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Sobering "Blueprint" recommended by Commissioner



By Larry Land
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As previously reported by VACo, counties will be significantly affected by VDOT's restructuring and financing recommendations. The proposed structural reforms and new six-year plan are the result of a bleak financial forecast. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) reacted to Commissioner David S. Ekern's reorganization recommendations and the department's draft FY 2010 - 2015 six-year improvement program at its May 20 meeting in Richmond.

The CTB is postured to act on both plans - reorganization and financial - at its June 16 meeting in Richmond. Local leaders are reminded however that CTB approval is not required for specific organizational recommendations including those that close and consolidate specific residencies. Residency decisions rest with the Commissioner.

The Commissioner's "Blueprint" is necessitated by "sharply declining state revenues and unpredictable federal revenues." There are three major components to the Blueprint. Of chief importance to county officials is the first component, a \$2 billion (72 percent) reduction over six years in the size of VDOT's construction program.

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VACo and VML testify about SOQs before Board of Education

VACo and VML recently provided joint testimony to the Board of Education's Standards of Quality Committee about the current and proposed standards and state funding for education.

The organizations also offered timely recommendations. The board is charged with revisiting the standards every two years.

VACo and VML were invited to testify along with a host of statewide education groups on Wednesday, May 27 in Richmond. The public meeting was the first of approximately seven the committee intends to conduct. In addition to scheduled June and July meetings, the committee will schedule additional meetings in the fall. County leaders should plan to testify.

The committee is comprised of the entire membership of the Board of Education. The board, governor and General Assembly set the standards while the governor and General Assembly appropriate funding for them. As part of its testimony, VACo and VML urged the board to take more of an active role in the funding process.

Mary Jo Fields of VML and Mike Edwards of VACo offered the following comments and recommendations. Their entire testimony including three important slides about local revenues and expenditures are posted on www.vaco.org

Summary of VACo and VML comments:

- The SOQs do not adequately reflect the actual costs of education. Those actual costs are driven by requirements



VML's Mary Jo Fields (left) and VACo's Michael Edwards offered recommendations and comments to the Board of Education. Their testimony can be read at [this link](#).

under the Standards of Accreditation and the Standards of Learning.

- Localities consistently spend about \$3 billion more per year than the minimum required by the state. The "over-spending" accounts for 22 percent of all K-12 appropriations. Without this extra local spending, school divisions and students would have little chance of meeting state and federal requirements.
- The state uses a linear weighted average methodology that depresses salaries and supporting costs paid by the state.
- The state changes funding formulas in order to reduce required state support. These formula changes do not change what it actually costs to provide education services, they only change how much the state has to pay.
- Due to the recession and falling state and local revenues, near term increases in state and local K-12 funding are doubtful, and indeed state and local K-12 funding may decrease in the next biennium.
- In FY 2008, local governments spent 84 percent of all real property tax

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Follow VACo on Twitter



There has been a lot of chatter about social media lately. One prevailing question VACo faced was “should we or shouldn’t we?”

After carefully reviewing the multiple social media options, VACo decided to give Twitter a go and see if it can enhance our communications efforts.

Our screen name is VACounties. The URL is twitter.com/VACounties

For those of you who don’t know a thing about Twitter, here’s a brief description.

Twitter is a social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read other users’ updates known as tweets, which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length. Updates are displayed on the user’s profile page and delivered to other users who have signed up to receive them.

Estimates of the number of daily users vary as Twitter does not release the number of active accounts. In November 2008, Jeremiah Owyang of Forrester Research estimated that Twitter had 4-5 million users. A February 2009 Compete.com blog entry ranks Twitter as the third most used social network (Facebook being the largest, followed by MySpace), and puts the number of unique monthly visitors at roughly 6 million and the number of monthly visits at 55 million. In March 2009, aNielsen.com blog ranked Twitter as the fastest growing site in the Member Communities category for February 2009. Twitter had a growth of 1382 percent, Zimbio had a growth of 240 percent, followed by Facebook with a growth 228 percent.

One interesting sidenote: Ashton Kutcher became the first to reach 1 million followers on April 17. Oprah Winfrey began Twitter account the same week.

VACo will use Twitter as a means to alert our members and the general public whenever there is important information or new posts on www.vaco.org or when our legislative team has thoughts or advice to pass along.

We encourage your county to set up an account and to follow VACounties or other members of our staff. Here’s a list of VACo Tweeters:

- DeanLynch1207
- MLEGoBirds (Michael Edwards)
- MemberServices (Carol Cameron)
- TedMac23113 (Ted McCormack)
- LarryJLand
- JKandris

Please don’t hesitate to e-mail gharter@vaco.org with any questions about Twitter. We look forward to developing our social media presence with you.

VACo Notes



VACo will release the Homestead lodging form on Monday, June 15.

The form will be sent by e-mail to all county administrators or other designated recipients and confirmed exhibitors.

To make alternate arrangements to receive the room request form, call Carol Cameron at 804- 343-2507 or e-mail ccameron@vaco.org.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the VACo Annual Conference, and will be held Nov. 8-10 at the Homestead.

The theme of VACo’s 2009 Annual Conference will be “Embracing Change: New Partnerships for Sustainable Communities.” With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and other important federal initiatives that have been directly affecting local governments this year, VACo’s conference planning committee agreed that the 2009 annual conference will be an important time for representatives from Congress and federal agencies, as well as local government, to be active participants.

A tentative list of issues to be addressed include budgeting; public health; long-term financial planning; economic development; and environmental protection.

The conference registration form will be available in mid-August. The sponsorship form and exhibitor information can be found at our Web site: www.vaco.org/annualconference.

Changes expected on biosolids rule

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Over the summer the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be preparing amendments to regulations that govern land application and storage of processed sewage sludge (a.k.a., biosolids).

On Aug. 22, DEQ's proposed amendments will be presented for consideration to a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) composed of stakeholders representing agriculture, wastewater treatment facilities, local governments, citizen groups, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Department of Health.

Under legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2007 (HB 2802, Byron) regulatory oversight of Virginia's biosolids program was transferred from the Virginia Department of Health to DEQ. The provisions of HB 2802 went into effect on Jan. 1, 2008.

One expected change in the biosolids rule will address the issue of separation distances between areas where biosolids are land applied and neighboring properties, streams, lakes and drinking water supplies. Another important issue relates to lands where it may be beneficial to land apply biosolids at frequencies greater than "agronomic rates."

These areas could include, for example, mine reclamation and other

sites with poor "low productivity" soils. Other critical matters likely to be affected by the new rule will be requirements for land applicators to demonstrate financial assurance, requirements for nutrient management planning, and requirements relating to notification of nearby property owners when new permits for land application of biosolids are considered.

Since last November, DEQ's Biosolids TAC has held five meetings to discuss some of the most controversial issues associated with land application of biosolids. Differences among several TAC members over such matters as financial assurance, notification, and separation distances have not been resolved and are likely to be debated further when the TAC holds a series of meetings next fall to consider the proposed rule changes.

After being considered by DEQ's Technical Advisory Committee, the proposed amendments to the biosolids rule will then be considered and approved by the State Water Control Board. Pursuant to the Administrative Process Act requiring a 60-day public

comment period and an analysis of economic impacts by the Department of Planning and Budget, final approval of the new rule by the State Water Control Board is not expected until sometime during the summer of 2010.

Over the past several years VACo has had the following policy statement on land application of biosolids in its legislative program:

VACo contends that the land application of biosolids, when conducted properly, provides important benefits to the public and Virginia's agricultural sector. To reduce risks that might occur as a result of improper land application, VACo supports an effective statewide program and regulations governing land application of biosolids that protect the environment, public health and safety. VACo also supports the ability of local governments to monitor compliance with such regulations and the ability of local governments to submit recommendations for site-specific conditions into the permitting process. (Note: Larry Land of VACo is a member of DEQ's Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee.)

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Counties to remain vigilant as the AOSS issue moves into regulatory phase

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VACo has taken action to influence upcoming state actions that will affect the future use of alternative onsite sewage systems (AOSS) in the Commonwealth and over-ride county regulations of those systems, including any provisions designed to protect local water resources.

In order to be actively involved as statewide AOSS regulations are being drafted, VACo's Board of Directors recently created a special task force to monitor the process and to determine if additional state legislation is needed to protect public health and the environment.

Although the membership of the task force is being finalized, it currently includes Barbara Favola of Arlington County and member of the State Board of Health, Mike Hobert of Clarke County and Jim Burton of Loudoun County.

The 2009 General Assembly enacted homebuilder-promoted HB 1788 and its companion, SB 1276, which will block county AOSS control. As passed, the bills contained language that would:

- Prohibit local ordinances from barring AOSS for residences after the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals issues its final installer licensing regulations; and
- Preempt local ordinances on AOSS maintenance for residences once the Board of Health issues its final regulations that are expected within the next two years.

Gov. Kaine, however, amended the legislation to delay preemption of local regulations on AOSS installation and maintenance until after the Board of Health issues its final regulations in about 18-24 months.



The first phase of the AOSS rule-making process is nearing completion. In the May 25 edition of The Virginia Register (Vol. 25, Issue 19 beginning at page 3420) the Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals published for public comment its final regulations for licensing onsite sewage system installers.

Unless significant objections are raised to those regulations, the new rules will go into effect on July 1. Counties are strongly encouraged to review and offer appropriate comment on the proposals since these new statewide rules will ultimately override local control on AOSS installation.

Also enacted by the 2009 session were HB 2551 and its companion, SB 1468. This legislation contains a requirement for the Board of Health to develop emergency regulations for AOSS operation and maintenance, and imposes a special 30-day public comment period before final implementation of the new rules. State statute requires emergency rules to be adopted within 280 days or less after a law takes effect, or, in this instance, by early 2010.

The Division of Onsite Sewage and Water Services at the State Health Department is moving forward to prepare emergency AOSS requirements. A proposal is under consideration to form an ad hoc committee containing broad stakeholder representation to draft the emergency regulations.

Those emergency rules may also become the framework for the final regulations that will be considered by the Board of Health. Once those final requirements are issued by the Board within the next 18-24 months, all county oversight of the installation and/or maintenance of AOSS will cease.

Besides being another example of state intrusion into local authority, why should VACo members be concerned about this issue?

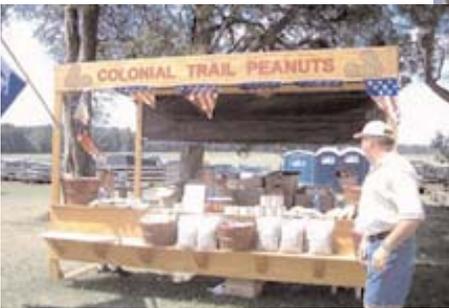
Although AOSS have been used in recent years to address the failure of traditional septic systems or to treat effluent in environmentally sensitive areas, the facilities require proper installation and regular maintenance by homeowners. Because the state had no comprehensive requirements for alternative systems, some counties enacted specific requirements for AOSS due to the experience with failures or to protect surface or groundwater resources or the Chesapeake Bay. The impact of this new legislation, however, will affect all counties because:

- The amended 2008-2010 budget eliminates 155 positions for local health departments, the agency on which an overwhelming majority of counties rely to ensure the proper installation and maintenance of both traditional septic and alternative systems. While not all of those positions will be responsible for AOSS oversight, the staff reductions call into question if sufficient qualified and trained health department personnel will be available to enforce existing and new state onsite sewer regulations.

- The preemption of county regulations on AOSS will concurrently weaken the use of soil conditions as a factor in local land use decisions. Almost all counties require lot sizes in portions of their jurisdiction to be based on the ability of the soils to support a traditional septic system. Statewide standards for alternative systems could potentially lead to high-density residential development on land that previously has not been suitable for such. If such should occur, it will increase sprawl, impact local services, pose a danger to the environment, and make it difficult for counties to comply with the urban development areas mandate.



Celebrating Surry County's history of Pork, Peanut and Pine



Soon more than 15,000 people will descend upon Chippokes Plantation State Park for the 34th annual Pork, Peanut and Pine Festival that celebrates the history of livestock, agriculture and forestry in Surry County.

The July 18-19 event will feature live stage music, children's activities, and more than 150 artisans and crafters showing their wares under the shade of blooming crepe myrtle trees.

But the real attraction is the pork and colloquial food.

"All of the meat products at the festival have something to do with pork," said Kenny Pittman, co-chair of the event and a volunteer for 10 years. "You have never tried pork so many different ways."

Pittman prefers the pork chops and the pork rinds. Those are definitely his favorites. But there are so many other choices including chitlins, grilled loin chops, pork burgers, barbeque ribs, ham biscuits and Boston Butt.

If that isn't enough, there are food booths that serve sausage, cracklings, salted peanuts, peanut candy, peanut pie, applejacks, lemonade and iced tea. The food booths are hosted by local nonprofit organizations.

"It's really a great event for

families," Pittman said. "There's so much to do. We have an activity corner for the kids and music entertainment for adults."

Two years ago, the main attraction was the Marshall Tucker Band. Last year it was David Lee Murphy. This year it is the Fat Ammons Band, which has the distinction of playing at Ronald Reagan's Inaugural Ball and opening for such notable artists as The Temptations, The Pointer Sisters, The Four Tops and Kool & The Gang.

As for the kids, Susan Corvello said don't worry parents, there's enough to keep them occupied for hours.

"We make sure the kids have a safe environment where they can just be kids and play and have a great time," said Corvello, who heads up the kids corner.

The festival has large inflatable slides, a rock wall, an obstacle course and a petting zoo. Oh yeah, don't forget the temporary tattoos table. All kids love to get those.

And if Boston Butt isn't a favorite of your kid, there are other options.

"Most kids like to eat the pork hot dogs and funnel cakes," Corvello said.

The location, Chippokes Plantation State Park, really adds appeal to the festival. The beautiful state park off of

the James River and Route 10 was established in 1617 by Captain William Powell of the Jamestown Settlement. In 1967, the 1700-acre plantation was donated to the Commonwealth.

"There's no better place to have the festival," Pittman said.

Since the 1600s, Surry County's economy has been largely based on pork.

There is a record that the first hog farm in America was established in this area between 1607 and 1608. Back then, many colonists kept their hogs across the river from Jamestown.

Peanuts and pine also have been a cash crop in Surry County for the past 400 years. Many of the arts and crafts on display will reflect this heritage.

The Pork, Peanut and Pine Festival Committee is a nonprofit organization consisting of 21 dedicated volunteers throughout the county. Four members have served on the committee since its inception in 1975.

The event, exhibits, tours, and tram rides are included in the admission price of \$5 per person. Youths 12 years and under are admitted free.

For more information, call 757-294-3625 or e-mail info@pork-peanutpinefestival.org.

Mark Your Calendars

**Virginia Transit
Association
2009 Annual
Conference**



**June 8 – 9
Fredericksburg**

This two-day conference will be held at the Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center in Fredericksburg, June 8–9. Open to all transportation professionals interested in learning more about sustainability, new federal legislation including re-authorization and ARRA and alternative fuel vehicles. Additional details can be found on the VTA Web site: www.vatransit.com

**Coalition of High
Growth
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June Meeting**

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Communities**

**June 29
Culpeper**

Registration Fee for CHGC Members (includes breakfast & lunch): \$35; \$40 after June 15.

Registration Fee for nonmembers (includes breakfast & lunch): \$40; \$45 after June 15

Please make your reservations now.

Send an e-mail to dbailey@capitol-square.com or fax 804-497-3151.

**2009 Virginia Rural
Summit**



**Sept. 14-15
Lynchburg**

More information coming soon.

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**2009 Annual Conference
on Aging**



**June 9
Lynchburg College**

PROGRAM PROJECT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To provide a high quality educational experience throughout the one-day conference with speakers who have experience working with the aging population
- To make the conference affordable for registrants through low conference fees and scholarships
- To provide a wide variety of positive aging topics
- To meet educational objectives as reflected by evaluations
- To offer participants the opportunity to network and learn more about aging services offered in our community

**Virginia Government
Communicators
2009 Annual Meeting**



**June 24
Blacksburg**

Topics for the day include: Reaching the Media in These Changing Times; Branding Your Community; Legal Considerations for the Public Sector Using Social Media; and Everything You Should Know about Twitter. And for the first time ever, we're having a get-together on the evening of June 23.

Congratulations

Henrico Public Relations & Media Services wins national awards

Henrico County's Public Relations & Media Services Department (PR&MS) has received 28 awards in the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO) Awards of Excellence competition, recognizing the agency's work in graphic design, writing, photography, television and other areas.

The annual NACIO competition reviews entries from hundreds of county communications professionals from around the country. The awards will be presented at the National Association of Counties annual meeting July 24 in Nashville, Tenn.

Awards won by Henrico PR&MS staff included five Superior awards, the highest citation given in an individual category. Receiving awards were:

- * Joel Archibald: Superior, photography, "Walkerton Tavern;" Excellence, photography, "View of the James River in Henrico County" and "The Armour House and Gardens at Meadowview Park;" Excellence, graphic design, "IT Technology Plan FY 2008-09 Cover;" Meritorious, graphic design, "Budget Cover" and "Addressing Henrico, VA: Henrico County FY2007-08 Annual Report;" Meritorious, photography, "Henrico Theatre"
- * Steve Boyd: Superior, writing-scripts, "By the People, For the People: Volunteering in Henrico County;" Superior, television shows, "Henrico Police Athletic League" and "No Limits - The Work of Supported Employment for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities;" Excellence,

television shows, "A Gift from the Heart: Fostering Our Children;" Meritorious, writing-scripts, "The Armour House and Gardens at Meadowview Park"

- * Ryan Eubank: Excellence, television shows, "Real Estate Advantage Program;" Meritorious, television shows, "Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe" and "Will of the People: Evolution of American Voting & Elections;" Meritorious, writing-scripts, "Will of the People: Evolution of American Voting & Elections"
- * Steve Knockemus: Excellence, writing-features, "Turning a Corner;" Excellence, writing-scripts, "Welcome to Dabbs House;" Meritorious, writing-news releases, "Henrico Address Change Approved;" Meritorious, annual reports, "Addressing Henrico, VA: Henrico County FY 2007-08 Annual Report"
- * Tamra McKinney: Superior, writing-speeches, " 'Twas the Night Before Henrico's Christmas;" Excellence, public participation projects, "Henrico Address Change Initiative;" Meritorious, writing-scripts, "Magazine 17 Spring 2008 Edition" and "Magazine 17 Winter 2008 Edition"
- * Ben Sheppard: Meritorious, television shows, "Paving Ahead"
- * Geoff Weidle: Excellence, television shows, "Lewis Ginter: A Quiet Contribution;" Meritorious, television shows, "Henrico Wildlife: Sharing the Habitat;" Meritorious, writing-scripts, "Monticello: Thomas Jefferson's Dream"



Tamra McKinney (above) and Steve Knockemus are part of the Henrico Public Relations & Media Services team that won 28 awards in the National Association of County Information Officers Awards of Excellence competition.

Rockbridge Courthouse wins VCC Better Models for Development award

Rockbridge County recently was honored with the Setting the Standard with Public Buildings Award at Valley Conservation Council's Better Models for Development awards ceremony. County officials received the award in Winchester.

Here's what the VCC wrote about the courthouse on its Web site: The new courthouse contributes a building of impressive design and stature to downtown Lexington. An essential goal was to have the building close to the core of downtown. This location on a redevelopment site a block off the main street, made it possible to incorporate a building of such large scale. The building hugs the corner, its bulk ameliorated by classical design features and the use of quality building materials: brick on a limestone foundation. On the back side, a green roof and patio on the top of the three-tier parking deck provides an attractive outdoor space even as it serves a utilitarian function. The courthouse relates well to the downtown, offering an opportunity to extend core blocks and add needed parking. The city is adding new sidewalks and there already has been movement of offices nearer to the courthouse. The architect was BCWH Architect of Richmond.



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revenues to fund K-12 education. Public education competes with additional core service demands. In this economy local governments cannot continue to do more for education while continuing to meet competing essential service demands (e.g. fire, police, jails, mental health and mental retardation, CSA, etc).

Summary of VACo and VML recommendations:

- The state should adequately fund the true costs of public education. The members of the Board of Education - collectively and individually - will have to be outspoken advocates for state funding with the Governor and the General Assembly.
- If adequate state funding - including

re-benchmarking - is not provided, the Board of Education should realign the SOQs and SOLs with the funding provided in the state's appropriation act. - The Board of Education should oppose the proposal to adopt a cap on the number of support positions funded by the state. It is unreasonable to set higher and higher goals without coming up with the funding to meet those goals.

Information about future public meetings hosted by the Board of Education's Committee on the Standards of Quality:

Purpose of the meeting: Interested parties are invited to give comments on the Standards of Quality, especially on the matter of staffing standards. The Board will receive comment on the SOQ from the public. Anyone wishing to speak on the SOQ may do so. Please limit remarks to three minutes and

provide a written copy for our records.

Contact:

Dr. Margaret N. Roberts
DOE Office of Policy & Communications
Margaret.Roberts@doe.virginia.gov

Meeting dates:

- June 24, 2009 3 pm *
- July 22, 2009, 3 pm *
- The Committee intends to schedule additional public hearings in the fall. The meetings will be held outside of Richmond.

* Jefferson Conference Room, 22nd floor, James Monroe Building, 101 N. 14th Street, Richmond

For more information about the board and department, visit: www.doe.virginia.gov

Serve on a NACo Steering Committee

Through the years, VACo members have represented themselves well on NACo steering committees. Our members have helped shape national legislative policies and have truly made a difference in Virginia as well as across the nation.

VACo strongly encourages its members to get involved. All county staff members are eligible to serve.

If you are interested in joining one of many NACo steering committees, download the Steering Committee Nomination Form or call VACo at 804-788-6652 to have one mailed or faxed to you.

Please submit the form to VACo executive director Jim Campbell by June 5.

Here are ways you can send the completed form to VACo:

- E-mail it to jcampbell@vaco.org
- Fax it to 804-788-0083
- Mail it to 1207 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219-3627.

If you become a NACo steering committee member, you are responsible for debating and creating national policies and priorities affecting counties. You will serve as NACo's frontline in its grassroots efforts. Committees meet at the NACo legislative and annual conferences and one other time during the year. You will be responsible for your own travel.

After you send your form to Jim Campbell by June 5, your nomination will be forwarded to NACo for consideration by the organization president. All appointments will be announced in September.

Again, VACo encourages its members to get involved and join a NACo steering committee.

Here is a list of current Virginians serving on NACo steering committees.



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Funds for secondary road construction will shrink from \$1.3 billion under the FY 2008-FY 2013 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) to \$500 million under the FY 2010-2015 SYIP.

The news gets worse. According to Reta R. Busher, VDOT's Chief Financial Officer, reductions in transportation revenues will mean that instead of issuing \$3 billion in bonds for transportation projects authorized under HB 3202 (Howell) passed by the 2007 General Assembly, VDOT has the revenue capacity to issue only \$2 billion in bonds.

The second component of the Blueprint is in the area of administration and support where Commissioner Ekern seeks to achieve \$391 million in savings over six years. This will translate into a decrease in the size of VDOT's workforce from its current number of approximately 8,600 to 7,500 by June 30, 2010. Involuntary layoffs will be necessary.

Here are other actions recommended by the Commissioner in the administration and support area:

-A reduction in the number of residencies across the state from 44 to 29.

-A reduction in the number of equipment shops from 73 to 37.

-A reduction in the number of Transportation Operation Centers (TOCs) from six to five.

-A reduction in the materials laboratories from eight to five.

-A reduction in the size of the equipment fleet from 8,300 to 7,600 or less.

“Maintenance and Operation” is the Blueprint's third component. It includes such functions as emergency and safety response services, roadway services (repairs of road surfaces, bridges and tunnels), traffic control services, roadside services (drainage, vegetation control, mowing, obstruction/ debris removal, sound barriers, and fence management), facility services (e.g. rest areas), and ferry services.

To achieve a 13 percent reduction in costs (\$348 million) over six years Commissioner Ekern is making the following recommendations:

-Reduce from 42 to 23 the number of rest areas and welcome centers (the original proposal was to reduce the

number of rest areas to 17).

-Reduce the scope of contracts for interstate maintenance services.

-Reduce spending for mowing by \$20 million.

-Scale back safety service patrol services to 2001 levels.

-Scale back ferry services by \$1.28 million (eliminate the Hatton Ferry while reducing hours for Merry Point, and Sunnybank ferries. Twenty-four hour service is retained for the Jamestown Scotland Ferry).

Read all the presentations from the CTB's meeting on May 20-21.

In preparation of the May meeting of the CTB, Commissioner Ekern met with local CAOs via video conference on May 6 and May 7 to discuss the proposed and pending service changes affecting the agency.

The Commissioner's Power Point outlined the proposed service impacts. VACo posted the presentation on its Web site.

The meetings were interactive: Local officials asked the Commissioner and VDOT staff questions and they in turn responded. More than 35 counties participated in the meetings.

Register now for NACo Green Competitions ...

Change the World, Start with **ENERGY STAR Campaign** and **Drive \$marter Challenge**

Two Competitions, Two Ways to...

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- Help the Environment
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- Save Money
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Promote Energy Independence

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These annual competitions will run July 1 through November 30. Counties must be registered in order to participate. To register your county visit: www.naco.org/competitionregistration.

- **Change the World, Start with ENERGY STAR Campaign** – through this competition, counties collect pledges from county employees and residents to change a light in their home to an energy-efficient one and choose among a variety of other actions they can take to help save energy.
- **Drive \$marter Challenge** – counties motivate and empower county employees and residents to educate themselves on how to reduce gasoline use by keeping their cars in good working order, driving less, and driving more fuel efficiently.

For more information contact Kelly Zonderwyk at kzonderwyk@naco.org.

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FEMA PROPERTY SCREENING DATES

Release of FEMA Travel Trailers & Manufactured Housing



FEMA has started their mass inventory reduction of travel trailers and manufactured housing units with General Services Administration (GSA). Several localities, state agencies, SBA, BAAs and eligible non-profits have used trailers in the past for a variety of purposes including mobile command units, disaster communication sites and fire/safety training for kids at area schools.

We've listed the upcoming screening dates and locations in our area. If you wish to attend and select a trailer for acquisition, please contact:

Tony Chandler: 804-236-3687
Cornelius Wyche: 804-236-2757

Upcoming Screening Dates:

Frostburg, MD

500 TT/200MH - June 10-11
500 TT/250MH - July 8-9

Fort Pickett, VA

570 TT - July 29-30
500 TT - August 26-27
500 TT - September 16-17

Local representatives from the Virginia State Surplus Office will be available these dates.

(T) = Travel Trailers • (M) = Manufact. Housing (mobile homes)

FAQs on formaldehyde emissions and other safety information available at www.gsaccess.gov

Must be an eligible customer (donor) in the Surplus Property Program. Please contact our agency at least one week prior to screening date. Residents are advised that these trailers are not for personal sale or use and certain restrictions apply for their disposition. Condition of travel trailers and manufactured housing units may vary. Other restrictions apply.

Employment Opportunities

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Deputy County Administrator for Human Services/Chesterfield County

This position is responsible for financial oversight and resource prioritization for the Human Services Division, which includes over 31 different services and programs with annual revenues and expenditures in excess of \$105 million and a five-year capital improvement plan in excess of \$100 million.

Chesterfield, a suburban county of 446 square miles, is centrally located in the Commonwealth with a population of approximately 311,000 residents. The county is searching for a local government executive who is dynamic, innovative and experienced with a variety of governmental services and programs at the senior management level and has a proven record of success in quality and efficient service delivery. Experience will also include a strong and varied human services background at an executive level. The selected candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in human services and/or county government administration.

Pre-employment drug testing and an extensive background investigation including fingerprinting for an FBI criminal check required.

This recruitment will remain open until June 25, 2009. Interested applicants should submit a confidential resume with cover letter and salary requirements to:

Karla J. Gerner, Director
Chesterfield County Human Resource Management

P.O. Box 40
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Email: executivesearch@chesterfield.gov

Web: www.chesterfield.gov

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Codes Compliance Specialist (part-time)/Sussex County

Candidate should possess or have the ability to possess within 12 months the Combined Administrator certification from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Minimum Training and Experience: Combination education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited college or university with a major course work in environmental science, conservation or related field and considerable experience in conservation work. Valid Virginia driver's license required.

Please submit Virginia State Application and salary requirement to: George Morrison, Deputy County Administrator

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1397

Sussex, Virginia 23884

Physical Address: 20233 Thornton Square Sussex, Virginia 23884

Email Address: g Morrison@sussexcountyva.com

Position open until filled

Senior Planner/City of Portsmouth

Under limited supervision, performs professional and responsible administrative work in conducting major activities, special projects or programs within the Department of Planning and Zoning.

Work involves coordinating and participating in the collection and analysis of physical, social, economic, and financial data by statistical methods. The incumbent will work closely with the general public, developers, agency and program personnel, and neighborhood groups to discuss plans and concerns. The candidate must possess strong writing, analytical and research skills.

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning or a closely related field; 3 to 5 years of experience in planning; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Salary: \$40,090. Closing Date: June 12. Please submit a City of

Portsmouth application and resume to: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. www.portsmouthva.gov

Human Resources Director/Northern Neck Regional Jail

Are you looking for a exciting and challenging career with great advancement opportunities? The Northern Neck Regional Jail, in Warsaw, is looking for a dynamic leader with outstanding communication skills to fill the position of Human Resources Director. Salary range is \$46,021 to \$73,571 with a comprehensive benefit package. Deadline for Application & Resume is June 30.

See our Web site for more information at www.nnrj.state.va.us/index.htm or call (804) 333-6010 Monday through Thursday.

County Engineer/Goochland County

Goochland County seeks an experienced professional to serve under the direction of the Community Development Director. Excellent benefits package includes participation in the Virginia Retirement System, vacation, sick leave, group life insurance and medical insurance. Position open until filled.

Salary Range - \$63,420 - \$95,366. A Goochland County Employment Application is required for consideration of this position and is available at (804) 556-5831 and online at www.co.goochland.va.us. All applications are to be submitted to Goochland County Human Resource Office, 1800 Sandy Hook Rd., P. O. Box 10, Goochland, Va., 23063. For more information, please call Donald L. Charles, Director of Community Development at (804) 556-5861. EOE. countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us.

Director of Finance/Fauquier County

This position is responsible for management and supervision of the County

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Government and Schools consolidated Finance Department in the areas of general ledger, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable and procurement. Qualified applicants must possess Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Public Finance or related field supplemented by six years experience and/or training that includes government accounting/finance and supervisory experience. CPA certification or related Master's Degree is preferred. Salary range \$84,805-\$110,253 with excellent benefits. Contact Information: Submit online application at <http://apply.fauquier-county.gov>.

Programmer Analyst/Fauquier County

Qualified individuals will have any combination of education, training and experience equivalent to an Associate's Degree in Computer Science or related field with a minimum of 5 years experience in a complex information systems environment. A Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and knowledge of .NET computing environment is preferred. Starting salary range is \$33,579 to \$67,684. For complete job description and to submit an online application, visit our Web site at <http://apply.fauquiercounty.gov>.

Budget & Finance Director/Isle of Wight

Isle of Wight County seeks an experienced professional to fill the role of Budget & Finance Director. The successful candidate will have comprehensive knowledge of laws and policies governing county financial operations and will oversee accounting, procurement, grants, and payroll visors on the overall operating budget. Salary DOQ. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume by 5 p.m. on June 5 to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at www.iwus.net or call us at 757-365-6263.

County Administrator/Amherst County

The County of Amherst is accepting applications for the position of County Administrator. This position serves an elected 5-member Board of Supervisors. The essential functions of this position involve planning, directing and coordinating the overall operation of Amherst County's government as its Chief Administrative Officer and assisting the Board of Supervisors on operations and governance matters. Salary: Depending on qualifications along with a comprehensive and competitive benefits package. A complete job description and an Amherst County application form are available from the Office of the County Administrator, 434.946.9400 or www.countyofamherst.com. Submit a letter of interest, resume, professional references, salary history and a completed Amherst County application to Amherst County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 390, 153 Washington Street, Amherst, Va. 24521 by Monday, June 1. Amherst County reserves the right to consider applications received after this date.

Director of Community Development/Bedford County

The Director of Community Development will perform difficult professional and administrative work in directing the activities of the county's Community Development Department, which includes Building Codes Enforcement, Zoning, Natural Resources, Planning and GIS. The Director will be responsible for planning and developing short and long range planning and community development activities, services, and programs. Application, the recruitment package, and job description are available at www.co.bedford.va.us and are also available from the Bedford County Human Resources Office, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523, (540) 586-7601, ext. 1221. Review of applications will begin June 1. Applications will be accepted until

position is filled. Annual salary is competitive DOQ.

Fire-EMS Chief/Caroline County

The successful candidate must possess excellent leadership ability, management skills, communication skills and the ability to foster success in a combined system. Must hold and maintain various emergency services related certifications. For further information visit www.visitcaroline.com/employment.html.

Salary negotiable, based on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefit package includes participation in the Virginia Retirement System (LEOS), vacation and sick leave, group life insurance, medical insurance, professional dues and conference expenses. Submit completed county application, detailed resume, copies of relevant fire and EMS certifications, copy of driving record, salary history and work related references to County Administrator Percy Ashcraft, P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427, (804) 633-5380 or e-mail at pashcraft@co.caroline.va.us. Position open until filled with interviews expected in June. Official Caroline County applications can be downloaded and printed from the County's Web site at www.visitcaroline.com/employment.html.

Director of General Services/Fauquier County

Primary functions/responsibilities:

- Oversee management of general services facilities, maintenance work, construction projects and operations
- Administer the fleet maintenance program
- Administer Adult Detention Center Trustee Program
- Instruct, direct, evaluate and supervise assigned staff
- Administer and direct the department budget
- Manage the assessment for quality control and compliance with government mandates and regulations

For complete job description/qualifications and to apply online, visit www.fauquiercounty.gov.



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