies. With warmer temperatures reaching into more northern latitudes, a northward migration of certain species is a real possibility. This could mean the presence of such tropical warm-weather flora and fauna as coconut trees in the northern neck and alligators in Lake Gaston.

The most important decision reached by the Commission at the meeting was to establish four work groups organized along the lines of these four distinct issues: electricity generation; Transportation/Land Use coordination; "adaptation" (partially meaning the avoidance of development and infrastructure from low-lying areas threatened with inundation); and building codes (with consideration of imposing more energy-efficient standards).

Over the summer, VACo expects all four of these work groups to hold numerous meetings.

For the most up-to-date information on Commission activities, visit www.deq.state.va.us/info/climate-change.html.

DCR reaches out to localities on new stormwater rules

By Larry Land
VACo STAFF

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has been developing a program to facilitate continual communications with local governments on the newly adopted General Permit (GP) for small municipal separate stormwater sewer systems (MS4), which is tentatively scheduled to go into effect July 9.

To promote these communications, DCR has developed an e-mail group list of 112 MS4 operators. This list should include all representatives of local government responsible for administering local MS4 programs.

According to DCR's Doug Fritz, e-mails are routinely distributed with information on training opportunities, grants, the availability of EPA publica-

tions and related regulatory actions.

In the near future, DCR plans to distribute to local governments a "Registration Statement acceptance letter" that will include a list of major changes between the newly adopted MS4 GP and the current MS4 GP that has been in effect since 2002.

This letter will provide important information relating to significant compliance deadlines.

One important deadline is Jan. 9, 2009. By that date, MS4 operators will be required to complete a review of their respective programs and submit to DCR an implementation schedule for complying with requirements of the newly adopted GP.

DCR also intends to send all local

governments subject to the MS4 GP a compact disk that will

include many important documents and other outreach materials.

According to Fritz, DCR is very active in making visitations with MS4 program operators.

Fritz has also informed VACo that the overarching structure of the MS4 GP has allowed for the formation of many different types of programs throughout the state.



DCR

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Mark Your Calendars

The Climate Change Challenge

Sept. 17-19
Greater Richmond
Convention Center



The 2008 Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability Conference (COVES) will focus on “Meeting the Climate Change

Challenge.” The Conference takes place Sept. 17-19 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

The Climate Change Challenge, which is facing the state and the nation, provides opportunities for policy solutions, technological innovation, and economic development. The conference will bring forth information on the actions that public and private organizations in Virginia and across the country are taking to meet the most pressing environmental issue of this century.

Nationally recognized speakers, as well as regional representatives from business, institutions, and government, will address the opportunities to reduce energy use and carbon emissions while keeping the economy and our communities strong.

www.vsbnc.org/coves2008

VACo Summer Meeting

Aug. 22
OMNI Hotel
235 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Administration of Government, Education, Finance, Transportation
11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch
12:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.—Community Development, Environment and Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Telecommunications and Utilities
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.—VACo Board of Directors meeting
For more info, please contact James D. Campbell at (804) 343-2500 or jcampbell@vaco.org.

VEPGA offers energy efficiency seminar

July 11
9 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Henrico County



The Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA) is offering a free Energy Efficiency Seminar on “best practices” for local governments. The seminar will be held at Dominion Virginia Power’s location in Innsbrook in Henrico County just outside Richmond.

To register and learn more about the seminar, please visit VEPGA’s Web site at www.vepga.org.

As local governments face ever increasing energy prices, this is a seminar that local governments officials, energy managers, and accounting and purchasing personnel can’t afford to miss!

VEPGA will offer the seminar, free of charge, to all who register by July 8. VEPGA membership is not required, everyone is welcomed.

Innsbrook area hotel options include: Comfort Inn Suites, 804-217-9200; Hilton Garden Inn, (804) 521-2900, and the Marriott Richmond West, 804-965-9500.

About VEPGA

Virginia offers a unique opportunity for local governments to negotiate their energy rates and the Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA) permits local governments to take full advantage of this opportunity resulting in millions of dollars in annual savings for local governments and their taxpayers.

For more than two decades, the Virginia Municipal League (VML) and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) jointly sponsored a steering committee to negotiate electric power rates and terms and conditions of service with Dominion Virginia Power.

In response to deregulation legislation passed in 1999, the Steering Committee formally organized in 2002 as VEPGA, a joint powers association created pursuant to authority provided in the state code.

VEPGA plays an active role in negotiating electricity contracts on behalf of its members. VEPGA also keeps its members informed of energy developments in Virginia. In 2007, the General Assembly changed course and largely abandoned deregulation, replacing it with a unique form of reregulation.

The next several years will be crucial in determining Virginia’s energy future as the full impact of re-regulation is felt and as increasing pressures are brought to bear for implementing energy conservation, efficiency, and use of green energy. This new environment presents both opportunities and risks for Virginia’s local governments and VEPGA strives to put its members in the best position to seize opportunities and minimize exposure to risks.

For more information or to join VEPGA, contact Steve Craig, Secretary/Treasurer at 804-237-7310 or SCraig@vmlins.org.

Congratulations

Henrico County wins Emmy awards

Two original programs produced by Henrico County Television-Channel 17 (HCTV) have earned Emmy awards from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The awards were presented at the 50th Emmy Awards ceremony Saturday in Washington, D.C.

“No Way Back: Coping with Alzheimer’s,” produced by Roberta Fountain, won the Emmy in the News Special category. “Turning Point: Inside Henrico’s Drug Court,” produced by Ryan Eubank, captured the prize for the Public/Community Affairs-Program/Special category.

The honors are the first Emmy awards received by HCTV, which began airing full-length programs in 2003. More than 820 entries in 93 categories were submitted by broadcasters in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. for the annual competition.

“This is a tremendous honor for HCTV and well-deserved recognition of the efforts of Roberta, Ryan and all of our staff,” said Public Relations & Media Services Director Tamra McKinney. “It is a thrill to be recognized by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. We have raised the bar since we began producing original programming five years ago.”

Fountain, a television



Roberta Fountain and Ryan Eubank.
Photos courtesy of Henrico County.

producer/director, has been a county staff member since 2000. Her previous career includes service as a newscast director for television stations in North Carolina and Mississippi; she also worked with WRIC and WCVE in Richmond. She earned her bachelor’s degree from East Carolina University.

Eubank, a senior television producer/director, has been with HCTV 2003. He previously worked with Henrico Public Schools, WVIR in Charlottesville and WCVE in Richmond. He is a magna cum laude of Virginia Commonwealth University.

For more information about the award-winning programs and HCTV, the broadcast television arm of Henrico’s Department of Public Relations & Media Services, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.

For more information about the 50th Emmy Awards, visit www.capitalemmys.tv.

Louisa County earns accreditation

The Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services accredited the Louisa County Sheriffs Office 9-1-1 Center as an Emergency Medical Dispatch Center on June 16. The honor was presented at the Louisa County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Some factors that helped Louisa County earn accreditation included providing instructions to persons calling 9-1-1 needing medical assistance, offering instructions in CPR, emergency child birth, wound treatment and many other medical emergencies. Representatives from the Virginia Office of EMS and the State EMS Advisory Board presented the certificate of accreditation.

Photo by John Kandris/VACO



Sheriff Ashland Fortune, Louisa County; Denise Marrs, Louisa County director of Emergency Communications; and Ken Crumpler, communications coordinator for Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Carroll County paramedic honored

After working in the EMS field for over 30 years, Tommy Wilmoth’s dedication has paid off. He has earned the EMS Pre-Hospital Provider of the Year award for Southwest Virginia.

“I feel really humble about receiving this,” said Wilmoth, a national registered critical care paramedic and shift supervisor for Carroll EMS. “It’s a real honor.”

Wilmoth was nominated for the award by Joe Roma – Emergency Services Coordinator for Carroll County, after using himself to protect a patient during an ambulance wreck in October 2006.

The split second decision resulted in Wilmoth suffering multiple injuries to his face and back.

In addition to risking his life for a patient, Wilmoth brought back to life 10 people during his career by performing CPR.

“The county is blessed to have a professional such as Tommy working to serve and protect the citizens of the area and its visitors. He was inhabitant to protect the patient and this is an admirable trait as a worker and as a person,” said Gary Larowe, county administrator.

Wilmoth is a 1977 graduate of Carroll County High School.

“Working in EMS can be one of the hardest professions to work in, but it can also be the most rewarding in saving lives and helping others when in need,” Wilmoth said.

Wilmoth gives many thanks to his wife Peggy and their two children, Tony and Carrie, for their continued love and support throughout his career.



From left, Gary Larowe, county administrator; Greg Woods, Southwest Emergency Services; and Tommy Wilmoth.

Counties send resolutions to the governor and GA

In late May, VACo issued a communication urging counties to adopt resolutions that called for Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and the Virginia General Assembly to enact a significant transportation funding package in an effort to resolve the Commonwealth's well-documented transportation infrastructure needs.

As of press time, VACo, the governor and the General Assembly had received 41 resolutions from counties and an additional 26 from cities and towns.

The governor held a press conference on June 19 and praised localities for their support of a transportation funding package.

Here's a list of localities that have adopted similar statements

Counties (41)

Accomack
Albemarle
Alleghany
Amelia
Arlington
Augusta
Bath
Botetourt
Buchanan
Buckingham
Clarke
Essex
Fairfax
Floyd
Gloucester
Greene
Greensville
Halifax
Henry
Isle of Wight

King George
Lee
Loudoun
Mecklenburg
Montgomery
Nelson
Northumberland
Orange
Page
Powhatan
Prince George
Prince William
Roanoke
Rockbridge
Rockingham
Shenandoah
Spotsylvania
Washington
Wise
Wythe
York

Towns (8)

Christiansburg
Farmville
Leesburg
Middleburg
Quantico
Vienna
Warrenton
Wytheville

Cities (18)

Alexandria
Bristol
Buena Vista
Charlottesville
Fairfax
Falls Church
Galax
Hampton
Harrisonburg
Hopewell
Manassas
Manassas Park
Newport News
Norfolk
Petersburg
Portsmouth
Richmond
Williamsburg

Organizations (3)

Virginia Municipal League
Virginia Association of Counties
Virginia First Cities

It's still not too late to take action! VACo provided its members with a model resolution, which can be found on www.vaco.org/legislative. Click on the May 28 release.

Please remember to forward your county resolutions to the governor and your members of the General Assembly as well as e-mail it to gcharter@vaco.org and medwards@vaco.org.

Transportation

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Statewide dollars:

Raises the state gas tax 1 cent per gallon for each of the next six years: FY 2010 revenues = \$99.4 million (each penny increase raises approximately \$50 million a year); FY 2015 revenues = \$298.2 million

Raises the state's general sales and use tax by ¼ percent: 2010 revenues = FY 2010 revenues = \$256.6 million; FY 2015 revenues = \$314.9 million. The increase would not apply to the sale of food.

Eliminates the sales tax on food on the existing ½ percent sales tax dedicated to transportation thereby providing \$77.2 million in FY10 tax relief. The relief is intended to offset the gas tax increase.

Raises the motor vehicles sales and use tax by ½ percent: FY 2010 revenues = \$96.2 million; FY 2015 revenues = \$106 million

Statewide uses:

25 percent of the new dollars to the Commonwealth's Mass Transit Fund

75 percent of the new dollars for road maintenance funding (note: each new dollar for road maintenance frees up a new dollar for road construction)

Additionally:

The bill includes new and separate transportation revenues for Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads:

Northern Virginia: FY 2010 revenues = \$335.4 million

Raises the sales and use tax by ½ percent

Raises the grantors tax by 40 cents per \$100

Establishes a \$5 a day lodging tax
Hampton Roads: FY 2010 revenues = approximately \$220 million

Raises the sales and use tax by 1 percent

Establishes a 1 percent gas tax

Lastly, the bill fosters greater use of interstate tolls to help fund road maintenance.

The full House also will consider two additional transportation funding bills of interest the week of July 7.

HB 6006 (Saxman) dedicates to the state's Transportation Trust Fund all future revenues and royalties that are paid to the Commonwealth as a result

of offshore natural gas and oil drilling.

The measure is contingent upon the federal government authorizing offshore drilling. The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources defeated a similar Senate measure the week of June 23.

HB 6055 (Hamilton) institutes new regional funding plans for only Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. The measure attempts to address the Feb. 2008 Virginia Supreme Court decision overturning specific aspects of HB 3202, the transportation plan approved by the legislature and governor in 2007. VACo has posted a summary of the revenue sources included in the bill. It is important to note that the Hampton Roads proposal relies in part upon existing state general funds (i.e. it diverts existing state general funds to support transportation projects in Hampton Roads).

Finally, the House Rules Committee killed the Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's plan on Thursday, June 26. VACo's transportation Web page has several key and recent postings including a summary of the governor's bill.

Green

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Thomas V. Warren. Walker's defense attorney, John W. Luxton, argued that there was no link between Walker eluding police and Robbie's death.

Walker pleaded guilty to fleeing police and was sentenced to five years in prison with half of it suspended.

"I was taught that there were two ways you can handle anything," Charlie said. "You can complain and continue to complain while nothing happens and hold a grudge the rest of your life. Or you can do something to have it corrected."

Charlie chose to make a difference.

He worked with Powhatan County Commonwealth's Attorney Robert B. Beasley Jr. in drafting a bill that would make it a felony to cause the death of a police officer during a traffic pursuit.

Last month, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine signed the bill, which closes the loophole between the casual relationship of someone eluding police and the

death of an officer. The law will take effect July 1.

"The big thing is that I'm happy to help Charlie and the Green family," Beasley said. "I think it was important to do something positive.

"I've known Charlie since I was a kid and have admired him for years. His leadership skills have always been outstanding."

Charlie said he could feel Robbie's presence when the governor signed the bill. Usually, such legislative requests require two or three sessions before they are even considered. This bill passed on the first try.

"I miss him every day," Charlie said. "I still shed tears every now and then when people say something about him. But I know where he is today. I have no doubt he's with God."

Some have suggested Powhatan County's newest elementary school should be named in Robbie's honor.

That would be a fitting tribute to a man who meant so much to his family and to his community.

DCR

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This is largely because of the many differences that exist between one locality and another that is subject to the MS4 program.

With input from local governments, environmental organizations and other stakeholders, DCR also plans to work this summer on the development of a set of guidance documents that will clarify how the MS4 program will be implemented under the new GP.

On June 20, staff members from VACo and DCR held a meeting to discuss the possibility of developing additional outreach strategies for the benefit of local governments subject to new MS4 stormwater requirements. (Generally, the small MS4 GP applies to local governments with populations less than 100,000.)

For further questions relating to the MS4 GP, contact Doug Fritz with DCR at Doug.Fritz@dcr.virginia.gov.

CSA

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* As local match rates climb 15 percent in January 2009 for residential care and another 10 percent in July 2009, localities are concerned that local budgets will swell out of control. Many counties will not be able to absorb the increased costs to provide appropriate services. Many communities will continue to purchase services through residential service providers because community based services are not available. This inability to develop services and serve children and families through community resources is in part because of a lack of financial resources. There has been no administrative funding increase in CSA since 1997 and

counties are shouldering nearly 90 percent of the funding responsibility. No additional funding was provided in the FY 2009/10 biennial budget for local start-up costs for new programs.

* Another barrier in developing and creating new community based services is the FY 2009/10 biennial budget requirement that reduces Aid to Localities (ATL) by \$100 million. This reduction of \$50 million each year requires counties to choose their method of reduction by opting for (1) across the board cuts in ATL programs exclusive of K-12 education and car tax reimbursement funding, (2) choose one or more ATL programs and make programmatic cuts exclusive of K-12 education and car tax reimbursement funding, or (3) provide local aid to the Commonwealth by writing a check for a targeted reduction amount. VACo and VML believe the \$100 million in cuts will be permanent reduction in ATL.

* Funding should concentrate on CSA basics if real change and efficiencies in service delivery and

expenditures are to be achieved.

The basics:

1. Better training for local child welfare workers that provide wrap around services, foster care and child protection services.
2. Funding needs to be provided for increased administrative reimbursements to local governments. Local governments currently fund 90 percent of all CSA administrative activity.
3. Start-up funding to communities that wish to develop new and better community based services programs.
4. Funding to develop better data management tools and information systems that track services for kids and families across multiple agencies and/or state departments.
5. Initiatives that encourage local governments to work with private providers in the development of community based programs.
6. Initiatives that encourage developing regional programs and approaches to service delivery.

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

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Director of Planning/Gloucester County

Competitive salary based on qualifications. Complete details, list of qualifications and job description are available online.

Visit us at www.gloucestervera.info. Submit cover letter & resume with Gloucester County Application by July 31 to Human Resource Department: 6467 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061; Phone: 804-693-5690.

Risk Manager/City of Hopewell

Salary range: \$47,462 - \$71,195
Hiring range: \$47,462 - \$58,131
Hiring range has been extended
Open until filled

A City of Hopewell Application is required for all City job vacancies. You may access a City application at www.hopewellva.gov. Submit application to Human Resources, City of Hopewell, Municipal Building, Room 221, 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860. Ph. 804-541-2211; fax 804-541-2339

Project Manager/Isle of Wight

County Engineering Division
\$41,286-\$51,607
Position open until filled.

Interested candidates should submit an application and resume to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at www.iwus.net or call us at 757-365-6263.

Planning Technician/Chesterfield County

\$30,433 - \$35,816

Duties: This position is responsible for the data input for new development requests and the routing of site plans to departments that participate with site plan review. Responsible for scheduling all staff/developer meetings and creating preliminary meeting files for the commercial team that compile

researched public hearing cases, conceptual plans and maps and site identification printouts necessary for successful staff/developer meetings.

A Chesterfield County application is required and must be submitted online by 5 p.m. July 10.

Visit careers.chesterfield.gov to view instructions and to complete and submit an application. 804-748-1551.

General Services Director/Isle of Wight County

Salary negotiable based on experience. Candidates should submit an application and resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit www.iwus.net or call us at 757-365-6263. Position open until filled.

Planning Technician/Chesterfield County

\$30,433 - \$35,816

Duties: This position is responsible for providing basic information and assistance to the public and development community in matters relating to the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance requirements, development review, and other standards, codes and procedures.

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IT Specialist/Bedford County

Applications are available at www.co.bedford.va.us and are also available from the Bedford County Human Resources Department, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523, 540-586-7601. Benefits include: life, medical, dental and vision insurance, flexible spending plan, retirement, direct deposit, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Only interviewed applicants will be notified when position is filled. Starting salary range is \$28,015 - \$30,816.

Grant Coordinator/Wythe County

The salary range for this position is negotiable based upon experience and/or qualifications.

Employment applications must be completed for this position and may be obtained online at www.wytheco.org or by calling 276-223-6020.

Applications and resumes are due in the County Administrator's Office to the attention of R. Cellell Dalton, County Administrator, 340 South Sixth Street, Wytheville, VA 24382 by 2 p.m., Thursday, July 3.

Director of Budget Management/Fauquier County

The successful candidate will hold a bachelor's degree in economics, finance or business administration; master's degree preferred. 5 years of progressive experience in budget development, plus 5 years of supervisory or management experience is required.

The salary range for this position is \$79,189 - \$102,940, plus excellent benefits. For complete job description, qualifications and to submit an application, visit www.fauquiercounty.gov

County Administrator/King George County

Salary \$135,000 to \$150,000 based on qualifications and experience supplemented by excellent benefit package. County residency required within a reasonable time of appointment. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history, work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by July 18. For more information visit www.springsted.com.

Planner/Montgomery County

Hiring range \$39,449-44,543/yr. DOQ with excellent benefits (paid health, dental and vision, flex spending, life, dis-

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ability, retirement, wellness program). County application required and available at Human Resources, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg. Deadline: Open until filled. Review of applications will begin June 25.

For more information about this position or to request an application or accommodation for disabilities, contact Human Resources at 540-394-2007 (TDD 540-382-5700) County Job Line (540-394-2010) or visit our website at www.montva.com

Assistant Zoning Administrator AND Zoning Inspector/Town of Leesburg

Assistant Zoning Administrator \$55,390-\$92,969 *Effective July 1 Closing Date: Open Until Filled Zoning Inspector \$43,246-\$72,585 *Effective July 1 Closing Date: Open Until Filled **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: 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.

Executive Director/Henrico County

Seeking experienced individual to lead economic development effort for a large county under the direction of the Board of Directors, Economic Development Authority (EDA). An online Henrico County application form must be completed in order to be considered for this position. To apply, visit www.henricojobs.com. Deadline for completed online application is July 13. Visit www.henrico.com for the EDA Web site. Questions can be directed to S.F. Mays at (804) 501-7654 or via e-mail at info@henrico.com.

County Attorney/Gloucester County

The advertised salary for the position is \$112,000 and is negotiable based on qualifications and experience. A complete description of the position and the County's profile is available at:

www.springsted.com. The application deadline is July 5. To be considered, please submit a resume, with references and salary history and an official County application to:

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E-Mail: richmond@springsted.com

Accountant/Isle of Wight County

\$32,912-\$41,141 DOQ
Position open until filled. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at www.iwus.net or call 757-365-6263.

Director of Community Development/Louisa County

Qualified candidates should possess any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university, with a master's degree in planning or related field and a minimum of five years of experience in planning, including two years of supervisory experience; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Accreditation by the American Institute of Certified Planners preferred. For complete details, visit www.louisacounty.com.

Accountant/Bedford County

Applications are available on our Web site: www.co.bedford.va.us and are also available from the Bedford County Human Resources Department, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523, (540) 586-7601. Benefits include: life, medical, dental and vision insurance, flexible spending plan, retirement, direct deposit, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Only interviewed applicants will be notified when position is filled. Annual salary is competitive.

County Attorney/Louisa County

The position requires a Juris Doctor

from an accredited school of law and 5-7 years of experience. Must also be licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For complete details, please visit our Web site at www.louisacounty.com.

Deputy Town Attorney/Town of Leesburg

REGULAR PART-TIME POSITION
SALARY: Negotiable plus prorated benefits *DOQ
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Planner/Southampton County

Starting salary \$39,993 (+) benefits. Complete job description available upon request. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history, and work related references in confidence to: Robert L. Barnett, Director of Community Development, P. O. Box 400, Courtland, VA 23837; (757) 653-3008. Open until filled, but initial review will begin June 30.

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Hiring range \$36,147 - \$53,836 + benefits. Part of career development program. (Salary & level is DOQ/E). For more info visit our Web site at www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804-365-6489.

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