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2008 Annual Conference Update

Noted author, conservationist to speak

Ed McMahon, a nationally renowned authority on sustainable development, land conservation and community design, will be a keynote speaker during the Tuesday General Session (Nov. 11) of VACo's Annual Conference at the Homestead.



Ed McMahon

McMahon is currently the Senior Resident Fellow for Sustainable Development with the Urban Land Institute based in Washington, D.C. In addition to being a highly desired speaker on issues relating to community planning, McMahon is also an accomplished author.

His latest books are entitled "Land Conservation" and "Better Models for Community Development."

Throughout his career he has worked to improve land development practices that balance economic development and environmental goals.

He has organized successful efforts to acquire and protect urban parkland, wilderness areas and other conservation properties, and has made numerous presentations on the topics of tourism, conservation, and historic preservation.

McMahon is also the co-founder and former president of Scenic America, a national non-profit organization devoted to protecting

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Road Block!

*General Assembly ends special session
without adopting a transportation funding plan*

Malvern "Rudy" Butler, chairman of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors, speaks July 9 at a press conference that urged the General Assembly to pass new transportation funding legislation. Gerry Connolly (far right), chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, also gave a passionate speech. The two are former VACo presidents.



By Mike Edwards
VACo STAFF

The General Assembly adjourned sine die in the early hours of July 10 without enacting a significant statewide transportation funding initiative. The chambers reconvened the previous day.

A funding resolution remains elusive. The Commonwealth is still faced with eliminating the escalating statewide road maintenance shortfall and establishing viable regional funding plans for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

Prior to the final legislative action, local government leaders held an insightful press conference in Richmond. The leaders, including two former VACo presidents, called on the legislature to enact a significant transportation funding initiative.

Legislative action

The General Assembly considered several transportation funding bills including three statewide bills, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's, Sen. Richard L. Saslaw's and Del. Christopher B. Saxman's.

The House defeated Kaine's and Sen. Saslaw's statewide plans. The different bills provided new statewide transportation dollars in addition to new regional plans for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

As reported by the Washington Post late July 9, "The House of Delegates revived a proposal by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine to raise \$1.1 billion a year in taxes

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news from our associate members

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VACo Notes

NACo has appointed Mike Edwards, VACo deputy director for legislative affairs, to the State and Local Advisory Committee (SLAC) of the national Streamlined Sales Tax Project Agreement.



The governing board to the project oversees the implementation of the uniform agreement that states apply to collect existing state use taxes on out-of-state sales.

The SLAC includes state and local leaders from around the country and serves as a "sounding board" to the governing board.

NACo retains three appointments to the SLAC. Virginia is likely to consider adopting the project agreement in the near term. For more information about the effort go to www.streamlinedsalestax.org.

King and Queen hires County Administrator

The King and Queen Board of Supervisors has announced the appointment of W. Glenn Steckman III as county administrator.



His first day on the job was July 7. Steckman hails from Salisbury, MD. He has served as chief administrator for Tiverton, RI; Laurel, DE; and Dorchester County, MD. He is a past elected councilman in Ocean City, MD.

Steckman holds a B.A. in philosophy, M.A. in theology, M.A. in religious education, M.S. in management and supervision and a certificate in local government excellence.

He has a wealth of experience that will complement the mission and vision of King and Queen County.



Chambliss becomes acting county administrator



After 22 years as assistant county administrator, Chambliss assumes the top job in an interim capacity. He started his new position on July 1.

In conjunction with its Tenth Anniversary celebration, Scenic Virginia is sponsoring its first-ever Viewshed Photo Competition.

“We are looking for the best of the best,” notes president Eugenia Anderson-Ellis. “We challenge all photographers to send us their favorite images of Virginia’s most scenic landscapes.”

To accomplish this goal, Scenic Virginia is calling upon professionals and amateurs alike to submit their digital photographs of the Commonwealth’s breathtaking views and vistas in one of the following five categories:

- Coastal /Chesapeake Bay
- Mountains
- Open Space/Farmland
- Rivers/Waterways
- Urban Landscapes.

A panel of expert judges will select a winner in each of the five categories. Winners will receive a \$50 honorarium, recognition at Scenic Virginia’s 2008 Scenic Awards ceremony in November, mentioned in Scenic Virginia’s “Yes, Virginia!” newsletter, and featured on the organization’s Web site.

From the five category winners, one photo will be chosen the overall winner. That photograph will be featured on Scenic Virginia’s 2008 holiday card.

Complete rules and regulations are online at www.scenicvirginia.org. There is no charge to enter, and entrants can submit up to five photographs each. The deadline for submitting entries is 5 p.m. on Sept. 1.

Winners will be notified by Oct. 1. The winning images will be displayed at Scenic Virginia’s 2008 Scenic Awards Luncheon, scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at noon at the historic Kent-Valentine House in Richmond.

Scenic Virginia is a statewide conservation nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the scenic beauty and community character of the Commonwealth, with a particular focus on the preservation of Virginia’s most significant viewsheds and vistas. Membership is open to all.

Assistant County Administrator John Chambliss has been named Acting County Administrator by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors after the retirement of Elmer C. Hodge, Jr. on June 30, 2008.

Chambliss has direct responsibility or serves as a liaison for several divisions within Roanoke County’s government, including:

- Circuit Court
- Commonwealth’s Attorney office
- General Registrar
- General Services Department
- Health Department
- Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
- Sheriff’s Office
- Police Department
- Social Services
- Virginia Tech Extension Services
- CORTAN

Chambliss has served the County of Roanoke since 1973. He began his career in Roanoke County’s Finance department where he held the positions of assistant finance officer, assistant director of finance, director of finance and superintendent of fiscal management.

He assumed the role of assistant county administrator in 1986.

In addition to his administrative duties, Chambliss also serves as a board member for the Western Virginia Regional Jail Authority.

Fairfax County enters Generation Y

In an effort to expand its online presence and reach a younger audience, Fairfax County recently launched pages on three of the most popular social networking Web sites--Facebook, MySpace and YouTube.

Social networking has changed the way people communicate with each other on a daily basis, especially those who fall into the Generation Y category (born between 1983 and 1997). Facebook and MySpace are social networks that are shared among "friends." YouTube is a video-sharing service that allows users to upload, view and share video clips.

"With millions of people spending hours of their time on these social networking sites, it is becoming increasingly difficult to draw people to other Web sites," said Merni Fitzgerald, director of the Office of Public Affairs. "By establishing a presence on Facebook, MySpace and YouTube, we are expanding our communications efforts and getting our content to where the eyeballs are."

The Office of Public Affairs maintains the content for these sites, which is often repurposed from existing material. For example, the video clips currently available on the county's YouTube page were produced for Fairfax County Government Channel 16. The site currently includes videos on making an emergency supply kit, becoming a police officer and signing up for the medical needs and social needs registries, among other topics.

Content on the Facebook and MySpace pages can also usually be found on the county's Web site, and photos and videos will be uploaded there as well.

The three pages have been added to the Get Fairfax County campaign, which consolidates all the ways residents can stay connected with the county. In addition to the social networking sites, information is available on 703-FAIRFAX, News to Use, e-government services, podcasts, RSS feeds, Weekly Agenda and emergency alerts.



Attention: VACo wants your legislative proposals

County Board Chairs, CAOs and Liaisons:

As part of the development of VACo's 2009 Legislative Program, counties are encouraged and asked to submit legislative platforms including specific proposals. Statewide propositions will be considered during the development of VACo's annual legislative program.

Please send proposals to Mike Edwards: medwards@vaco.org or VACo, 1001 E. Broad Street, Suite LL 20, Richmond, VA 23219

VACo's 2008 Legislative Calendar:
VACo Summer Meeting: Friday, Aug. 22 in Charlottesville. Board of Directors and Steering committees to meet *
VACo Resolutions Committee Meeting: Sept. 12, via conference call
VACo's 74nd Annual Conference: Nov. 9-11, The Homestead
-Sunday, Nov. 9, Steering Committees
-Monday, Nov. 10, Resolutions Committee
-Tuesday, Nov. 11, Annual Business Meeting

* VACo Summer Meeting, Charlottesville, Va., Omni Hotel, 235 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Va. 22902
Preliminary schedule:
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Four steering committee meetings:
Administration of Government

Education
Finance
Transportation
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Lunch available
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.—Four additional steering committee meetings:
Community Development
Environment and Agriculture
Health and Human Services
Telecommunications and Utilities
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.—VACo Board of Directors meeting
A small block of rooms will be reserved for those who may need them Thursday or Friday night. Please contact Jim Campbell at VACo: 804-343-2500/jcampbell@vaco.org

About the development and adoption of VACo's annual legislative program:

1. Spring regional meetings: In even number years VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings to identify and discuss key statewide legislative and policy issues.

2. Three Resolutions Committee meetings: The committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. The meetings occur in the spring after the regional meetings, early fall, and during the annual conference in November. The committee receives regular legislative updates, via conference call, during the regular legislative session in the winter.

The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's eight steering committees. The eight steering committees are Administration of Government, Community Planning and Development, Education, Environment and Agriculture, Finance, Health and Human Services, Telecommunications and Public Utilities, and Transportation.

3. Steering Committees meet at least twice: Late summer and November during the annual conference.

The Steering Committees develop their policy sections of the annual Legislative Program.

4. The membership is asked to adopt the new legislative program during the annual business meeting. The meeting occurs on the last day of the annual conference in November.

Additional information:

*The President appoints steering committee chairs and vice chairs.
*VACo members volunteer to serve on steering committees.
*In early October, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

Photos courtesy of the Miller family

An old Miller family portrait. Jack Miller is the boy kneeling in front of great aunts and great uncles. His grandfather, B.W., is the third man from the left. His grandmother, Annie, is the third woman from the left.



The handsome kid in the Coast Guard uniform is 19-year-old Jack Miller. He served his country from 1968-72.



A current photo of Jack Miller's immediate family. From left to right are daughter, Connie; wife, Mary Lou; daughter, Chris; grandson, Matthew; granddaughter, Emma; son-in-law, Scott; and Jack. The Millers have been married 40 years.



Legendary clammer Dink Miller and his boat.

Keeping up with the Miller family is hard to do



Of all places, it was at a funeral when John D. "Jack" Miller, Jr. learned how far back his lineage stretched in Middlesex County. His cousin, Elvin, told him.

"1680s," Jack Miller said. "The Millers go back to the 1680s."

Now that's some family tree.

To put this in perspective, the Miller family has been part of this Middle Peninsula community since the era of William Byrd and around the time Urbanna was founded—roughly 420 years ago.

Jack Miller said his family came over from England and that many on the tree were either watermen or farmers.

One of his ancestors, who everyone thought was a conscientious objector to the Civil War, turned out to be an important player in the area. He was the keeper of the boats on the

Rappahannock River.

"Old man John D. Miller shuttled Lee's troops from one side of the river to the other," Jack Miller said. "He fooled everyone. Nobody in the family had an idea."

Old man John D. Miller was the last John Dabney Miller until Jack Miller's dad assumed the name and passed it along to his son. If it sounds confusing, well it is a little perplexing.

There was a great grandfather who moved oysters and watermelons on a boat up the Chesapeake to Baltimore. There was Wharton Miller who was Richmond's harbor master for many years. There was Virgil Miller who owned a repair shop and fixed all kinds of aquatic vessels. Let's not forget Dink Miller, the legendary clammer on the Chesapeake Bay, and Ulman Miller, a game warden of Middlesex County for years. And there was John D. Miller,

Sr., who retired from the government to work as a boat captain. He received his party boat license at age 14.

The Miller's family home, over there at Lockley's Creek, has been around since before the Civil War. Jack Miller lives in a separate house one of his uncles built in 1921.

"I spent four years in the military, and we lived in Baltimore, Boston and New Jersey, and I was so glad to get home," Jack Miller said. "Middlesex County has always been special to me. It's my home. We're a pretty close-knit bunch here. We all support each other."

For all Jack Miller knows, he's the only politician in his family's history. He has served on the Middlesex Board of Supervisors since 1996. He has twice been chair. Before becoming a

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Mark Your Calendars

PanFlu Exercise

Nov. 18-19



The Virginia Department of Health will sponsor an exercise on Nov. 18 -19 designed to challenge the state on issues surrounding the arrival of a flu pandemic.

This exercise, FluEx '08, will provide the framework for government agencies and non-governmental organizations (private, not-for profit and and volunteer) to participate in an interactive, function-based learning opportunity addressing a pandemic influenza scenario.

FluEx '08 will focus on preparation, response and recovery actions and will involve coordination among health, hospital, emergency management, law enforcement and critical infrastructure/key resources compromised by widespread illness, while simultaneously maintaining continuity of government, continuity of private and public sector operations, supply chain management and essential services.

Contact your local health department to begin planning for this event.

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 communities strong. www.vsb.org/coves2008

Natural Heritage Data Explorer

Free training session
July 17
Virginia Institute of Marine
Science in Gloucester



NHDE is an excellent tool that many localities are already using for many purposes including, but not limited to, planning and project review. This tool is accessible at any computer using Internet Explorer.

With NHDE, you will be able to see what Natural Heritage resources are in your area quickly and accurately.

The training session will take only two hours. Contact Kristal McKelvey at kristal.mckelvey@dcr.virginia.gov or 804-692-0984 for more information or with questions.

Visit www.vaco.org and click on calendar and county festivals to see listings to some terrific events. If you don't see your county listed, please send the information to Gage Harter at gharter@vaco.org.

RPAC releases meeting schedule

The following is a schedule of meetings for the Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee---Interoperability Sub Committees.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the next SIEC meeting.

Region 2 Culpeper
Thursday, July 24 (10a-5p)
Location: Culpeper County Schools
Eastern View High School
16332 Cyclone Way
Culpeper, VA 22701

Region 3 Appomattox
Tuesday, July 15 (10a-5p)

Location: Robert Jameson Library
106 Main Street
Appomattox, VA 24522

Region 4 Abington
Thursday, July 17 (10a-5p)
Location: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
P.O. Box 1987
One Partnership Circle
Abingdon, VA 24212-1987
Notes: www.swcenter.edu/about/directions.html for directions.

Region 5 Hampton Roads
Monday, July 21 (10a-5p)
Location: HRICAC facility

723 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Region 6 Bedford
Monday, July 28 (10a-5p)
Location: Bedford Welcome Center
816 Burks Hill Road
Bedford VA 24523

Region 7 NCR
Wednesday, July 30 (10a-5p)
Location: Fire Department Professional Development Center
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Congratulations

Frahm honored with lifetime achievement award



Kathy Rae Frahm

Kathy Rae Frahm is the 2008 recipient of the Gerald P. McCarthy Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Environmental Conflict Resolution.

The University of Virginia's Institute for Environmental Negotiation presents the award annually on behalf of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute, a partnership between the Virginia Department of Forestry, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the institute.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the outstanding contribution of Frahm, former policy director for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, who died suddenly at age 40 in September. Frahm was celebrated for her tireless and effective work in building consensus on environmental issues.

Frahm's parents, Joyce and Richard Frahm of Blacksburg, received the

award on her behalf at the graduation dinner for the 2008 class of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute, held June 5 in Charlottesville.

"Kathy Frahm represented all that is good and admirable in a public employee whose professional dedication to open and fair-minded policymaking was bolstered appropriately by her personal passion for Virginia's natural resources. She was respected by legislators, environmental advocates and captains of industry alike. Kathy Frahm embodies this lifetime achievement award," said L. Preston Bryant Jr., secretary of Natural Resources.

The award is given periodically to an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to leadership in preservation and protection of the commonwealth's environment; supports



Joyce and Richard Frahm pose with Gerald P. McCarthy (right).

Photo by Andrew Shurtleff/ UVa. Public Affairs

collaborative problem solving through actions, contributions and/or educational programs; and acts as a role model to other groups and individuals for the resolution of environmental issues.

"Kathy's work behind the scenes has been critical in bringing people and groups together for lasting environmental progress in Virginia," said Frank Dukes, director of the Institute for Environmental Negotiation and a member of the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute faculty. "Her approach to these tough problems will be missed. We are pleased to recognize her contributions with the Lifetime Achievement Award."

Henrico County receives Pro Patria Award



The Pro Patria Award - the U.S. Department of Defense's highest state-level honor for a civilian employer - is presented annually to employers that demonstrate exceptional support for national defense by adopting personnel policies facilitating employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve. Henrico is the public sector recipient of the award for 2008.

Currently, 10 Henrico employees are deployed for military duty. A total of 55 county workers have been activated for service in the National Guard and Reserves since Sept. 11, 2001.

"Henrico County is very proud of

our employees who have left behind their families and careers to serve and defend their country," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "We have an obligation to support them in every way we can."

Hazelett noted that Henrico has met and exceeded the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment Rights and Reemployment Act, which prohibits discrimination against employees activated for military duty and requires employers to reserve their jobs for their return.

Henrico has enacted a number of measures since September 2001 to support staff called to active duty. A supplemental pay program ensures that activated employees do not suffer a loss of pay during their service, making up

the difference between military and county pay.

Workers and their families continue to receive county health and dental benefits during deployment. Staff members returning from deployment are encouraged to take their time to rest and reconnect with families before resuming their jobs.

Henrico also sends care packages to activated employees; recognizes them on the county Web site and in personnel newsletters; and helps them maintain their households by mowing lawns, assisting with tax preparation and moves and offering assistance to spouses and children.

For more information, contact Human Resources or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/hr.

Officials urged to attend mortgage summit

Piggy-backing on the strength of the series of free regional mortgage clinics around the state, there will be a summit on the issue later this month.

The event, Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Community Impact Summit, is set for 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on July 23 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

The summit is open to state and local government and elected officials, in addition to nonprofit service providers.

Registration is free and required by July 15. For more information, call 804-371-7011. Or visit dmz1.dhcd.virginia.gov/vfptf/summit.aspx to register.

A couple of months ago, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced a series of free regional mortgage clinics to help



Virginians avoid home foreclosure. The clinics, held in June, were hosted by the Virginia Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, which was

formed by Gov. Kaine in November 2007 to help protect and preserve homeownership in the Commonwealth. The clinics coincide with national Homeownership Month.

“If you have concerns about the health of your mortgage, I encourage you to sign up for one of these free mortgage clinics,” Gov. Kaine said. “Whether you are just beginning to have trouble making your mortgage payments or you are already in foreclosure, our hope is that the information you receive at the clinics will help you keep your home.”

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politician, Miller worked in the marine department of the Chesapeake Corp. down near the paper mill in West Point. He fixed tugs and barges from their radars to their toilets.

“As far as serving goes, I believe you should give back to the place where you live,” said Jack Miller, who is VACo Region 2 director. “I like to help the county, and hopefully through my efforts, Middlesex County is a better place than when I started.”

It is indeed.

The Middlesex government over the past 15 years should be applauded for its forward thinking, fiscal responsibility and commitment to its people. Middlesex County can boast that its only three schools are brand new. The county also constructed a beautiful courthouse and a modern area for Board of Supervisor meetings. Middlesex has one of the state’s best emergency 911 systems and has a program that places transponders on the wrists of citizens with Alzheimer’s and dementia so their family members can locate them in a pinch.

“It’s been a real pleasure to serve with Mr. Miller,” said Kenneth Williams, chair of the Middlesex Board of Supervisors. “He’s had the interest of the people in his heart. The longer you serve on the board, the more opportunities you get to observe other board members and their intentions. Jack Miller has always cared about the people.”

Williams has known Jack Miller for 45 years. And those who have met this bear of a man, remember his quick wit and great sense of humor. When asked where he gets his ability to make people smile, Jack Miller quickly responded, “Oh my Lord, I don’t know. I guess my grandmother. My family has always been a pretty jovial bunch. We’d rather smile than frown.”

Williams compares him to Jerry Clower, the late comedian. “Jack is a big jokester. He’s always got a little humor to him and he’s never met a stranger he didn’t like.”

Former New Kent supervisor remembered as innovator



Former New Kent County Supervisor Richard Edward Williams Sr. died of cancer in late June. He was 67.

His funeral was held at Second Liberty Baptist Church in Quinton, where he was a former Sunday school superintendent. He was buried in the church’s cemetery.

Williams served as vice chairman for several years during his time on the board that spanned from 1972 to 1983.

He also played an active role in the hiring of New Kent’s first county administrator and organizing the New Kent Planning Commission.

“He was very supportive of public education and funding a new sheriff’s office and law enforcement,” his son, Richard E. Williams Jr. of Glen Allen,

told the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

“He was very instrumental in appointing more minorities to county boards and commissions,” Williams Jr. said. “That (issue) was very important to him.”

Williams was born the third of nine children. His parents operated a lumber business and farm as well as a country store. Williams grew up helping out in each business.

“He loaded a lumber truck before he went to school,” his son said.

Williams graduated from the all-black George W. Watkins High School in 1958 and after studying industrial management at Virginia State College, he worked in his family’s business, T.R. Williams and Sons Lumber Co.

He later became vice president and retired when the family sold the business during the early 1990s.

“His faith was very important to him,” Williams Jr. said. “We knew we were going to church every Sunday no matter how late we stayed out on Saturday night.”

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and fees, but this time his fellow Democrats helped kill it in the hopes that they could amend and pass another tax bill they preferred. After rejecting Kaine’s bill, however, the House then defeated the Democratic-preferred Senate bill that would have raised additional taxes. Before killing the Senate bill, the House stripped out a provision to raise the gasoline tax. Only one Republican ...voted for the bill.”

The full Senate defeated Del. Saxman’s bill to capture any future offshore drilling revenues for transportation. The federal government has yet to authorize offshore drilling.

In addition to the Saxman bill, the House adopted a “regional only” bill offered by Del. Phillip A. Hamilton, which applied to Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. Visit VACo’s Legislative Web page and read the June 26 staff summary of the bills.

The House amended Del. Hamilton’s “regional only” bill before the Senate Finance Committee rejected it. The proposal provided new regional only funding plans for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. As amended by the House on Wednesday, the plans relied in large part on state general funds, which are currently supporting core government services, including public education, throughout the entire Commonwealth. Local government leaders decried Hamilton’s general fund transfer at their press conference.

Local government press conference

Malvern R. “Rudy” Butler, chairman of the Goochland County Board of Supervisors, and Gerry Connolly, chairman of the Fairfax County Board

of Supervisors, participated in a State Capitol press conference on Wednesday. The former VACo presidents were joined by other local leaders.

The local officials called on the General Assembly to enact a significant statewide funding measure along with significant regional funding plans for Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. Butler urged the General Assembly to adopt the first significant statewide transportation funding plan in 22 years. Connolly pushed for legislative leaders to work in a cooperative and bipartisan fashion to resolve the state’s statutory transportation funding obligations.

Visit www.vaco.org to hear the speeches of Butler and Connolly. The VACo Web site also includes the talks of Chris Zimmerman of the Arlington County Board, and Mayor Annie Mickens of the City of Petersburg.

Zimmerman chairs the regional Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and Mickens is a VML officer. Mayor Bill Euille of the City of Alexandria, Councilman David Snyder of Falls Church and CEO John Lewis of the Greater Richmond Transit Company also spoke during the event.

County action

Before yesterday, almost 45 counties adopted local resolutions urging the governor and General Assembly to enact a new transportation funding plan. This issue remains a statewide problem and likely will remain a top VACo legislative priority.

The leadership and staff of VACo wish to thank every local leader who attended the governor’s regional transportation town hall meetings; appealed to their legislators to “do the right thing” by adopting a new statewide transportation funding plan; and adopted timely and resounding resolutions.

public policy from 1976-1985.

One other note about this year’s conference: For those who will be arriving early to our Annual Conference on Saturday, Nov. 8, VACo plans to offer the Cascades Hiking Tour starting at 1:30 that afternoon. The hike will be led by an experienced Homestead staff member.

Counties adopting transportation funding resolutions

- Accomack
- Albemarle
- Alleghany
- Amelia
- Arlington
- Augusta
- Bath
- Botetourt
- Buchanan
- Buckingham
- Brunswick
- Chesterfield
- Clarke
- Cumberland
- Essex
- Fairfax
- Floyd
- Gloucester
- Greene
- Greensville
- Halifax
- Henry
- Isle of Wight
- King George
- King William
- Lee
- Loudoun
- Mecklenburg
- Montgomery
- Nelson
- Northumberland
- Orange
- Page
- Powhatan
- Prince George
- Prince William
- Roanoke
- Rockbridge
- Rockingham
- Shenandoah
- Spotsylvania
- Washington
- Wise
- Wythe
- York

Also, on the following Monday afternoon (Nov. 10), VACo plans to once again provide guests and spouses with the opportunity to take the Greenbrier Bunker Tour.

Look for additional information about these programs when conference registration information is released next month.

McMahon

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America’s scenic landscapes.

McMahon has an M.A. in Urban Studies from the University of Alabama and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School, where he taught law and

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

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

County Administrator/Wise County
Salary: DOQ

The position will be considered open until filled. To apply, mail a letter of interest with a resume, list of references and a salary history (no emails, faxes, or phone calls, please) in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" to: Mr. Robert Adkins, (Chairman) P.O. Box 659, Wise, VA 24293. Do not submit a photograph with your resume.

Glen A. Skinner
County Administrator
(276) 328-2321

County Administrator/Roanoke County

The salary for the position is negotiable based on the candidate's qualifications and experience and is supplemented by an excellent benefits package. Please submit a 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. Fax 804-726-9752 or Richmond@springsted.com by Aug. 18. For a complete community/position profile related to the position please visit www.springsted.com.

County Administrator/Essex County

To apply, please submit a detailed resume with salary history and references as well as a letter of application to Edwin Smith, Chairman, Essex County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 1079, Tappahannock, VA 22560. Applications are due by Aug. 15 at 3 p.m.

This opportunity is available due to the retirement of the present administrator. Call the Essex County Administration Office, 804-443-4331, for information.

Principal Planner/City of Portsmouth

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Urban or Regional Planning, or a closely relat-

ed field, Master's Degree preferred; and 5 to 9 years of progressively responsible experience in comprehensive planning; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities. AICP certification is preferred. Salary: \$46,409 Closing Date: Aug. 1. Please submit a City of Portsmouth application to: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. www.portsmouthva.gov.

Finance Services Manager/Brunswick County

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Salary range for the position is \$41,570-\$60,560, plus County benefits. A complete job description is available at the Office of the County Administrator. Submit resume' to the Office of the County Administrator, 102 Tobacco Street, Lawrenceville, VA 23868 no later than 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Telephone 434-848-3107.

Executive Director/Young Professionals of Central Virginia

Application and job prospectus are available at www.region2000.org/jobs. \$40,000+ starting salary, DOQ. Send resume, application and cover letter addressing your contributions, ideas and leadership style to "Executive Director Search - YPCV, Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership, 828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA 24504 or mail@region2000.org. Consideration of applications begins Aug. 15. Region 2000 is a VRS and an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Environmental Compliance and Safety Manager/Virginia Region 2000

Position salary: \$39,540 - \$58,302. A VRS employer. Application and position information is available at www.region2000.org/jobs. Send application to "Environmental Compliance and Safety Manager", Virginia's Region 2000 Local

Government Council, 828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA 24504. Applications will be considered beginning Aug. 15; position is open until filled.

Planner I (Development Facilitator)/York County

Base salary \$38,720 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 Boulevard, Second Floor, Yorktown, Virginia; from the County's Web site www.yorkcounty.gov; or by calling 757-890-3690. Hearing impaired only call TDD 757-890-3300. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Associate Director of Administration/Virginia Tech

Salary: DOQ/DOE.

For more information on the position, a complete list of required qualifications, and to submit an application, access our Web site at www.jobs.vt.edu (resume, cover letter, and contact information for 3 professional references required). Search on posting number #080663. Individuals desiring assistance or accommodation in the application/interview process should contact us at 540-231-9331.

General Accountant/Stafford County

\$45,636 - \$54,121/yr. DOQ

Closing Date: Aug. 1

Apply online at www.co.stafford.va.us. Performs general accounting duties to include balancing and reconciling various general ledger accounts for a variety of fund types; preparing and maintaining various financial schedules; (maintaining capital asset database and reporting system); assisting with accounts payable operations.

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A resume will not be accepted in lieu of a County application.

Comptroller/Arlington County

Salary DOQ. The Comptroller operates within a large (over \$1 billion is expended annually), complex, decentralized financial environment and is responsible for assuring the integrity of the County's financial systems and for the safeguarding of all monetary and other County assets. The Comptroller has a staff of 19. Professional certification (CPA) is required. Outstanding analytical, policy development and communication skills are essential. Apply online ASAP at www.allianceresourceconsulting.com. For more information, please contact Eric Middleton or Sherrill Uyeda at 562-901-0769.

Clerk to the County Board/Arlington County

\$85,841 - \$115,544
TO APPLY: Submit REQUIRED Internet Employment Application. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/pers and click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down the alphabetical list and click on the job title to see the full job announcement and the APPLY link. Call 703-228-3500 and press 4 if you have questions or e-mail questions to pers@arlingtonva.us

Director of Planning/Gloucester County

The planning director is responsible for coordinating, organizing, & directing departmental activities, and supervision of staff, consisting of three (3) planners and an administrative assistant. Competitive salary based on qualifications and an excellent benefits package. Visit us online at www.gloucesterva.info for complete details, list of qualifications and job description. To apply submit cover letter and resume with Gloucester County Application by July 31 to Human Resource Department: 6467 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061; Phone: (804) 693-5690. EOE/M/F/D

Real Estate Assessor/York County

Base salary \$63,070 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 Boulevard, Second Floor, Yorktown, Virginia; from the County's Web site www.yorkcounty.gov; or by calling 757-890-3690. Hearing impaired only call TDD 757-890-3300. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Social Services Director/Montgomery County

Salary D.O.Q; with excellent benefits (paid health, dental and vision, life, disability, retirement, flex spending, wellness program). County application required and available at Human Resources, 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2-D, Christiansburg, VA 24073. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply by July 18 (First review, open until filled). For more information about this position or to request an application or accommodation for disabilities, contact Human Resources at 540-394-2007; TTY/Voice (1-800-828-1120 or 1-800-828-1140); County Job Line: 540-394-2010 or visit our Web site at www.montva.com/jobs.php

Director of Planning & Zoning/Shenandoah County

\$54,036 to \$62,665. Benefits include Virginia Retirement System, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance, Delta dental, paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. For an application and complete job description contact the Office of the County Administrator, 600 North Main Street, Woodstock, VA 22664, 540-459-6165, or visit our Web site at www.shenandoahcountyva.us and look at Employment. Application deadline Aug. 1.

Planner/Chesterfield County

\$39,723 - \$67,831
Chesterfield County, a progressive, fast-growing community approaching 320,000 residents that borders the City

of Richmond, is seeking a Planner with a professional background in landscape architecture, architecture, planning, or engineering experienced in site design/architecture who has a desire to work with clients through the site plan review process to build a quality community. A Chesterfield County application is required and must be submitted online by 5 p.m. July 24. Visit careers.chesterfield.gov to view instructions and to complete and submit an application. 804-748-1551.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager/Stafford County

\$55,224-\$85,592 DOQ
Closing Date: July 15
Apply online at www.co.stafford.va.us. A resume will not be accepted in lieu of a county application. Candidate selected will be required to successfully complete a criminal history and fingerprint check and will be required to satisfactorily complete a post-offer, pre-employment medical exam, alcohol and controlled substance tests at the County's expense unless this requirement has been completed for current County position.

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.



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