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## Impact fees, UDA changes discussed on June 18



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The Joint Subcommittee to Study Development and Land Use Tools in Virginia (SJR 70/HJR 178) has posted copies of two draft bills that will be the main topic at their next meeting on June 18 at 1 p.m. in House Room C. Both proposals are significant issues of importance to counties – impact fees and urban development areas – and may ultimately lead to legislation for the 2010 session.

The draft impact fee bill (LD 1484) is based largely on much-maligned SB 768 which counties overwhelmingly opposed during the 2008 session. Like the earlier effort, the new legislation repeals the authority of counties to accept voluntary cash proffers for new residential growth and limits their ability to accept most off-site, non-cash proffers.

In its place, localities would be able to adopt a “model” impact fee program to be developed by the Commission on Local Government for new and by-right residential development for roads and school and public safety facilities only.

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## Counties urged to certify ATL reductions by COB June 15



Virginia

Department of Planning & Budget

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The Department of Planning and Budget is urging all counties, cities and regional jails to report and certify reductions in state aid to localities. Item 475.20, Chapter 879 of the 2008 and 2009 Acts of Assembly requires a \$50 million reduction in state aid to local governments in both FY 2009 and FY 2010. The Appropriation Act further requires the Director of the Department of Planning and Budget to provide localities a list of the state aid to local government programs that serve as the basis for calculating each locality's share of the \$50 million reductions.

Communication from the Department has gone to all localities and regional jails. Certifications must be renewed again for FY 2010. The Department has provided a listing of programs and reduction amounts. These amounts have been finalized and can be found on the Department of Planning and Budget Web site.

Your locality may carry out these reductions using one of the following methods; 1) you may take these reductions out of one or more of the programs in the list provided by the Department of Planning and Budget, 2) you may make a reimbursement payment directly to the Commonwealth for all of your locality's reductions, or 3) you may choose a combination of

program reductions and reimbursement payment.

The election of which option your locality will use along with the corresponding reduction amounts for each program must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Budget by close of business, June 15. This is an extended deadline authorized by the Department of Planning and Budget.

As per the Appropriation Act, in the event that a submission is not made by a locality by close of business on June 15, the Department of Planning and Budget is authorized to withhold the locality's reduction amount from recordation tax distributions.

### Instructions For Making Reimbursements to the Commonwealth

(The reimbursement must be made no later than January 8, 2010)

If payment by check:  
Make check payable to:  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Mail to: Department of Accounts  
P.O. Box 1971  
Richmond, VA 23218-1971  
Attn: Melinda Fleet  
Note: Street Address if sending  
Overnight:  
Department of Accounts  
Attn: Melinda Fleet

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## 16 counties have joined the Go Green Initiative - Add your name to the list!



Accomack, Campbell, Carroll, Clarke, Fairfax, Franklin, Frederick, Gloucester, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, Loudoun, Northampton, Prince William, Roanoke and Stafford: These are the 16 counties that have registered to participate in the Green Government Challenge.

The Green Government Challenge is a component of the Go Green initiative, a program created two years ago by the Virginia Municipal League to promote sustainability and improved energy efficiency among Virginia's local governments.

Don't forget that a major feature of 2009's Go Green initiative will be the awarding of cash prizes to certified counties (accruing at least 100 points) compiling the highest number of points in the Go Green Challenge.

Moseley Architects has teamed up with Trane to offer cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 respectively to counties ranking first, second and third within their assigned population brackets.

There will be three population brackets. The first bracket is for counties with populations of at least 50,000 or more. The second bracket consists of counties with populations between 15,000 and 49,999. The third bracket will be for counties with populations of less than 15,000.

For more information on Go Green, visit [www.GoGreenVA.org](http://www.GoGreenVA.org).

### **MORE AND MORE FOLKS ARE MAKING THE SWITCH!**



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## VACo Notes

### Conference update: Why we hold it at the Homestead



Last August VACo's Board of Directors directed its staff to initiate negotiations on a multi-year contract with the Homestead as the venue for the Association to hold its annual conference starting in 2011.

The current contract with the Homestead expires in 2010. The Board took this action after reviewing an analysis completed last summer by VACo's staff that compared average daily expenses attendees would pay if the Annual Conference were to be held at other locations across Virginia.

The analysis represents an attempt to make "apples to apples" comparisons among the competing venues between expenses for lodging, meals and parking. The Board's conclusion: in terms of the average daily expenses attendees would typically pay to attend VACo's Annual Conference, the Homestead is very competitive with venues in such areas of the state as northern Virginia, Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Richmond. (Roanoke's Convention and Visitor's Bureau did not respond to VACo's Request for Proposals sent out last year.)

Click here to view a table comparing expenses for lodging, meals and parking at the Homestead with other conference venues.

We look forward to another great Annual Conference.

## Public meetings hosted by the Board of Education’s Committee; local leaders urged to testify at future meetings



By Mike Edwards  
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VACo and VML provided joint testimony in May to the Board of Education’s Standards of Quality Committee about the current and proposed standards and state funding for education.

In addition to scheduled June and July meetings, the committee will schedule meetings in the fall. County leaders should plan to testify or submit written testimony before July 22.

VACo 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 May 27 in

Richmond. The public meeting was the first of approximately seven the committee intends to conduct.

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.

Interested parties are invited to give comments on the Standards of Quality, especially on the matter of staffing standards. Anyone wishing to speak on the SOQ may do so. Limit remarks to three minutes and provide a written copy for our records.

County leaders should refer to the

VACo’s May 27 testimony:  
[www.vaco.org/sitefiles/pdfs/mike.pdf](http://www.vaco.org/sitefiles/pdfs/mike.pdf)

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**Meeting dates:**  
-June 24, 2009 3 p.m. \*  
-July 22, 2009, 3 p.m. \*  
-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 info, visit [www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/quality/index.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/quality/index.shtml)

## Gov. Kaine signs executive order to improve energy efficiency

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine recently issued Executive Order 82, which will significantly expand efforts to reduce the energy and environmental impact of executive branch agencies and institutions. As part of the Governor’s Renew Virginia initiative, this policy promotes energy and water efficient buildings, encourages reductions in employee travel and commuting, and will minimize the use of disposable materials.

“Virginians are blessed to inhabit a state with tremendous natural beauty and abundant resources that support our economy,” Gov. Kaine said. “Because the Commonwealth’s business operation is so large, any action we take to reduce our environmental impact will have a significant effect. I am hopeful that by reducing the environmental impact of government operations, the Commonwealth can inspire private businesses and

individuals to adopt similar measures.”

### Green Commonwealth Challenge

As part of the Executive Order, Governor Kaine also issued the “Green Commonwealth Challenge” to engage the state workforce in the greening of government.

### Environmental Management Systems

Executive Order 82 directs all executive branch agencies and institutions to either develop an Environmental Management System (EMS) or adopt and post to their Web site a suite of policies concerning the use of energy and water, waste reduction and travel that will reduce costs and environmental impacts.

### Green Buildings

The Governor also ordered all executive branch agencies and institutions entering the design phase for construction or renovation of a building to meet certain criteria to conform to LEED silver or Green



Globes two-globe standards.

### Procurement Standards

The Department of General Services and Virginia Information Technology Agency will develop specifications to encourage the use of recycled content, durable equipment and remanufactured components.

### Commuting to Work

The Executive Order requires that all agencies implement transit and ridesharing incentive programs, such as incentivizing transit by providing free passes while charging employees for parking.

## Chesapeake Bay Cleanup: More aggressive approach anticipated

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On May 12 President Barack Obama issued an important executive order that will serve as a foundation for a more aggressive approach toward improving water quality in the Chesapeake Bay.

The executive order requires the formation of a newly created “Federal Leadership Committee” that will “oversee the development and coordination of programs and activities” related to the Bay’s restoration. The Committee will be chaired by the Administrator (or designee) of the Environmental Protection Agency.

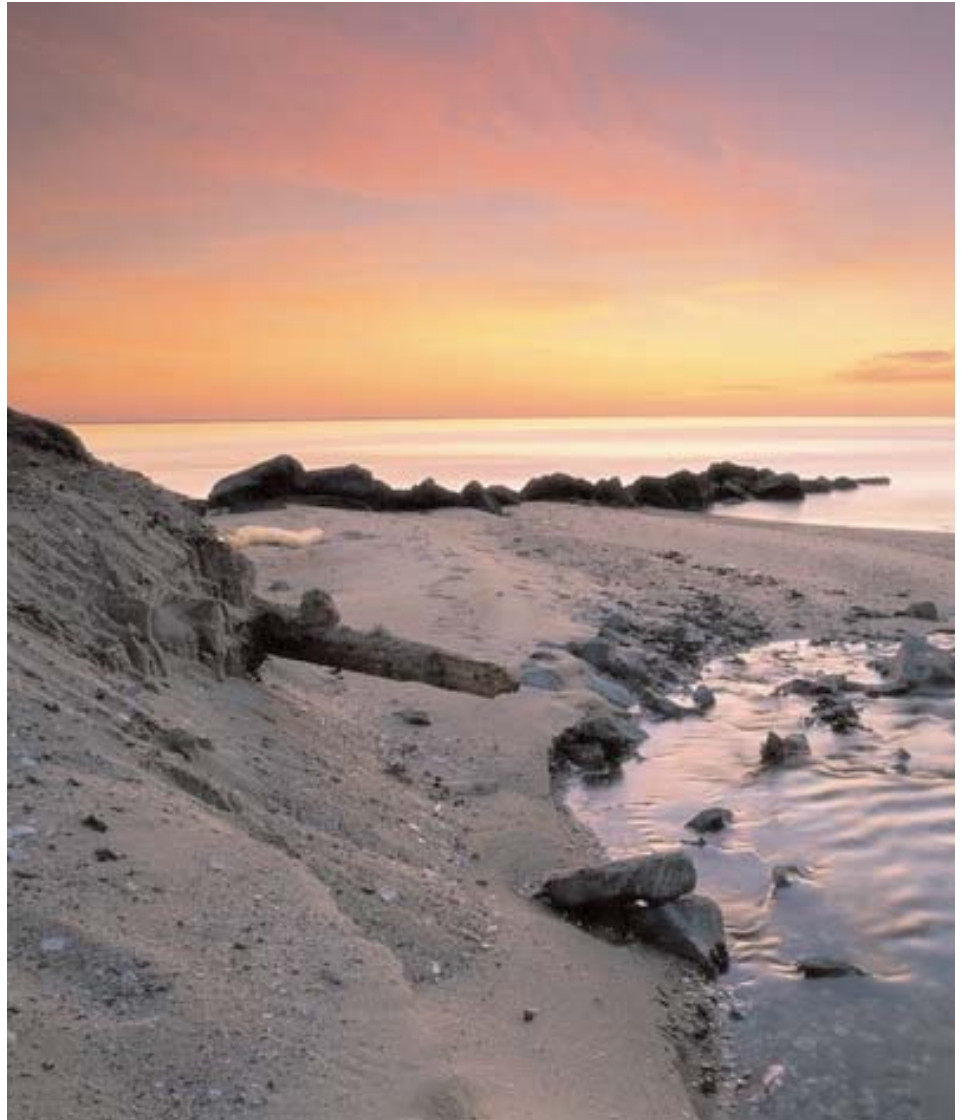
It will also have as its members high ranking representatives of the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Interior, and other departments determined by the committee. The findings and determinations made by this committee are likely to drive a series of regulatory activities that will have impacts upon state and local governments.

The President’s executive order was released on the same day as a highly important meeting held in Mount Vernon by the Chesapeake Executive Council, which consists of the EPA’s Administrator; the governors of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania; and the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Also participating in the meeting were representatives from the states of New York, Delaware and West Virginia. The meeting’s chief purpose of was to lay out a new strategy for achieving desired improvements in the Bay’s water quality by 2025. One major component of the new clean-up plan that differs from past plans is the adoption of two-year “milestones.”

For example, the first milestone is scheduled to be reached by 2011 where a goal has been established for Virginia to reduce from 70.56 million pounds to 67.17 million pounds the total loading of nitrogen into the Chesapeake Bay.

By 2011 phosphorus in Virginia is



to be reduced to 8.13 million pounds from 8.6 million pounds. Subsequent goals for these types of nutrient reductions will be scheduled for achievement every two years after that until 2025.

To reach the anticipated pollutant reduction goals for each milestone, the EPA will be expecting aggressive actions by state and local governments. This shift in strategy could have significant impacts upon urban stormwater programs, agriculture, and wastewater treatment plants.

Over the next several months the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are expected to conduct a series of outreach

activities that will include local governments in a new planning process that may have similarities to the development of the “Tributary Strategies” that took place earlier this decade.

Most significantly, by December 2010, EPA is expected to finalize the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). A TMDL is described by EPA as “essentially a pollution diet” that sets strict limits on nutrients entering the waterways that lead into the Bay.

The Chesapeake Bay TMDL is being developed because of the failure to make meaningful improvements in water quality by 2010 as required under the 2000 Chesapeake Bay Agreement.



For the past 35 years, Nottoway County administrator Ronnie Roark (left) and administrative assistant Jean Payne have helped grow the county into a vibrant and successful community.



## Working together for 35 years... and counting

The change happened so quickly. One day in the fall of 1974, Ronnie Roark was working at Retail Credit Company (now Equifax), minding his own business when a member of the Nottoway County Board of Supervisors approached him with an offer.

“Are you interested in changing jobs?” Peter Harris Fitzgerald asked Roark. “Have you ever thought about working in local government?”

Roark had not.

But he took the questions home to his wife and she thought he should pursue it. He agreed and admitted the potential opportunity did sound interesting.

So Roark interviewed with the Board and was asked fairly routine questions. Then days later, he got the call.

Roark accepted the offer to become Nottoway County administrator.

Of course, he was thrilled. But after the initial excitement, a fear meandered throughout his body.

“I did have one of those ‘what did I get myself into’ moments,” Roark said.

The Board instructed Roark to get together with a gentleman who had served as administrator since April of 1974. The gentleman could give Roark advice and pointers to get the latter off to a running start.

“When I walked through the door of the office, he was there just long enough to give me the keys and say ‘see ya,’” Roark said with a laugh.

Roark stood in the middle of the office for a second to comprehend just what had happened. Staring at him were two women. One was named Jean Payne, and she had her own story.

Nottoway County hired Payne in 1973 to assist on a project. When the work was done, Payne accepted the

position of administrative assistant in the county administrator’s office.

“I literally walked out the door of one office on a Friday and walked in the door of the county administrator’s office on a Monday,” Payne said.

It was November of 1974 when the two made their acquaintance.

“Jean was there the first day when I got here and she’s here today,” Roark said.

“I tell Mr. Roark that there are only two women who know him better than me, his mother and his wife,” Payne added.

What a remarkable ride the two have had over the past 35 years. Roark has become the most tenured county administrator in the Commonwealth and if he’s still on the job in November 2011, he will surpass Don Austin as the longest serving administrator in one county ever. Austin worked 36 years as Rockbridge’s administrator before retiring last summer.

Payne also has made history. Surely, it would be hard to find another assistant who has worked for a single county administrator as long as she has.

“I don’t have too much advice to give (to those interested in becoming an administrator),” Roark said. “Just put in the application and speak honestly with the Board when you have the interview. A good Board is the main thing. They have to trust you and you have to trust them.

“Also, surround yourself with people who are much smarter than you,” he added with another laugh.

Roark said the job is a hard one and demands many hours at the office. And anyone considering becoming a county administrator should love to get up every morning and go to work. But Roark stressed that there are few professional rewards

**Mark Your Calendars**

**2nd Annual Poster Session:  
Innovations in County Health Systems**



**July 24-28  
Nashville, TN**

NACo member counties are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Poster Session at the 2009 NACo Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, July 24 – 28.

The poster session is designed to showcase how counties are transforming health care delivery and coverage options at the local level.

It will feature innovative success stories, tools, lessons learned, and how-to's of county health programs and policies that may be replicated throughout the country.

Space is limited. Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your county's health work by registering as a participant no later than June 11.

Learn the details of the poster session through the two links below.

Poster Session Announcement

Poster Session FAQ

**Coalition of High Growth Communities - June Meeting**

Coalition of **HIGH GROWTH** Communities

**June 29  
Culpeper**

Registration Fee for CHGC Members (includes breakfast & lunch): \$35; \$40 after June 19.

Registration Fee for nonmembers (includes breakfast & lunch): \$40; \$45 after June 19

Please make your reservations now.

Send an e-mail to [dbailey@capitol-square.com](mailto: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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**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**

**Loudoun County receives two national awards 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 Excellence ratings for 250 Years of Service, a history booklet published in commemoration of the county's 250th anniversary, and the Loudoun County 2008 Annual Report.

"250 Years of Service," a booklet spotlighting 250 years of government services in Loudoun County, is a compilation of weekly history pieces that the Public Information Office researched and distributed throughout 2007 as part of Loudoun County's 250th anniversary celebration. The series of articles focused on various milestones in the history of the Loudoun County government.

Written by Jim Barnes, the county's director of Public Information, the booklet highlights the role of the county government in the lives of county residents, and the important services delivered by the county.

Loudoun also received an

Excellence rating from NACIO for its 2008 annual report. This is the eighth consecutive year Loudoun has received an award of excellence for its annual report.



Produced by the Loudoun County Public Information Office, the 28-page, illustrated report highlights the county's accomplishments during the fiscal year of July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008. The report reviews the top issues of the year and presents information about the county's finances, demographics, and public schools.

Free copies of 250 Years of Service and the Loudoun County 2008 Annual Report are available at county library branches or by contacting the Public Information Office at 703-777-0113 or by e-mail at pivs@loudoun.gov. The annual report is also available on the county's Web site at [www.loudoun.gov/report](http://www.loudoun.gov/report).

**Powhatan honored by NACo for innovative county government efforts**

Powhatan County was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing innovative county government programs to better serve area residents. The 2009 Achievement Awards winners will receive their awards July 26 during the NACo's 74th Annual Conference and Exposition in Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn.

Powhatan won a category with its Rules of Engagement, Commitment to Excellence and Covenant with Staff entry.

The Achievement Award Program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program's inception in 1970, the Achievement Award Program has honored hundreds of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

More details will follow in the July 1 County Connections.



**Gov. Kaine appoints new secretary of technology**



**Leonard Pomata**

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine recently announced the appointment of Leonard M. Pomata as Secretary of Technology.

"Len Pomata brings a wealth of experience to this position and has a history of developing innovative ideas and seeing them through to successful conclusions," Governor Kaine said. "As we continue to transform our healthcare and educational systems, the Commonwealth will benefit greatly from his creativity and his proven ability."

Pomata takes over from Aneesh Chopra who recently was appointed by President Obama to serve as the nation's first Chief Technology Officer.

Pomata has 38 years of experience in engineering and computer system development for both the public and private sectors. Since 2007 he has worked as an Information Technology Consultant providing strategic consulting service to facilitate market entry and expansion for business interests. He also has served on corporate boards and on public sector boards including the Virginia Information Technology Investment Board, the George Mason University Board of Visitors and the GMU foundation. He currently serves on the NYU-Poly Board of Trustees.

Pomata has a bachelor's degree from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and a master's degree from New York University. He and his wife, Virginia, have three sons and six grandchildren.

## VTRANS 2035 announces public meeting schedule; local leaders urged to participate

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The VTrans2035 Public Meeting schedule has been



released and local leaders are urged to participate. The meetings will help the state determine the critical transportation issues facing Virginians. VTRANS 2035 is intended "to look out" over the next 25 years.

The meetings will be open-house style with a brief presentation at 7:30 p.m. in Falls Church and 6 p.m. at all other locations. If you are not able to make one of these meetings, you can provide input and comments at [www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org), which will be active from June 22 until July 17.

Representatives from the Departments of Transportation, Rail and Public Transportation, and Aviation, as well as the Virginia Port Authority, will be on hand to receive input and answer questions.

This document provided additional information about the meetings and VTRANS 2035. ([LINK](#))

### VTrans2035 Public Meeting Dates

#### Monday, June 22

6 – 9 p.m.

Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School  
7130 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA

#### Thursday, June 25

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hampton Roads Planning District  
Commission  
723 Woodlake Drive  
Chesapeake, VA

#### Wednesday, June 24

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
1000 N. Lombardy St.  
Richmond, VA

#### Thursday, July 9

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hidden Valley High School  
5000 Titan Trail  
Roanoke, VA

#### About VTRANS 2035:

The Commonwealth's required statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan, VTrans2035, is under development. The state Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment is working with the following agencies to develop the updated document:

- Department of Aviation
- Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Virginia Port Authority

The Federal Highway Administration and regional planning bodies across the state are also participating in its development.

VTrans2035 will examine the accomplishments of VTrans2025, the current statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan that was completed in 2004.

As part of the process, the new plan will:

- Review accomplishments since Vtrans2025. (Fall 2008)
- Examine socioeconomic trends and forecasts. (Fall 2008)
- Explore the long-term viability of the motor fuels tax. (Fall 2008)
- Explore through a series of issue papers transportation policy trends and choices in the following areas: safety, system preservation, freight, mobility, accessibility/connectivity, land use, regionalism, economic development, technology, congestion and environment. (Spring/Summer 2009)
- Inventory and integrate existing modal agency plans. (Summer 2009)
- Examine the characteristics and deficiencies in significant statewide corridors, and identify strategies to

## VDOT announces FY 2010 Revenue Sharing Program



VDOT letter on May 28 announced the FY 2010 Revenue Sharing Program. VDOT is asking the Commonwealth Transportation Board to approve a \$50 million program at its June 18 meeting but currently is accepting applications. The deadline to apply is Aug. 14.

Applications must include:

- A Revenue Sharing Detailed Designation of Funds Form for each project.
- The submission of an electronic application in addition to signed hard copies.
- A governing body resolution endorsing the application and projects.

FY 2010 "Tier one" or priority projects must be administered by the city, county, or town. "Local administration must include all remaining phases of the project. The locality may request VDOT perform certain services on a reimbursement basis and VDOT may agree based on resource availability." (VDOT)

Revenue Sharing Program details are linked [here](#).

- improve movement through and between them. (Summer 2009)
- Determine the economic impact of the transportation investment. (Fall 2009)
- Examine the adequacy of transportation funding. (Fall 2009)
- Include extensive public and stakeholder involvement. (Ongoing)

For more information, visit

[www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org)

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Phone: 866-835-6070.



## Public comment period will soon commence for proposed stormwater rule

By Larry Land  
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June 22 will be the start of the 60 day public comment period for proposed revisions to Virginia’s Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) Permit regulations.

These proposed rules received preliminary approval by Virginia’s Soil and Water Conservation Board last September. Since then, the proposed rule has been undergoing administrative review, but will soon be published in the June 22 issue of Virginia Register.

The public comment period will close on Aug. 21. The proposed rule can be reviewed and downloaded here.

VACo has reviewed the proposed stormwater rule and produced the following summary, along with commentary on how local governments will be affected.

-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 pre-development 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 pre-development and post-development runoff conditions.”

-Inspection and Enforcement:

Local inspection programs are to be “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.

-Financial implications: For local governments, financial burdens associated with administration, inspection and enforcement are expected to be significant. More details about these impacts are available in a report on economic impacts released earlier this year by Professor Kurt Stephenson of Virginia Tech. That report is available here.

-“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. A schedule of fees are included the proposed rule. Seventy percent of fee revenues will be retained by the locality with an approved program with 30 percent will be sent 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 re-development. During a meeting last summer by a Technical Advisory Committee (comprised of local stormwater professionals) concerns were raised about how the requirement to reduce pollutant loadings on certain re-development sites could discourage neighborhood improvement projects in older urban areas.

According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) final adoption of proposed stormwater rule by the Soil and Water Conservation Board is expected in October. However, because of HB 1991 (Bulova) passed by the 2009 General Assembly, the proposed rule may not go into effect until July 1, 2010. This will provide an opportunity for a legislative review of the proposed stormwater rule during the 2010 session of the General Assembly.

It is also important to remember that localities not subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and that do not have “MS4” stormwater discharges are not required to adopt stormwater programs. For such localities “opting out” of the program, the DCR would assume administrative responsibility for running stormwater programs.

DCR has finalized a schedule for public hearings on the proposed stormwater rule. All hearings will begin at 7 p.m.

- June 30 Hungry Mother State Park  
Hemlock Haven Conference Center  
380 Hemlock Haven Lane  
Marion, VA 24354
- July 1 Augusta County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
18 Government Center Lane  
Verona, VA 24482
- July 7 City of Manassas  
City Council Chambers  
9027 Center Street  
Manassas, VA 20110
- July 9 City of Hampton  
City Council Chambers  
22 Lincoln Street, 8th Floor  
Hampton, Virginia 23669
- July 14 Virginia General Assembly Building  
910 Capitol Street, Senate Room B  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

All public comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2009. Comments and questions on the proposed stormwater rule should be directed to Christine.watlington@dcr.virginia.gov. Phone: (804)786-5678

# Sweet becomes Grayson County administrator



Photo by Jean Farley/The Bland County Messenger

Jonathan Sweet returns home to Grayson as the third administrator in county history. He started his new position on June 1. Sweet had been the administrator in Bland County for the past six years. He replaces Bill Ring, who retired last month after serving 27 years in Grayson County.

“We have a quality staff here in Grayson,” Sweet said in a recent newspaper article. “We’ll just make sure everything is operating efficiently and at full capacity.”

In 1994, Sweet moved to Grayson County where he finished his last two years of high school. He then graduated from Radford University with a degree in communications and a minor in economics.

After college, Sweet accepted a job as director of economic development in Carroll County. He held the position until July 2002 when he became project manager in Danville’s economic development office.

He was in Danville for a year before he became Bland County administrator. He was just 24 at the time and was the youngest county administrator in the Commonwealth. He still holds that distinction.

Sweet cites one of his biggest accomplishments as Bland County administrator was developing communication between the local government and citizens. He stressed that this is one of his goals in Grayson County.

Sweet said in a newspaper interview that he feels blessed to be able to return home and wants to give all local graduates the opportunity to do the same one day. “I want to plant trees, so our future generations can enjoy the shade.”

Sweet returns to Grayson with his family -- wife Natalie, son Silas and daughter Palyn.

“I feel like it’s home,” Sweet said of his return to Grayson. “I feel like I’m already a member of this community.”



# Bowman hired as Pittsylvania director of economic development

Photo courtesy of Pittsylvania County



Former York County supervisor and chairman Ken Bowman will begin his new job as Pittsylvania director of economic development on July 1.

Bowman said during the press conference announcing his hiring that he will outline an economic strategy for the county. He also will work with state delegates to attract projects to Pittsylvania.

“Our focus is to improve that climate here in Pittsylvania County,” Bowman said.

Bowman added that he will focus on bringing businesses with the potential to expand to the area.

Bowman was raised in Carroll County and was elected to the York County Board of Supervisors in 2003. He served as chairman and vice chairman.

Bowman is a retired U.S. Army officer with 31 years of active and reserve duty. He served in the Vietnam War.

He holds a masters degree in public administration from Troy State University in Norfolk, and a bachelors degree in human resources administration from St. Leo University in Norfolk.



### IMPACT FEES

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While not capping the impact fees, the model ordinance must contain a process to calculate the maximum fee that may be assessed.

Further, the impact fee may only be imposed if the county has established an urban development area (UDA) and the fee charged within that area is restricted to only two-thirds of the amount imposed outside of the UDA.

While VACo has gone on record supporting broad impact fee authority for all localities, the current and past efforts continue to replicate on the overly complex and administratively burdensome existing road impact statute.

In addition, in order to use effectively the new land use legislation enacted in recent years – cluster zoning, transfer of development rights, and urban development areas – counties need a fair impact fee law to provide sufficient resources to offset the cost of new residences.

The major changes proposed for the existing UDA statute (LD 1483) include:

- UDAs may be called something

else (e.g., community development areas);

- Different residential and commercial density requirements for the UDA for three locality population brackets: under 50,000 persons, 50,000 to 100,000 persons, and above 100,000 persons;

- Population projections from the Census, Virginia Employment Commission or planning district commissions may only be used to determine the size of the UDA;

- Removal of the provision that allows UDAs to be designated for redevelopment or infill; and

- UDAs must be designed and developed in accordance with New Urbanism or Traditional Neighborhood Development principles

Delegate Clay Athey of Warren County, chairman of the joint subcommittee, has also scheduled a meeting of the “Proffers vs. Impact Fee” Work Group for 10 a.m. on the day of the full committee to discuss the proposed legislation. The forthcoming work group gathering may be overshadowed by likely opposition to both bills by the Homebuilders Association of Virginia, and continued preference for cash proffers over impact fees by the Virginia Association for Commercial Real Estate.

### ATL

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101 North 14th Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

If payment by wire:

Wire funds to the State Treasurer’s Account at Bank of America.

Account Name – Treasurer of Virginia  
Account Routing Number – 026009593  
Account Number – 0000000026

Note: On the day of the wire transfer please notify Ken VanAuken at the Department of the Treasury with the amount, locality name, and purpose of the wire (“Locality Budget Reduction – Chapter 879”). Ken may be contacted by e-mail at [Kenvanauken@trs.virginia.gov](mailto:Kenvanauken@trs.virginia.gov) or by phone at 804-225-2221.

If payment by deposit:

Deposit the funds in the State Treasurer’s Account in which you normally deposit state funds.

Specific Deposit Certificate (DC)

Coding:

Batch Agency: 998

Transaction Code: 001

Transaction Agency: 997

Fund: 0216

Revenue Source: 09005

Please ensure your FIPS code is included on the DC. On the day of the deposit, please enter the DC into CARS and notify Melinda Fleet, Department of Accounts at [Melinda.Fleet@doa.virginia.gov](mailto:Melinda.Fleet@doa.virginia.gov). If you have any questions regarding the deposit methodology please contact Melinda by e-mail or by phone at 804-225-2376.

### NOTTOWAY COUNTY

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better than creating a safe, productive and progressive community for every citizen.

Nottoway County government, and in particular Roark and Payne who have been there since the beginning of the modernization period, have a lot to be proud of.

“We have grown tremendously,” Payne said. “We started with a manual typewriter and rotary phone on a wooden table. Now we have technology all around us.”

Back then, the most modern thing in the county government offices was a punch card machine that did payroll.

Now, however, there are signs of modernization with each glance. The schools have all been updated and are in excellent condition. The courthouse complex is much more workable and modern.

Nottoway also successfully assumed the management of Fort Pickett, which consists of 1,600 acres and 80-90 buildings. This includes the award-winning renovation of the Camp Pickett Officer’s Club.

The county established central purchasing and accounting offices.

But perhaps the one thing that Roark and his staff should be applauded for the most is the sound fiscal condition of the county during his years of service.

Roark credits the men and women who have served on the Board with making the right decision.

“We’ve been blessed with good business gentlemen and ladies on the Board,” Roark said.

The current economic situation has Roark a little worried. He calls it the worse he’s seen in his 35 years.

“We’re holding our own and we will be able to hold our own for a while,” Roark said. “We’ll get through it.”

That much is a certainty if Roark continues to serve Nottoway County like he has the past three and a half decades. Of course, it helps to have smart people by his side like Jean Payne.

**Employment Opportunities**

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org) and click the man at the typewriter on the right rail of the page.

**County Attorney/Goochland County**  
Goochland County, population 20,440, located in the Richmond Metropolitan area invites resumes of application for the position of County Attorney. The salary for the position is negotiable within a range of \$90,000 to \$130,000 annually, based on qualifications and experience. Benefits include but are not limited to participation in the Virginia Retirement System, vacation and sick leave, group life insurance, medical and dental insurance, professional dues and conference expenses. Moving, relocation and additional compensable expenses may be negotiated with the County. County residency is required within a reasonable time of appointment to the position. A complete description of the position and the County's profile is available at: [www.springsted.com](http://www.springsted.com). The application deadline is July 13. To be considered, please submit a resume, with references and salary history to: John A. Anzivino  
Springsted Incorporated  
1564 East Parham Road  
Richmond, VA 23228  
(804) 726-9750  
Fax: (804) 726-9752  
E-Mail: [richmond@springsted.com](mailto:richmond@springsted.com)

**Human Resources Director/City of Martinsville**

The City of Martinsville seeks a qualified candidate for the position of Human Resources Director. The employee will provide direct management and over-sight of recruitment and selection activities as well as classification, compensation, benefits, wellness, and workers' compensation programs. Work also involves the creation, delivery, and evaluation of City-sponsored professional and organizational

development efforts, facilitating discussions with employees and supervisors to prevent and help resolve problems which arise out of or affect work, advising management on sensitive or significant workforce and employment-related matters, and ensuring compliance with Federal, State, and local regulations regarding public employment.

Must become resident of City of Martinsville within twelve months of employment. Salary DOQ. Submit cover letter and required City application to: City Manager's Office, PO Box 1112, Martinsville, VA. Full description and application available at [www.martinsville-va.gov](http://www.martinsville-va.gov). Open until filled.

**Social Services Director I/Middlesex County**

Position Number 00001-09  
Salary: \$41,564.00 - \$75,000.00  
Full-time Position: 40 hrs/wk  
Application Deadline: Open until Filled  
Duties and Responsibilities: Directs the operations of a local social services department serving a rural population of 10,000+. Interprets regulations and procedures. Special Instructions to Applicants: A completed Commonwealth of Virginia Application must received at the address below: Middlesex Department of Social Services  
PO Box 216  
Urbanna, VA 23175-0216  
Candidates may also submit a resume; however, a resume will not substitute for an application. For more info, contact Lori Stallings or Jo Ann Wilson-Harfst at Middlesex DSS at 804-758-2348 or see [jobs.agencies.virginia.gov](http://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov). E-mailed applications are not being accepted at this time. EEO  
Please include the classification title, position number, and location of the position you are applying on all forms that you submit.

**Client Services Representative/ GovDeals**

Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia GovDeals, headquartered in

Montgomery, AL, is the leading online auction marketplace for the sale of surplus and confiscated items for government entities including city, county and state agencies as well as school boards and public utilities. The company has an eight-year record of strong growth with over 2000 clients in 43 states. GovDeals is owned and operated by Liquidity Services Inc., a leading B2B marketplace company.

**Compensation**

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**Communications Coordinator/The Richmond Regional Planning District Commission**

RRPDC seeks a highly qualified Communications Coordinator to join the RRPDC team. The starting salary is in the mid \$50s. The RRPDC offers a comprehensive benefits package, VRS retirement and state of the art office facilities. Position is open until filled; EOE. Submit an application available from the website [www.richmondregional.org](http://www.richmondregional.org) with a cover letter and resume in confidence to Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Executive Secretary, 9211 Forest Hill Avenue, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23235. E-mail: [jfry@richmondregional.org](mailto:jfry@richmondregional.org)

**Executive Legal Assistant/Isle of Wight County**

County Attorney's Office  
Isle of Wight County seeks an individual to perform highly skilled legal secretarial work with components

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of complex administrative work and highly skilled paralegal duties for the County Attorney's Office. Minimum requirements include any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from a two-year college or vocational/technical school with three (3) years of legal secretarial work, including office management experience. Starting salary \$33,223. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume by June 15 to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757-365-6263. Isle of Wight County is an AA EEO M/F/H/V employer.

**Public Utilities Worker/Isle of Wight County**

Department of General Services  
Isle of Wight County seeks individuals to perform maintenance work on various projects involving water/waste water operations or other projects such as installing and maintaining water systems, water meters, repairing leaks, water & sewer lines, pipes, pump houses, pumps, and related work. Must be able to operate a variety of equipment, machinery, and tools that may include backhoe, dump truck, trencher, water meter, hand tools, or mechanical tools. Requires a high school diploma or GED. Starting salary \$24,792. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume by June 15 to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757-365-6263. Isle of Wight County is an AA EEO M/F/H/V employer.

**Firefighter-Medic/Isle of Wight County**

Part-Time  
Emergency Services Department  
Isle of Wight County seeks individuals to perform emergency medical and fire response services on a full-time basis. Applicants must submit a copy of their

DMV driving record and will be required to submit to a criminal history check. Salary DOQ. Please call for additional information and applications. Interested candidates should submit an application and resume by 5 p.m. on June 15 to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757-365-6263. Isle of Wight County is an AA EEO M/F/H/V employer.

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**Assistant County Administrator for Accounting and Finance/Goochland County**

This position will plan, direct, and oversee all accounting, purchasing, payroll, risk management, debt management and budget functions of the County, including facilitating the coordination of these functions in Utilities, School Board, Social Services and others with general government. Position open until filled. Salary Range - \$69,920 - \$105,142 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](http://www.co.goochland.va.us). All applica-

tions are to be submitted to Goochland County Human Resource Office, 1800 Sandy Hook Rd., P. O. Box 10, Goochland, Virginia, 23063. For more information, please call (804) 556-5831. [countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us](mailto:countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us).

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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  
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