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The VACo Summer Meeting



Photo by John Kandris/VACo

VACo's Larry Land (standing) speaks with members of the Transportation Steering Committee.

VACo's 2009 Legislative Program developing; President Kyger appoints a special state budget and revenue committee

By Mike Edwards
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VACo's 2009 Legislative Program took shape when the eight steering committees and Board of Directors met in Charlottesville on Aug. 22.

The day was highlighted by excellent turnout and spirited but healthy discussion of timely legislative and policy issues. Forthcoming state budget reductions were the topic de jour and will take center stage during the 2009 legislative session.

The membership adopts the new legislative program during the annual business meeting, which is scheduled

for Tuesday, Nov. 11 in Bath County.

Committee members worked on a host of key legislative and policy issues in Charlottesville including, but not limited to, sufficient state funding for: unfunded mandates; K-12, including funding for at-risk students and capital construction; the Comprehensive Services Act; and state transportation programs. Additional key committee issues included: extending the current annexation moratorium set to expire in 2010, protecting and enhancing local governments' land use authorities;

deploying broadband to underserved areas; examining new mandatory state stormwater regulations affecting a significant number of localities, and expanding reliance on alternative energy sources. (Please see page 3 about the new stormwater requirements).

During the board meeting, VACo President William B. Kyger, Jr. of Rockingham appointed a special committee on the state budget and revenues.

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2008 Annual Conference Update

Nov. 9-11

The Homestead



An exciting, informative program is quickly coming together for VACo's Annual Conference in November.

For the conference's opening session, Speaker of the House William J. Howell has accepted our invitation to give a keynote address. Also accepting invitations to speak are Pierce Homer, Secretary of Transportation, and Preston Bryant, Secretary of Natural Resources.

They will be making joint appearances to speak about ways to better reconcile transportation and land use planning.

This year's program will emphasize ways to improve energy efficiency and promote "green building" design. There will also be a focus on the "nuts and bolts" of finance and budget issues.

Sessions are also being planned to help county officials address challenges relating to the rise in home foreclosures and the anticipated growing population of baby boomers scheduled for retirement over the next decade.

There will also be a session on the expansion of broadband into underserved areas.

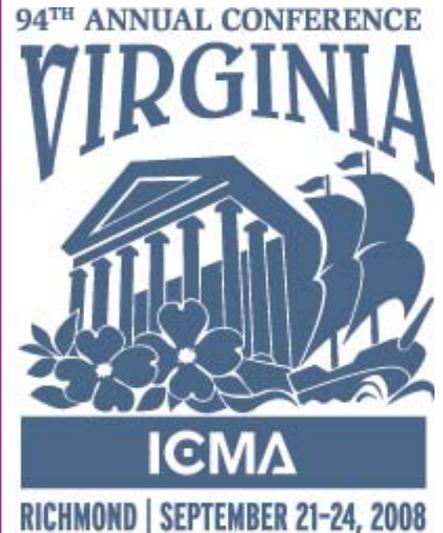
For the conference's closing general session on Tuesday morning, we are very excited to have as keynote speaker Ed McMahon, a nationally renowned authority on sustainable development, land conservation and community design.

This year registering for the conference can be done online at www.vaco.org/MEETINGS. Earlier this month, registration information was mailed by VACo to county officials. Keep checking www.vaco.org and County Connections for updates.

VACo's Annual conference is scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at the Homestead.

Questions may be directed to Carol Cameron (ccameron@vaco.org) or Larry Land (Lland@vaco.org).

VACo Notes



Last year some of you gave your time to volunteer at the NACo Annual Conference.

Time and time again, participants and NACo staff have spoken about the great work done by the volunteers last year.

Now there's another opportunity to show Richmond's brand of customer service and southern hospitality.

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is looking for volunteers for its 94th Annual Conference held Sept. 21-24.

If you are interested in donating your time, please contact Ivy Sager at itsager@co.hanover.va.us.

You can visit www.vlgma.org for more information.

VACo's Larry Land was recognized for 20 years of service during the Board of Directors' meeting on Aug. 22.

Larry has the longest active tenure at VACo.

Ironically, one of Land's first assignments with the association was to direct a steering committee meeting in Charlottesville. That's the same place he led two steering committee meetings on Aug. 22.

Congratulations Larry!

An analysis on local impacts of stormwater regulations

By Larry Land
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Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation

In 2004 the General Assembly passed HB 1177 (a bill by then Del. Preston Bryant), that consolidated most stormwater regulatory programs under the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Prior to that time Virginia's stormwater regulatory programs had been divided between DCR, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Department (now a part of DCR).

One of the bill's most important provisions requires DCR to develop Virginia's Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) permit regulations. In consultation with a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that has as its members many local government representatives, DCR has now been developing these regulations for at least the past two years.

DCR appears determined to have the VSMP regulations preliminarily approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Board at its next meeting on Sept. 24. Preliminary approval by this date would trigger an administrative review by the governor's office (the estimated review period is 60-90 days.) The administrative review would be followed by a 60-day public comment period (triggered by publication in the Virginia Register), and then followed by final adoption by the Soil and Water Conservation Board late next spring or early summer.

Under Section 10.1-603.3 of the Code, any "Tidewater" locality designated under the Chesapeake Bay

Preservation Act or any locality "partially or wholly designated as an MS4" is required to adopt a stormwater management program. For the remaining localities adoption of the program is optional. If a locality opts out, the program would be administered by DCR.

For the following reasons DCR's SWMP regulations will have very significant impacts on local governments. Here's why:

Administration: Operators of "qualifying local programs" will be required to review for approval many construction-site factors.

Here are just a few of them.

*Stormwater Management Plans -- these must be submitted by applicants of permits for land disturbing activities.

*Much more detailed site plans showing the location of "all points of stormwater discharge, receiving surface waters ... and predevelopment and post-development conditions for drainage areas, including final drainage patterns and changes to existing contours."

*Proposed structural (and other) best management practices employed to prevent the pollutants in construction site discharges (both in the construction and post-construction phases) from exceeding certain numeric limits.

*Detailed information about soil conditions and other "hydraulic computations of predevelopment and postdevelopment runoff conditions."

Inspection and Enforcement:

Local inspection programs are to be

Biosolids Panel of Experts plans field trip

During its 2007 session the General Assembly adopted HJR 694 (Byron), a resolution authorizing a study by a "panel of experts" to evaluate many technical aspects of Virginia's program for regulating the land application of biosolids. Information regarding panel membership and meetings can be found at www.deq.state.va.us/info/biosolidspanel.html.

Over the past year, this panel has held many meetings, but it's difficult to predict the nature of their recommendations, which are expected for release late this year.

Here are questions the Panel has been considering:

Are citizen-reported health symptoms associated with the land application of biosolids?

Do odors from biosolids impact human health and well-being and property values?

To what degree do biosolids associated contaminants accumulate in food (plant crops and livestock)?

To what degree do biosolids associated contaminants affect water quality?

What are the effects of an accumulation of biosolids associated contaminants in wildlife?

On Sept. 24, the Biosolids Expert Panel will go on a field trip to the Henrico Wastewater Reclamation Facility and a nearby biosolids land application site. The trip will begin at 10 a.m. with a walking tour of the facility. The group will then be transported to a nearby farm to observe biosolids land application. A luncheon discussion will follow. The public is welcomed but registration is required.

To register contact Christina Wood at (804) 698-4263 or cmwood@deq.virginia.gov by Sept. 18. Please include a request for the need of any special accommodations.

Tour Agenda

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Facility Tour

12 p.m.-1 p.m. Farm Visit

1 p.m.-2 p.m. Lunch Discussion

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Britton retires from Charles City County

William R. (Bill) Britton Jr., director of development for Charles City County, retired on Sept. 1 after 35 years of continuous service to local government.



Bill, a Charlottesville native, graduated in 1973 from the Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Services. Since graduation his work has included codes enforcement for Farmville; town manager and assistant to the Town Board for Appomattox and county administrator of Powhatan County. Charles City welcomed Bill in May 1989 as director of planning.

During his career, Bill can proudly say that he is a graduate of both the University of Virginia's prestigious Senior Executive Institute and the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute. In 1997 he

completed a mini-MBA at the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond.



His biggest love in life, except for his wife Keane, is the outdoors. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries with the concurrence of the Virginia Wildlife Federation recognized Bill as 1997 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. The following year, the local chapter of Woodmen of the World followed the example of the DGIF and named Bill as the 1998 Conservationist of the Year.

Bill's continuing efforts with such organizations as Ducks Unlimited and the Float Fishermen of Virginia greatly contribute to the quality of wildlife management in Central Virginia.

The Britton's will remain in Charles City after Bill's retirement. He plans to travel and visit with old friends for two months and then return as a contract employee for Charles City as an economic development specialist funded by the County Economic Development Authority.

Virginia Easy Access launched

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced an online resource especially designed for seniors and adults with disabilities.

Virginia Easy Access, presented by the Virginia Department for the Aging, is part of the Commonwealth's No Wrong Door initiative. No Wrong Door offers individuals a simple, single point of entry for information on long-term support options, applications for benefits and other supportive programs. It also provides a secure web-based system that connects state and local public agencies, private organizations and providers, allowing consumer information to be shared in a confidential manner and improving coordination of long-term care services.

"The new Virginia Easy Access Web site is a technology solution for seniors and adults with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth who need assistance with finding services," Gov. Kaine said. "The Web site is easy to use and will assist caregivers as well as people who need care."

Virginia Easy Access provides individuals and caregivers information about public benefits and programs and includes a variety of informative topics of interest to seniors and adults with disabilities. The Web site allows people to search for specific services in each community. Content includes imbedded links that lead the user to more information on every topic.

Virginia Easy Access is also a gateway to VirginiaNavigator, a listing of more than 21,000 programs and services across the Commonwealth powered by SeniorNavigator. The provider database is constantly updated to make available the most comprehensive listing of services and supports in the Commonwealth.

To use Virginia Easy Access go to www.easyaccess.virginia.gov.

Localities filling officer of election vacancies

General Registrars and Electoral Boards around the Commonwealth are beginning to realize their goal of fully staffing their election precincts for the November presidential election.

Localities are continuing to recruit people to serve as Officers of Election to help voters at the polling places on Election Day, Nov. 4.

"In every election there is an opportunity for citizens to be part of the process," Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said. "This year, we launched the 'Ensure the Vote' campaign to inform voters of the opportunity to help with elections in their communities. We are appreciative that employers throughout the Commonwealth are embracing this opportunity for community participation and encouraging their employees to get involved in their community on Election Day."

Officers of Election assist the voter on Election Day. An individual must apply to become an Officer of Election and must be a qualified voter.

Virginia still needs more than 2,000 people to help on Election Day. Originally, 10,000 people were needed, but through community outreach efforts and business partnerships that number has been reduced. The increased need stemmed from the creation of 300 new precincts since 2004 and the projected increase in voter turnout for the November election.

In order to further focus the recruitment process, areas around the state have been designated as "hot spots" or places with substantial vacancies. These areas have recruited a large number of Officers of Election, but need more. These areas include: City of Fairfax, City of Richmond, Alexandria, Chesterfield County, Henrico County, Loudoun County, Virginia Beach, Frederick County, Norfolk and Pittsylvania County.

Applications to become an Officer of Election are available online and can be submitted through the Web site. For more info, visit www.sbe.virginia.gov or contact your local registrar.

There's an old cracked marble plaque on the wall of the King William Courthouse. Look closely and you can make out the date-1725.

Since that time when America and Virginia were discovering themselves, the King William Courthouse has held court. That makes this historical structure the oldest public building still in use in Virginia and the oldest courthouse of English foundation in continuous use in the United States.

"We believe this unique distinction is historically important and a source of considerable community pride," said Frank Pleva, King William County administrator. "We are very proud of the historic courthouse."

There is a county document that supports the early date. The 1722 entry states that the existing wooden-framed courthouse was in "ruinous condition." That declaration led to donation of land and the construction of the current courthouse, which is a one-room, T-shaped, hipped-roof structure.

The courthouse was constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. It is one of



On the left is the historic King William Courthouse at night. Below is a photo of the courthouse in the 1920s. The far left building was a jail and later became the clerk's office. The white building was Puller Tavern, which is no longer there.

Photos courtesy of King William County

only three surviving in Virginia with an arcade or a piazza imitating the first colonial capital in Williamsburg. The other two are in Charles City and Hanover counties.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources, which maintains the Virginia Landmarks Register, regards the courthouse to be the best preserved of the Commonwealth's 11 colonial-era court buildings.

The courthouse survived several near disasters. The first happened in 1788 when an ember in the fireplace

burned the adjacent clerk's office to the ground. Even though the structure was brick, the fire ravaged the building and destroyed the court records.

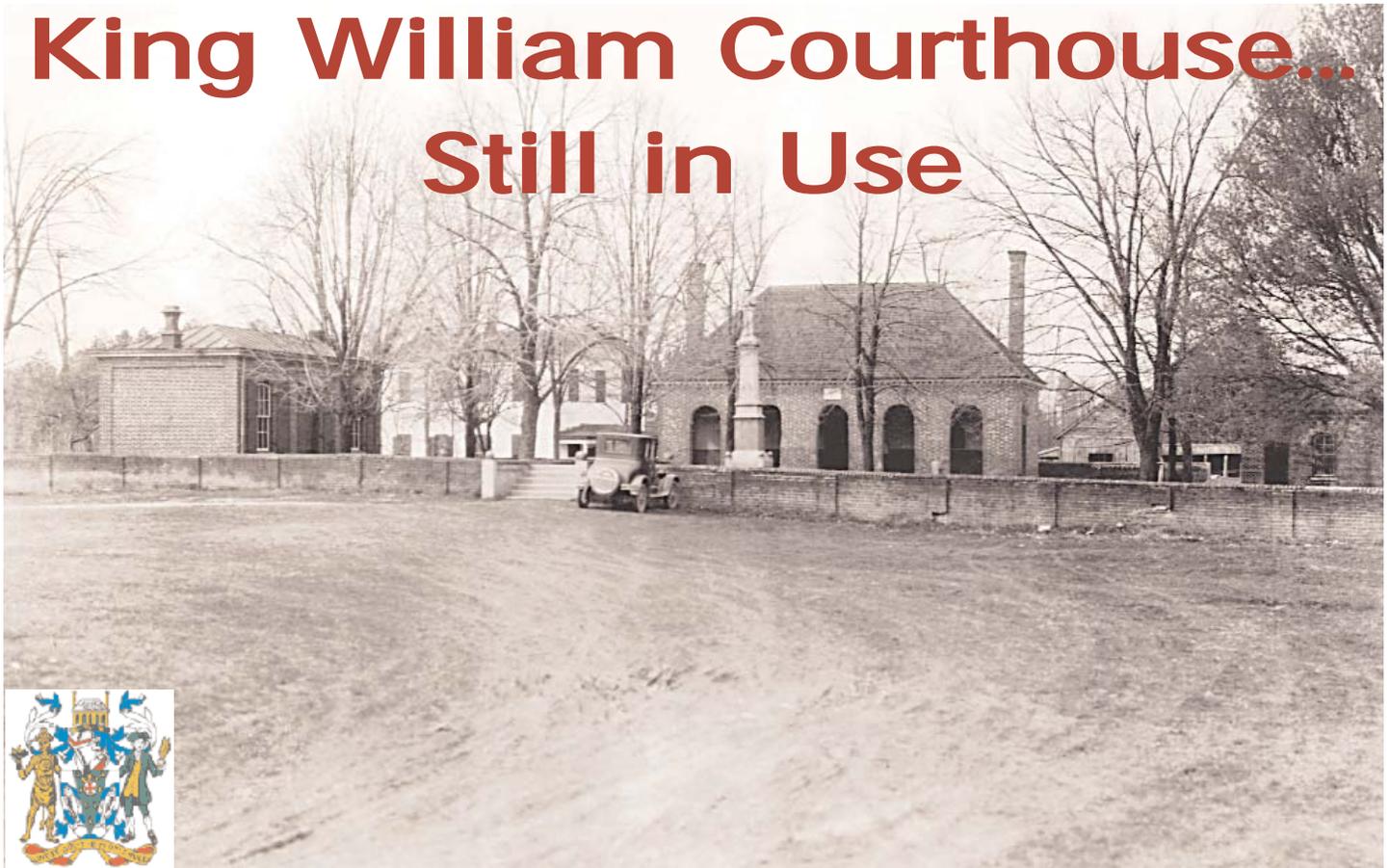
It happened again in 1885 when a fire of suspicious nature burned the court records. The mystery of that fire has never been solved.

"I live in a house that dates to 1745," said Carl Fischer, vice president of the King William Historical Society.

King William

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King William Courthouse... Still in Use



Collins hired in Rockbridge County

Claire Collins smiles after being appointed county administrator by the Rockbridge Board of Supervisors.



Photo courtesy of The News-Gazette

For the first time in 36 years, Rockbridge County has a new county administrator. Claire Collins was hired by the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 25. Her first official day will be Sept. 2.

“After having served as a professional local government manager in Virginia and executive level local government team member for more than 20 years, I am humbled and honored to have been appointed by the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors to serve as county administrator,” Collins said.

She formerly served as Covington city manager and Bath County administrator. She succeeds Don Austin, who recently retired.

“Following Don Austin, a respected veteran of county administration is a privilege,” Collins said. “I am elated to serve as Rockbridge County administrator in a place known for its public spiritedness, generosity and ability to plan for the future without compromising its history and heritage.”

Roark now longest-serving county administrator

With the retirement of Rockbridge County administrator Don Austin, Nottoway County administrator Ronald E. Roark now has the longest tenure in the same county among any of his colleagues.

Roark will have served Nottoway as administrator for 34 years in November.

VACo Executive Director Jim Campbell confirmed the distinction.

“It’s gone by too fast,” Roark said with a laugh. “We’ve had some good times, some bad times, but mostly good. I’ve been fortunate to work with some really good people.”

Roark said you can’t compare being a county administrator now to back when he first started.

“We had two people in the office and a maintenance guy. Now we have quite a few more people working and a lot more responsibilities.”

Roark can’t believe he’s been with



Photo courtesy of Nottoway County

(Left to Right): Ronald E. Roark poses with the Nottoway County Board of Supervisors: Jack J. Green, Gary L. Simmons, Sherman C. Vaughan, Clarence A. Simpson, Steve W. Bowen

one county for such a stretch. When he started in 1974, the tenure of county administrators was not very long. He credits his longevity to good supervisors “who have been good gentlemen and good businessmen.”

Roark is proud of many accomplishments. He’s helped build new

schools. He was part of the development of a military base. And he’s helped maintain a reasonably low tax rate and kept the county’s debt down.

“I’m still healthy and feel pretty good,” Roark said. “I’m proud to have the opportunity to continue to be here for a little while longer.”

Mark Your Calendars

2008 VTCA-VDOT Consultant Forum

Sept. 11
Holiday Inn Select
Koger Center South
Richmond



VTCA and VDOT will conduct their consultant engineering forum on Sept. 11 in Richmond. Local officials who are responsible for road infrastructure in their jurisdictions are invited to attend.

There is no registration fee. For more information, visit the Web site at vrtba.org/events/cons_forum.htm.

Carroll County Fair

Sept. 18-21
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.



Carroll County welcomes you to the return of its annual county fair. There will be contests in all major agricultural areas with ribbons being given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all categories.

CONTACT INFO:

Webb Flowers, Extention Agent
276-730-3113

www.carrollcountyva.org/fair
Carroll County Office of Tourism
276-730-3100

Private activity bond allocation

Input Session
Sept. 10
10 a.m. - noon
Richmond



To prepare for the 2009 program year the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development will hold an input session on needs and issues related to the local housing authority portion of Virginia's private activity bond allocation.

Please register for the session by contacting Margaret Wade via email at margaret.wade@dhcd.virginia.gov or by calling 804-371-7100.

There is no registration fee. You are encouraged to share this information with other interested parties.

Asset management workshop

Oct. 7-9
Hotel Roanoke
Conference Center



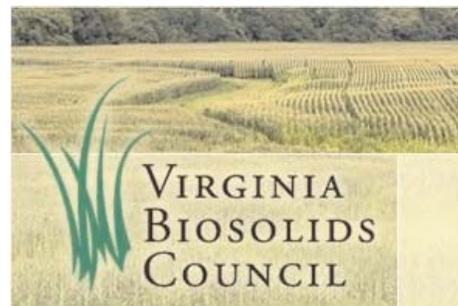
Virginia Tech will sponsor "Advancing Asset Management in Your Utility: A Hands-On" workshop.

More info about the workshop is available at www.cpe.vt.edu/epaaam/index.html.

Questions may also be directed to Sunil Sinha at ssinha@vt.edu or Lori Kroll at lkroll@daa.com.

Biosolids Technology Forum

Sept. 17
Convention Center
Richmond



Richmond Innovative technologies for energy production and pioneering options for residuals management will be the focus of the one-day forum.

The event will take place one day before the Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability (COVES) Conference.

The forum is sponsored by the Virginia Biosolids Council and the Biosolids Renewable Energy Task Force, a partnership of the Council, Virginia conservation groups, representatives of Virginia state agencies and Virginia municipal wastewater treatment operators.

Speakers for the forum include leading researchers and engineers.

This forum is designed for wastewater treatment professionals and other public employees, and representatives of non-profit conservation and environmental organizations.

There is no charge for the forum, although registration is required.

The agenda and registration forms can be found at the Virginia Biosolids Council Web site. The URL address is www.virginiabiosolids.com.

To e-mail the registration form, you must save it with a new name, such as "Forum_yourlastname.pdf" and then attach the new form to your e-mail to: forum@virginiabiosolids.com.

Congratulations

York County appoints Christie Phillips as public information officer

Christie Phillips comes to York after serving as the communications manager for the City of Key West, FL.

Phillips brings a combined 6 years of experience as a government agency communications professional and newspaper journalist to her new position.

As the communications manager for Key West, Phillips served as spokeswoman for the city during emergency events and at crime scenes and worked as public information officer in the Emergency Operations Center during hurricanes. She was also responsible for handling media communications for the city and maintaining the city Web site Media Center.

Before entering the field of public agency communications, Phillips spent over four years writing for newspapers and magazines, serving as a reporter for the Key West Keynoter and the Virginia Gazette.

Phillips received her BA in Print Journalism from Washington & Lee University in May 2001. Phillips begins her new responsibilities on Sept. 2.



Henrico County receives clean water award

The Henrico County Department of Public Utilities' Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) has received a Gold Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for its outstanding compliance record.



Henrico's Water Reclamation Facility earned the award for maintaining 100 percent compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit in calendar year 2007, meaning WRF committed no permit violations over the course of the year. NACWA saluted the Henrico facility as an "outstanding example of environmental efforts."

The WRF, a multistage advanced activated sludge treatment plant, operates at high levels of nutrient removal. The facility, which experienced an average flow of 41.5 million gallons per day in 2007, is part of a waterworks system that serves 92,000 residential and commercial customers.

"This award represents Henrico's commitment to use environmentally sound practices as we produce the best water in the region for our residents and customers," said Public Utilities Director Arthur D. Petrini. "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff."

NACWA represents the interests of public water treatment agencies at the federal level, helps develop environmental legislation and works closely with federal regulatory agencies in the implementation of environmental programs.

For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/utility.

Loudoun County honored nationally for public information

Loudoun County has received two awards of excellence for its public information efforts from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO). Loudoun received the "Best in Class" rating in the Special Projects category for its 250th Anniversary Celebration. It also received an Excellence rating for the Loudoun County 2007 Annual Report.

The county's 250th Anniversary Celebration, judged the best special project in the nationwide competition, was a yearlong effort that highlighted history through special events, projects and publications. The county's Public Information Office participated in the Leesburg/Loudoun 250th Anniversary Committee and also organized a county government steering committee to coordinate the celebration.

The highlight of the year was a daylong celebration of Loudoun's 250th anniversary on May 19, 2007. Thousands of people attended the event held in and around the historic courthouse in downtown Leesburg. The event featured musical performances, children's activities, a historical drama,

oral histories, an anniversary stamp station, a one-day 250th anniversary cancellation stamp, and displays by historical and county organizations.



Loudoun also received an excellence rating from NACIO for its 2007 Annual Report. Produced by the Loudoun County Public Information Office, the 24-page, illustrated report highlights the county's accomplishments during the fiscal year of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

The 2007 report included a special section commemorating the county's 250th anniversary. This is the seventh consecutive year Loudoun has received an award of excellence for its annual report.

Copies of the report are available at county library branches or by contacting the Loudoun County Public Information Office at 703-777-0113 or by e-mail at pivs@loudoun.gov. The report is also available on the county's Web site at www.loudoun.gov.

news from our
associate members

Dewberry receives GIS special achievement award

Dewberry, a nationally recognized consulting firm based in Fairfax, has been awarded the Special Achievement in GIS, or SAG, an award from ESRI, a leading GIS and mapping software developer. Dewberry was selected to receive the SAG award from over 100,000 ESRI user sites worldwide.

Tim McCormick, PE, CFM, Dewberry's senior vice president with the firm's hazard engineering services group, accepted the award from ESRI President Jack Dangermond.

Dewberry was recognized because of its technological contribution to floodplain mapping—GeoFIRM. Dewberry built GeoFIRM around ESRI's ArcGIS software.

Dewberry maintains an ESRI Enterprise License Agreement and is

familiar with all state-of-the-art geospatial technologies. In 2005, Dewberry was also named Partner of the Year by ESRI for demonstrating "exemplary leadership using GIS in its emergency response to the devastation inflicted by [the 2004] Florida hurricanes."

ESRI recognized Dewberry's use of GIS technology to support the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as state and local governments, noting that, "Dewberry's leadership in this role will further promote the use of GIS in the constructive response to these and future disasters."

Dewberry is a 1,955-person professional services firm, specializing in federal services to include one of the largest and most comprehensive commercial geospatial practices in the



Dewberry's Tim McCormick (right) accepts the prestigious GIS award from ESRI President Jack Dangermond.

United States; engineering and architectural design; program management; planning; and environmental services. Visit www.dewberry.com.

ESRI, based in Redlands, CA, is the world leader in geographic information systems (GIS) technology. Visit www.esri.com.



Richard N. Davis, former partner, colleague and friend remembered

Richard N. "Dick" Davis, 82, recently passed away at his home in Herndon. He was a partner with Dewberry until his retirement in 1986. Davis joined the firm in 1958 as chief engineer and became principal partner in 1966.

"The first time I met Dick was in 1948 while hitchhiking back to my hometown," said Sidney O. Dewberry, chairman of the firm. "He stopped his 1936 roadster, pointed at me and said 'I know you! You're in my chemistry class!'" Dewberry recalled that the firm paid a recruiter \$600 in 1958 to bring Davis on board. "It was the best investment I ever made—which Dick was proud of reminding me," Dewberry said.

Davis was a professional engineer and land surveyor. He graduated from George Washington University in 1948. In the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area he was involved in multiple critical projects such as the initial extension of the Dulles Toll Road and the Dulles Greenway. He also managed the reconstruction of the Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park after it burned in 1982.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Richard N. Davis Memorial Fund to support civil engineering students at George Washington University. Checks should be made payable and sent to the School of Engineering, George Washington University, Tompkins Hall, Room 210, 725 23rd Street, NW, Washington, DC 20052.



Bradner earns certification

Brian Bradner, PE, manager of Land Development Services in the Danville office of Dewberry, has been recently approved as a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control™.



The CPESC certification program designates Bradner's qualifications to practice in the fields of erosion and sediment control and stormwater quality measures.

Bradner, a Dewberry associate, is also a licensed Professional Engineer in North Carolina and Virginia and earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University in 1994. He has managed numerous commercial development design projects including numerous site designs for Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

Meeting

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Photo by John Kandris/VACo
Members of the Education Steering Committee listen to Angela Cioffi from JustChildren (first woman on left).

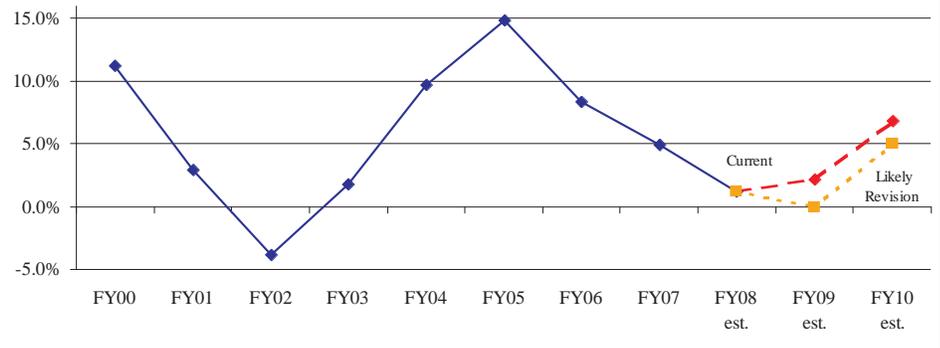
The committee is charged with helping VACo plan for the forthcoming state budget reductions in light of the poor revenue projections. Gov. Timothy M. Kaine recently foreshadowed significant FY 2009 and 2010 state budget reductions in a Richmond speech. The national economic downturn also is affecting state revenues. The governor addressed the General Assembly’s money committees on Aug. 8.

As recently reported by VACo’s Dean Lynch, the Commonwealth will engage in a third round of budget reductions this fall and winter that will include all programs, including those previously held harmless (K-12 funding). Read or listen to the governor’s Aug. 8 speech at www.vaco.org.

Kyger appointed five elected officials to the committee, including Chairman Mike Hobert of Clarke, Jon Bowerbank of Russell, Phillip Bradshaw of Isle of Wight, Pablo Cuevas of Rockingham and Barbara Favola of Arlington.

Kyger established the committee on a recommendation from the Finance Steering Committee, which received a VACo report indicating that Virginia’s downward revenue projections will force the Commonwealth to seek significant budget reductions from state agencies and local governments. The committee plans to convene in mid-September.

State General Fund Revenue Growth Forecast



State General Fund Revenue Impact on Budgets (\$ Bil)

	FY08	FY09	FY10
Current GF Revenue Forecast	\$15.75	\$16.09	\$17.19
GF Revenue if 5% Growth	\$16.34	\$17.16	\$18.02
Difference	(\$0.60)	(\$1.07)	(\$0.83)

Source: Fiscal Analytics, Inc. for VACo

A brief primer 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 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.

In early October, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference. The 2008 Legislative Program is posted at www.vaco.org.

Stormwater

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“approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Board.” Localities are to provide the Board information about processes for issuing “informal and formal administrative enforcement procedures.” Localities are also to provide information about its schedule of civil penalties. A range of civil penalties will be included in the regulations.

Financial implications: Technical and administrative criteria in the current draft of the stormwater regulations fill 43 pages. This article highlights just a few of them. For local governments, financial burdens associated with administration, inspection and enforcement will probably be significant, but it will be difficult to fully understand until a report on economic and financial impacts is issued this fall by Professor Kurt Stephenson of Virginia Tech.

Statewide stormwater permit fee: Potential financial impacts of administering local stormwater programs elevate the “statewide stormwater permit fee” (as required under Section 10.1-

603.4 of the Code) to a high level of importance. These fees will be incorporated into the regulations. Seventy percent of fee revenues will be retained by the locality with an approved program with 30 percent going to the state.

Economic Development:

Stormwater management requirements with significantly ratcheted up performance standards will increase costs for new development. There are also major implications for situations involving redevelopment. During the most recent TAC meeting concerns were raised about how the requirement to reduce pollutant loadings by 20 percent on certain re-development sites could discourage neighborhood improvement projects in older urban areas.

Here’s why much is at stake for land developers:

In cases of new development, when applications are made for permits to disturb land it will be their burden to demonstrate that pollutants from construction site discharges will not exceed certain numerical levels (for example: .28 lbs. of phosphorus per acre per year). This numerical standard

applies both during the development and postdevelopment stages.

The current draft version of the regulations states that in cases of redevelopment a person disturbing land will have the burden of demonstrating that on sites with at least 40 percent impervious cover, loadings from phosphorus will be 20 percent below “predevelopment” loads.

In addition to numerical criteria for phosphorus, developers will also be required to demonstrate the ability to reduce other pollutants to levels established in any applicable TMDL (total maximum daily load) approved by EPA. (TMDL is a very significant program required under the Clean Water Act with potential impacts on nearly all localities). DCR’s Stormwater Management Permit Program will become a vehicle for implementing TMDL management plans.

Under the draft regulations developers will be required to enter into agreements with local governments to maintain whatever structural Best Management Practices (i.e., retention ponds) they construct.

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“I can’t go back and find the land records because they have been burned.”

Both times the courthouse survived.

One of the most famous frequenters of the courthouse was Braxton Carter, an original signer of the Declaration of Independence. Carter represented King William County in the Virginia House of Burgesses. He later was appointed to the Continental Congress.

There is also a claim that George Washington passed the courthouse, which at the time was next to a tavern and a lodge, on his way to Williamsburg and the Virginia House of Burgesses.

“It’s on Route 30, which runs through the middle of the county,” Fischer said. “That route was originally an Indian trail. There’s evidence that a lot of people passed the courthouse during the colonial times because of its location.”

In 1840 the courthouse was enlarged and a brick wall was raised to enclose the court green and to keep livestock and poultry away from the buildings. It is one of the few remaining enclosed court greens in Virginia. A jail was constructed in 1890.

“It wasn’t unusual to see prisoners walking around inside the brick wall,” Fischer said.

The Confederate monument was dedicated on the court green in 1904 and the new clerk’s office was built in 1908. The interior of the courthouse was extensively renovated about 1926 and again in 1983-84, the latter an effort to restore the building to more of its original appearance.

King William County constructed a new courthouse that opened in late 2004. The new building is near the historic courthouse and features a colonial style that imitates its predecessor.

The new structure is 28,600-square feet with two courtrooms, three judges’ chambers and three clerks’ offices. The Sheriff’s Office is also located there.

“The historic courthouse is very quaint but not very functional for court hearings and trials given today’s court standards for safety,” Pleva said. “There are little benches, and I imagine sitting there all day might have been comfortable in Colonial times when most people were 5-foot-2 or 5-foot-4. But not by today’s standards.”

Also, the acoustics are a little too good at the old courthouse. Those in the audience at times could hear the jury deliberating even though they are in the next room behind closed doors.

Currently, the old courthouse is used once in a while for hearings and for docket day. It is typically opened for county spring fest and other special events. The King William Historical Society established a museum in the adjacent former clerk’s office in 2007. The museum is open on weekends.

“King William is very fortunate to have beautiful structures such as our historical courthouse, which has played a significant role in the development of our county and state,” Pleva said.

VACo IT Survey

As part of our mission, VACo is always searching for ways to help you serve your citizens more effectively and efficiently. We are exploring opportunities and partnerships to help you deliver services to your community in the future by optimizing the use of technology. Please respond to this survey so we can report the results at our annual conference at the Homestead in November.

Name of County:

Position: Board of Supervisors County Administrator

Other (please specify):

In general, how would you rate your county's use of technology and the Internet to deliver services?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

Do you feel your citizens will expect more use of technology and Integrated Technology (IT) solutions in the future?

Definitely Yes Probably Yes Probably No Definitely No

If it did not require additional capital outlay (or personnel??), for which of the following would you consider using an outside vendor to help provide services electronically to your county? (Circle all that apply)

311 Citizen Services

Citizen Alert/Notification

CapabiltyOn-line Permitting and/or Licensing

Online Bill Paying

Enrollment for Social and County Services

Registration and Scheduling for County Events and Facilities

Library Services

Redaction Services for Government Documents

Business Protection/Disaster Recovery for County Records

No interest at this time

This is very interesting, please get me more information

Other (please specify):

Please print and fax the survey to 202-383-0079 or mail it to ATTENTION VACo Survey, C/O Powell Tate, 700 13th Street NW, Suite 800, Washington D.C. 20005. E-mail gharter@vaco.org to receive a link to take the survey online. Thank you for your participation.

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**Director of Emergency Services/
Amelia County**

SALARY RANGE: \$60,000 - \$80,000
Applicant must be a resident of Amelia County or willing to relocate. Interested applicants may submit a cover letter, employment application and resume to Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator, P.O. Box A, 16360 Dunn Street, Amelia, VA 23002
Position closes 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26. A County application can be requested by calling 804-561-3039 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by e-mail at teharris@amelia-cova.com.

Animal Control Officer/Amelia County

Salary, DOE/DOQ.
Interested applicants may submit a cover letter, employment application and resume to Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator, P.O. Box A, 16360 Dunn Street, Amelia, VA 23002
Position closes 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. A County application can be requested by calling 804-561-3039 (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or by e-mail at teharris@amelia-cova.com.

**Local Partnership Team
Leader/VDOT**

\$53,510-\$95,000 salary negotiable based on training and experience
Closing date Sept. 5.
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Public Information Officer/King William County

Hiring range \$39,000 - \$48,000, DOQ. Applicants must submit a completed King William County Employment Application (found at www.king-williamcounty.us) and/or resume

(including references and salary history) and writing sample to County Administrator, King William County, P. O. Box 215, King William, VA 23086. Open until filled.

Cable Television Coordinator/Falls Church Public Schools

Falls Church City Public Schools is looking for a cable television coordinator for its local PEG station. Anyone interested can see the posting and apply through the Web site at this link: www.fccps.org/hr/jobs.htm.

Finance Director/Caroline County

Responsible for management of the Finance Department and overall direction of financial and budgetary activities of the County. Starting salary up to \$98,668 for well qualified candidate plus excellent benefit package. Interested persons should submit completed County application, cover letter and resume by Sept. 22 to: Percy Ashcraft, County Administrator, P. O. Box 447, Bowling Green, VA 22427. Application forms, complete job ad and description available at www.visitcaroline.com or by calling the County Administrator's Office at 804-633-5380.

Solid Waste Manager/Grayson County

Grayson County is accepting applications for the position of Solid Waste Manager. The ideal candidate will possess a commercial driver's license, have extensive management experience, excellent people skills, mechanical abilities and experience working within budget guidelines. The deadline for applications is Sept. 10. Applications may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office at PO Box 217, Independence, VA 24348 and must be returned to the same address. Phone 276-773-2471.

Executive Director/Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC)

For information, contact Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., Chairman, at (540) 337-7010

or visit www.cspdc.org. Submit letter of interest, resume, completed CSPDC application form (available on Web site) and names and contact information of five references, in confidence, to Tracy C. Pyles, Jr., CSPDC Chairman, P.O. Box 590, Verona, VA 24482. Do not submit via fax or e-mail. Resumes will be accepted through Sept. 29. Salary and benefits based on qualifications.

Executive Director/Halifax County

Industrial Development Authority
Salary Range \$120,000-\$150,000 (DOQ) + Benefits. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading and developing economic development initiatives to create jobs, investments and promote economic growth by recruiting new businesses, expanding existing industries and growing small businesses. Send a confidential resume with letter of interest by Sept. 30 to: Halifax County Industrial Development Authority, Attn.: Jerry L. Gwaltney, P.O. Box 1281, South Boston, VA 24592.

Director of Planning & Zoning/Charles City County

Individual will work closely with the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator and provide staff support to the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Wetlands Board and others. Director will serve as Zoning Administrator, Subdivision Agent, supervise environmental codes enforcement. Salary DOQ. Position will be open until filled.

More information on position can be found at www.co.charles-city.va.us

IT Support Technician/Charles City County

Qualified applicants should possess at minimum an Associate's degree, or Vocational/Technical degree with training.

To apply, submit an application and resume to County Administrator,

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Charles City Government, P. O. Box 128 Charles City, VA 23030. Applications may be secured via the Web site www.co.charles-city.va.us or call 804-652-4701 for more information. Open until filled.

**Finance Director & Town Treasurer/
Town of Culpeper**

Salary: \$69,205 – \$99,736 + benefits. \$84M budget 162 Town employees, 9FT + 1PT Treasurer's Office employees. Interested persons should complete and return a Town application, cover letter, and resume by Sept. 20 to: Department of the Town Manager, 400 South Main Street, Suite 101 Culpeper, VA 22701. Application forms, complete job ad, and job description are available online at www.culpeper.to or by calling the Town Manager's office at 540-829-8250.

Project Engineer/Augusta County

The Augusta County Service Authority is accepting applications for a Project Engineer. For a complete job description and application please see our Web site at www.acsawater.com/job. Typical hiring range \$44,325–\$48,938, DOQ. Open until filled.

**Assistant Director of Finance/
Brunswick County**

Assists the Director of Finance plan, organize, and direct operations of human resources, budget and financial management. 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. Telephone 434-848-3107. Position open until filled. Brunswick County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

IT Systems Administrator/Dinwiddie County

Salary: \$47,708. Dinwiddie County seeks a Windows

Systems Administrator to join an ever growing IT department. Candidate will need to have the ability to work in a high speed environment and be well rounded in the IT field. Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia required. Applications available at www.dinwiddieva.us or at the Dinwiddie County HR Dept., 14016 Boydton Plank Road, P.O. Drawer 70, Dinwiddie, VA 23841 or by calling 804-469-4500 ext 145. Open until filled.

Senior Accountant/Town of Leesburg

\$60,153-\$100,963 plus excellent benefits CLOSING DATE: Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. Required: BA/BS in accounting; minimum of two years of professional accounting experience; CPA; computerized accounting systems experience. Preferred: Municipal government experience; grants accounting experience. 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, HR Dept., 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.

**Aging and Disability Services Division
Chief/Arlington County**

Salary negotiable up to low \$120K Open Until Filled Submit our easy Internet employment application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers. Click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down past the check boxes and click on the job title. You will see the full job announcement and the link to the required Internet application. Questions? Call 703-228-3500 and press "4." We have staff who will be happy to assist you.

**Director of Parks and
Recreation/Powhatan County**

Submit completed County application, letter of application, detailed resume, salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Sr. VP, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228;

Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by Sept. 1. For further information visit www.springsted.com. Official Powhatan County applications can be downloaded and printed from the County's Web site at www.powhatanva.gov.

**Director of Planning & Zoning/
Mathews County**

Minimum starting salary is \$55,000+, depending upon qualifications. A county employment application, along with resume and cover letter, is required. To obtain an application and complete job description, contact the County Administrator's office, P.O. Box 839, Mathews, VA 23109 or call 804-725-7172. Open until filled.

**County Planner & Zoning
Administrator/King and Queen
County**

To be considered: applicants should possess a Bachelors' Degree in planning or a related field with a minimum of five years experience. The ideal candidate would possess a Master's Degree in Planning or a related field with AICP certification. The successful candidate will be required to become AICP certified within 24 months of appointment. Salary is DOQ with excellent benefits. Please submit letter of interest, resume and five professional references to: County Administrator, P.O. Box 177, King and Queen CH, VA 23085 or by e-mail to gsteckman@kingandqueenco.net by Sept. 12.

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