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2010 Annual Conference update



Be sure to turn your clocks back!

The first official day of VACO's 2010 annual conference will be Sunday, Nov. 7. This day will also be when we fall back. So in efforts to prevent you from unintentionally showing up an hour early for the first events of each day, make sure you turn your clocks and watches back one hour the preceding Saturday night!

Schapiro to be a keynote speaker in opening session

Political columnist Jeff E. Schapiro, who covers political and legislative developments for the Richmond Times Dispatch, will participate as a keynote speaker in the opening session of VACO's 2010 Annual Conference.

He is expected to comment on prospects for the General Assembly's 2011 Legislative Session and possibly the impacts of this year's congressional elections on Nov. 2. As a keynote speaker in the opening session, Schapiro will be joined by House Speaker William J. Howell.

For 30 years Schapiro has covered Virginia campaigns and the statehouse

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GOVERNOR McDONNELL'S COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT REFORM & RESTRUCTURING

Governor's Jobs and Reform Commissions completing work

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Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission (Sept. 30, Richmond)

On Sept. 30, the Governor's Commission on Economic Development and Job Creation presented its final recommendations. The governor will approve the ultimate set of 2011 legislative proposals and executive actions. The package is wide ranging and focuses on several areas including enterprise zones, agriculture, tourism, information technology, energy and taxation (state and local).

Lt. Gov. William T. "Bill" Bolling, the commission's co-chair, indicated that the administration will seek new general fund appropriations to implement several proposals (more than \$60 million in FY 2012). Gov. Robert F. McDonnell will propose his FY 2012 budget in Dec. Local leaders should focus on specific recommendations impacting BPOL and the Machinery and Tool taxes.

BPOL

The Small Business Work Group of the Commission recommends converting the tax from gross receipts to net receipts ("relative profitability"). The work group recognizes however that the proposal impacts local revenues: "Simply repealing BPOL taxes without finding additional revenue sources in this environment would be difficult and the Subgroup does not believe this to be a realistic approach." To that end and prior to the introduction of a statutory change, the recommendation requires the Virginia Department of Taxation to assess the fiscal impact.

Machinery and Tools

The Manufacturing Work Group of the Commission recommends repealing the tax. In light of the political uncertainty surrounding its passage, the group offered a secondary set of recommendations: Exempt new equipment from the tax for the first three service years and, after 10 years, establish a uniform statewide equipment assessment of one percent on the original cost. The recommendation does not include a request for a fiscal impact.

Local leaders need to advise the governor and lieutenant governor that it is not fiscally prudent to proceed with this recommendation without a viable fiscal impact statement, and without offering local replacement revenues.

Local leaders may be interested in the commission's tourism grant program initiative which was proposed by the Tourism Work Group. A Tourism Development Grant Program (TDGP) is intended "to fill gap financing for certain

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Michael Edwards joins Kemper Consulting as VP

For those who know Michael L. Edwards, VACo's deputy director for legislative affairs, it comes as no surprise that a powerhouse consulting firm like Kemper would hire him as a vice president.

Edwards has been a force for VACo in the General Assembly for the past five years. Known for his tireless work ethic, he has helped secure victories when defeat appeared the only option. Edwards has definitely enhanced VACo's lobbying reputation.

"We certainly wish Mike the best," said Jim Campbell, VACo executive director. "Mike has been our cleanup hitter in the General Assembly, and I'm certain he will continue his record of success.

"Although we will miss Mike, I feel confident we will continue to succeed in the General Assembly," Campbell added. "Mike has helped set a standard and an example that VACo will continue to follow."

Edwards has more than 21 years experience in Virginia state and local government relations. His specialties include state budget and finance issues, but he's also well-versed in transportation, public safety and local government matters.

Prior to joining VACo, Edwards worked as executive director of the Foundation for Virginia, deputy executive director of the Virginia Municipal League and as a legislative liaison for Arlington County.

He served as a policy assistant in the Wilder administration and as a legislative aide to former Virginia Sen. Madison E. Marye.

Edwards earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from James Madison University. He is an adjunct professor of public policy at the College of William & Mary.

Edwards is married to Bess Littlefield, who is vice president of Institutional Advancement at J.



Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Their son, Jack, is a senior at Hanover High School. Edwards carries a sub-10 handicap in golf, and the whole family loves the Baltimore Orioles.

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The President's Message



Dear Members,

It is hard to believe my year as your President is almost over. I have truly enjoyed serving as VACo President.

As I mentioned last November, my primary goal was to improve communications within our organization, with the General Assembly and also with the governor and his administration.

One of the first efforts of improvement was to have our staff restructure legislative communications sent to the general membership. We wanted to streamline our efforts so members could have summary statements in order to be more effective in talking with legislators in the General Assembly either by e-mail or phone. Through this new means of communication, I encouraged each of you to become more involved in our legislative process.

And this you did. The Senate passed a Meals Tax bill and our efforts helped defeat numerous bad local government bills such as the machinery and tools tax.

I opened direct lines of communication with the leadership of the General Assembly. On numerous occasions, I met with the speaker and other leaders of the GA to let them know that VACo was a partner with them and wanted to help create a new vision for the Commonwealth. I established an open line of communication with the governor, lieutenant governor and the speaker.

During this year I have testified to the Governor's Reform Commission and at the Governor's Town Hall meetings.

I established a Communications committee charged to improve communications within our organization and with the governor and General Assembly. One of the efforts of this committee was the recent communications survey.

I worked with various organizations in the Commonwealth to bridge relations with VACo. These include the Association of Commissioners of Revenue and The Treasurers Association. I met with the good folks from State Tourism in order for our organization to get a better understanding of the economic impact to our localities. I recently attended and spoke at the Virginia Rural Summit.

I also established a committee to evaluate and make recommendations regarding K-12 education and the impact of continued reductions in state funding. A committee was named to study and evaluate our Supervisors Certification Program.

Our organization has grown stronger and is more visible throughout the state due to the efforts of each one of you. Thank you for your help and support.

Sign Up for Go Green!

Thirteen counties have now registered to participate in the Green Government Challenge! They are the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Botetourt, Charlotte, Fairfax, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King William, Nelson, New Kent and Roanoke.

Last year was VACo's first in participating with the Virginia Municipal League as partner in the Go Green Program. In 2009, 10 counties compiled the number of points necessary on the Go Green Scorecard to achieve certification, and were recognized last year at VACo's Annual Conference.

To participate in the Go Green Government Challenge and obtain a copy of the scorecard, counties need to register online at www.GoGreenVA.org. The Web site is structured to make the process as easy for applicants as possible. This year, we want counties of all sizes and from all regions to achieve certification.

The Go Green Initiative was first created by VML three years ago to promote sustainability and improve energy efficiency for all local governments. A new feature of this year's Go Green Challenge is the Green Buddy Program that will serve as a platform for networking and the exchange of information among all participating local governments. For more information about the Green Buddy Program, contact Joe Lerch, at 804-523-8530 or by e-mail at jlerch@vml.org.



Albemarle appoints Foley as new county executive effective Jan. 1

The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Assistant County Executive Tom Foley to succeed Bob Tucker as County Executive. Foley will assume his new position immediately upon Tucker's retirement on Dec. 31.

(Foley worked at VACo from 1989-1991 as a staff associate.)

The Board has been aware of Tucker's retirement decision for quite some time and has been seriously considering and evaluating the best option for filling this critical position. Board members have had the opportunity to observe Foley in a variety of situations dealing with a broad range of critical issues for a number of years and have complete confidence in his skills and abilities to serve as county executive.

Foley has 21 years of local government experience, including 19 years as either a county administrator or assistant county executive, this includes 11 years as assistant county executive for Albemarle County where he has supervised all functions except human services. He has also served eight years as an administrator in two other Virginia counties.

He is a credentialed manager with the International City/County Management Association.

The Board has identified many

strong advantages that Foley's appointment brings to the county. He has demonstrated exceptional performance and leadership by spearheading major organizational initiatives including developing a Five Year Financial Plan process, improving strategic planning and performance management, leading the replacement of the County's automated Financial Management System and the consolidation of three departments into the Department of Community Development.

He has also established good working relationships with regional partners like the City of Charlottesville and the University of Virginia. The appointment provides stability and continuity of leadership during challenging economic times and allows for a smooth and seamless transition with no familiarization period or learning curve required.

The Board emphasizes that this was not a quick decision but rather was arrived at after careful and thorough consideration of a number of different options, including a search for external candidates. Ultimately the Board's familiarity with and confidence in Foley's skills and abilities as demonstrated consistently over time made his selection the best choice for the organization and the community.



In the Board's opinion, the best test of what a person can do is what they have done and Foley's long tenure with the County has provided an opportunity to assess his actual performance that is not possible with other potential candidates.

In announcing this appointment, the Board wants to express its very sincere appreciation for Bob Tucker's outstanding leadership and guidance during his very successful 21 years as the county executive. The Board also thanks Tucker for his effort and attention in succession planning and ensuring that we have such a qualified and experienced successor to advance into the position of county executive and offers congratulations to Foley on his appointment.

Fluvanna names Jay Scudder county administrator

William P. "Jay" Scudder is the new Fluvanna County administrator. Scudder, a Lynchburg native who was the Patrick County administrator since 2008, will begin his new job on Nov. 1.

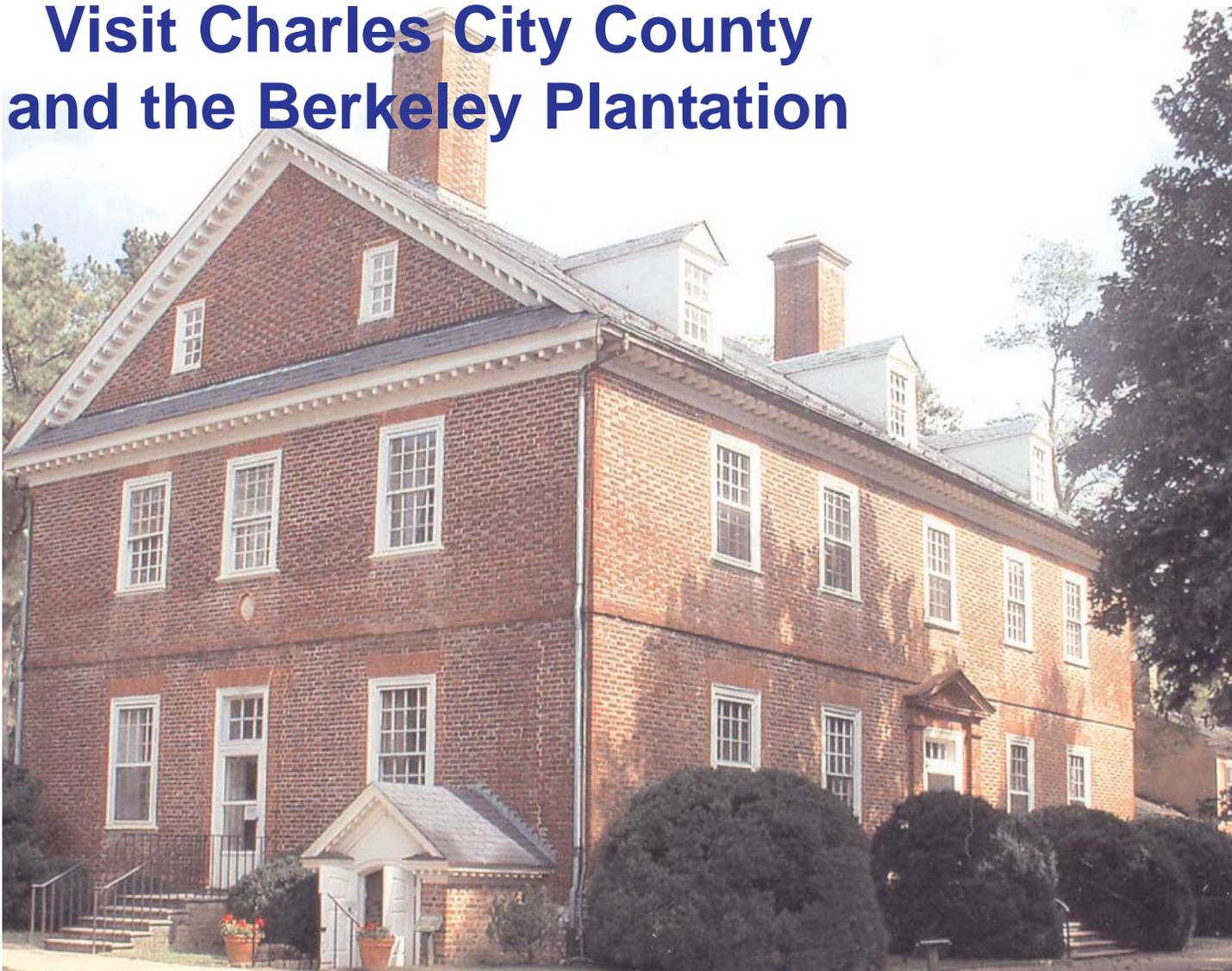
Scudder replaces G. Cabell Lawton, IV, who resigned in January to become New Kent County's administrator.

Prior to serving as Patrick County administrator, Scudder was director of planning for Gloucester County from 2000-2008. He was director of planning and economic development for the City of Bedford from 1994-1999. He served as neighbor planner/community development coordinator for the City of Lynchburg from 1988-1992.

Scudder earned his bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from James Madison University.



Visit Charles City County and the Berkeley Plantation

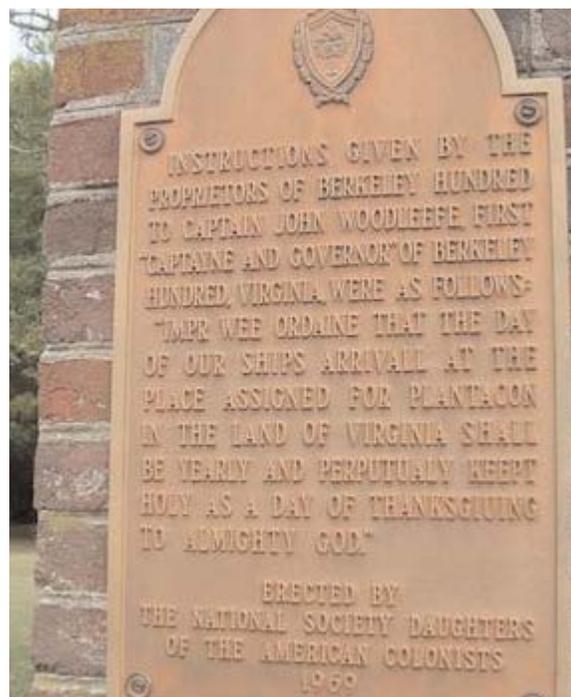


Berkeley Plantation, one of the first great estates in America, comprises about 1,000 acres (4.0 km²) on the banks of the James River on State Route 5 in Charles City County. Berkeley Plantation was originally called Berkeley Hundred and named after one of its founders of the 1618 land grant, Richard Berkeley.

Among the many American "firsts" that occurred at Berkeley Plantation are:

- The first official Thanksgiving: Dec. 4, 1619
- The first bourbon whiskey distilled: 1621, by George Thorpe, an Episcopal priest.
- First time Army bugle call Taps played: July 1862, by bugler Oliver W. Norton; the melody was written at Harrison's Landing on the plantation by then General Daniel Butterfield.

SOURCE: Wikipedia



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The Conference session speakers will examine a broad range of current, cutting edge issues as well as many others germane to the art and science of community planning and growth management. The Conference Program is outlined in this issue.

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**THE GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON ENERGY
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Save the Date! Oct. 12-14

This year, Gov. Bob McDonnell will host "Virginia: Energy Capital of the East Coast—The Governor's Conference on Energy." The conference takes place on Oct. 12-14 at the Richmond Convention Center, Richmond.

The governor, national speakers, private companies, government representatives, and energy technology, policy, and program experts will provide a comprehensive program on energy and economic development opportunities, current and future potential for energy businesses in Virginia, and insights about our energy future.

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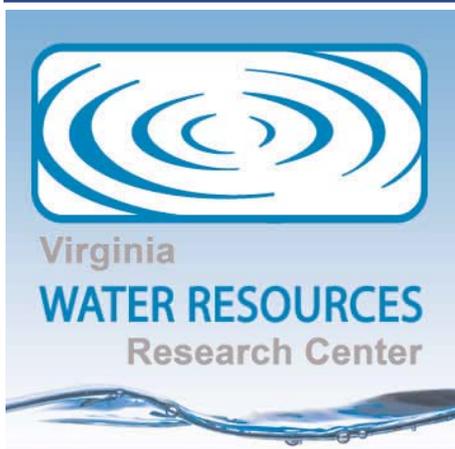
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Agenda Overview

Registration coming soon! Send an e-mail to ncrowe@convention-connections.com to receive a registration notice.

Please let others know about this event by sharing this email with your colleagues.

As always, feel free to contact VSBN with any questions: 703-486-2966 or e-mail vsbn@vsbn.org.

**2010 Virginia Stormwater
Symposium****Navigating Changes in Stormwater Technology and Policy
Oct. 21**

Trani Center for Life Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University
Monroe Park Campus, Richmond

Symposium Web site

This one-day symposium will focus on understanding and managing stormwater.

The morning session will focus on regulatory policies related to stormwater management from a national, statewide, and local government perspective. Speakers will address how the Chesapeake Bay TMDL (total maximum daily load) is expected to impact stormwater management in Virginia.

The afternoon session will begin with a presentation on economic issues and will be followed by descriptions of technological advances used to prevent and control stormwater runoff, including ideas on how to meet the Bay TMDL's expected requirements, the use of GIS to help forecast flooding areas for applications in urban planning, and the design and evaluation of stormwater control measures.

State mandates increase while counties cut back

By Ted McCormack
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The recently released report of the Commission on Local Government confirms that once again the Commonwealth continues to enact more mandates on counties during a time of declining local revenues and major reductions in state aid.

Since the publication of the Commission's 2009 mandates catalog, the total number of mandates imposed by state agencies on local governments increased from 456 mandates to 470 mandates in 2010, or by 3 percent. This maintains a decade-long trend of placing additional burdens on localities.

The Commission's 2010 Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments includes the results of a survey of 50 state agencies as well as any new mandates resulting from the 2010 General Assembly session.

The document reveals that over the past year, 15 new mandates were enacted by the legislature, 16 mandates have been newly identified through statutory research, and 4 existing mandates had their requirements expanded by the General Assembly or through regulatory action.

Unfortunately, the 2 mandates eliminated during that same period were only because of obsolescence and not

legislative or gubernatorial action. Of greater concern to counties is that the number of mandates classified by the state as Compulsory Orders (i.e., unfunded mandates) increased from 240 mandates in 2009 to 252 mandates in 2010, or by 5 percent.

All local governments remain hopeful that the trend of more unfunded mandates will stop one day, and are reminded of Gov. Bob McDonnell's pledge during his campaign that he would veto or amend bills that place unfunded mandates on localities.

Even though the governor's actions on legislation to date have not been a direct result of his pledge, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of his Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring has proposed some steps toward mandate relief.

The Committee, led by Mayor Paul Fraim of Norfolk, has included in its recommendations that the Governor's Office and the Department of Planning and Budget to require state agency review of all current mandates to determine if any of those mandates should be suspended or eliminated as a result of state budget reductions. Another of its recommendations would require state agencies to justify the continuation of their non-federal mandates using a cost-benefit analysis to determine the impact on localities. Any mandates



found to have inadequate reasons for continuation are to be proposed for elimination.

Counties are also reminded of the on-going opportunity to provide input to the Commission on the fiscal impact of selected mandates. Each year state agencies are required to post certain mandates for local government comment.

The mandates are selected according to a process posted on the Commission's website which included the ability for VACo and VML to assist in the selection process.

While your county's most onerous state mandate may not be one selected for assessment, it is important that localities use the process to document any concerns.

Governor forms task force to identify cost cutting best practices in state government

The governor is establishing an Operational Review Task Force to look for cost cutting best practices in Virginia's operational costs.

This task force was formed as a result of a recommendation by the Commission and will be chaired by Special Advisor to the Commission, Bill Leighty, chief of staff to former Governors Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

The task force will evaluate 12 areas of government to identify potential savings in operational costs and recommend strategies for realizing



those savings. Each of the 12 Task Force teams includes a representative from local government, state government, the private sector and agency staff. Similar reviews were done during the previous administration.

In addition to considering new recommendations for reducing operational costs, this task force will follow up on the efficacy and imple-

mentation of previously recommended strategies.

Speaking about the Operational Review Task Force, Gov. McDonnell remarked, "This Task Force will further examine ways to eliminate inefficiencies and reduce excess waste. We need

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Stafford Board appoints new county attorney

The Stafford Board of Supervisors has appointed Charlie Shumate as the new county attorney.

Shumate currently is a private practitioner in Northern Virginia with extensive experience in land use and real estate development law, commercial/business transactions, local government law, and the trial of complex real estate, commercial, and construction-related matters.

"Charlie's heavy dose of land-use experience made him stand out above all other applicants," said Mark Dudenhefer, Chairman of the Stafford Board of Supervisors. "We are confident that his background in this area as well as his work with other local governments will enable him to hit the ground running when he comes to Stafford."

Through his private practice, Shumate was retained as special counsel and deputy city attorney for the City of Fairfax, handling virtually all types of governmental litigation and other facets of municipal representation.

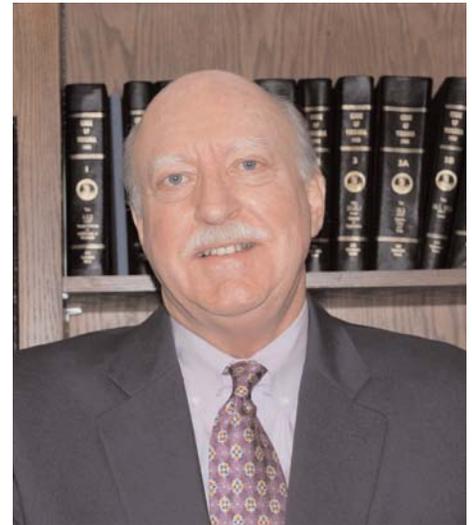
He was also involved in inter-governmental negotiations and transactions with neighboring jurisdictions. He has represented various boards and commissions of the City of Fairfax including the City Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority.

Previously, Shumate was the managing partner of Shumate, Kraftson & Sparrow, P.C., in Reston, Va.; and a resident managing partner for Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubeley, P.C., in Leesburg, Va.

He was trained as an infantry officer at the Virginia Military Institute and commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Army in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service in Vietnam.

Shumate has a B.A. in History from VMI, and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Washington College of Law of



the American University. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Shumate currently lives in Gainesville, Va., and plans to relocate to Stafford.

Shumate is scheduled to begin work with Stafford on Oct. 25. He will succeed County Attorney Joe Howard, who is scheduled to retire on Nov. 1.

Westmoreland Board remembers Jack Maguire

The Westmoreland Supervisors took time out recently to remember board colleague Jack Maguire, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.

The proclamation notes that Jack Maguire "served the community with honor and dignity."

His Westmoreland Planning Commission service began in 1994 and ended in December 2003. For most of that interval Maguire served as chair.

The proclamation goes on to note that in January 2004 Maguire began his duties as the District 5 member of the Board of Supervisors and ended as the result of illness in March 2007.

"We have lost someone who was on this board for a long time," Board of Supervisors Chairman Woody Hynson said at the meeting.

To read more, click here to visit The Journal.

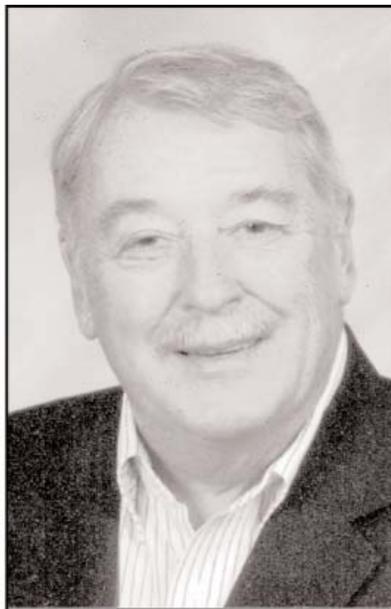


Photo from The Journal

Middlesex writes Wittman on 'Pollution Diet'

On Sept. 17, John D. "Jack" Miller, Chair of the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors, sent a letter to Congressman Rob Wittman expressing concerns about the aggressive program EPA is pursuing to make major water quality improvements to the Chesapeake Bay.

While affirming the county's commitment to achieving meaningful and sustainable commitments to improve water quality, the letter also raised concerns about local fiscal impacts and the additional "layer of regulations and bureaucracy" associated with EPA's approach.

The letter also suggested the effective roles that soil and water conservation districts can play in improving water quality. A copy of the Middlesex County letter is available here.

Performance audit completed on VDOT

By Larry Land
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Last week Gov. Bob McDonnell released the results of an independent financial and performance audit of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

The audit was ordered by the Governor shortly after he took office. The audit's purpose was to focus on areas where costs could be reduced and organizational efficiencies could be improved.

The full report from the audit, developed by the firm of Cherry, Bekaert and Holland, LLP contained the following findings:

- Approximately \$1 billion in funding is currently available for VDOT's maintenance and construction program that has not been used.
- Federal funds should be obligated ear-

lier during the fiscal year to eliminate current delays. Over the past two federal fiscal years, less than 10 percent of available amounts have been obligated six months into the year.

- Monitoring of inactive projects must be improved to release unused funding for other VDOT projects as soon possible. In FY10, \$163 million in federal obligations on inactive projects were released (20 percent of annual obligation).
- Locally and regionally administered projects need to be more closely monitored to ensure funding is utilized in a timely and cost effective manner.
- Approval should be obtained from the Federal Highway Administration to use over \$400 million in toll credits available to Virginia.
- The \$534 million federal revenue reserve should be eliminated to better leverage existing resources. Adding



back these reserves to the budget will accelerate the planning of projects in the Six Year Improvement Program.

- Revise cash reserve policies to reduce from a five and a half month reserve to a 60-day reserve, freeing up \$200 million for immediate use on transportation projects.

A power point presentation summarizing audit results is also available at VACO's Web site.

During VACO's Annual Conference during November, Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton will be available at one of the breakout sessions on Monday, Nov. 8, to answer questions about the audit and other pressing transportation issues.

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for a number of different news organizations. Schapiro's column appears in the Times-Dispatch Sunday and Wednesday. His video column is posted Thursday at www.timesdispatch.com.

Since 1991, Schapiro has been a correspondent for the British newsmagazine The Economist, writing on Southern politics and culture. A native of New York City, Schapiro graduated with bachelor's degree in

history from Georgetown University.

Before moving to Richmond in 1979, Schapiro worked for newspapers on the Louisiana Gulf Coast and the Northern New Jersey suburbs of New York City.

To participate in discussions about transportation both in the transportation steering committee and the "transportation" breakout session, VACO will be joined by Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton and Transportation Commissioner Gregory S. Whirley, Sr.

In addition to transportation, break-

out sessions will also address the following issues: economic development, improving the quality of Virginia's waterways, rural enterprise operations, the state budget, the Virginia Retirement System, energy issues, anticipated legislative issues for the 2011 legislative session, and 2010 amendments to the Line of Duty Act.

A note about the Guest/Spouse programs. There is a minimum of 15 participants in the silk scarf painting class. Please sign up by Oct. 15.

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to identify and implement best practices that help ensure state government is a good steward of our taxpayers' hard earned dollars. This is collaboration and teamwork at its best and I thank Chairman Leighty for his leadership in this endeavor."

Bill Leighty added, "The members of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring recognized the importance of evaluating operational costs in state government when they recommended a

series of operational reviews last week. These reviews will offer strategies to realize savings in operational costs that apply to agencies throughout state government.

"Our task force includes representatives from state government, local government and the private sector," Leighty said. "Their breadth of experience will reveal best practices and solutions that will only improve Virginia's standing as the nation's 'Best Managed State.'"

The task force will complete its work no later than Friday, Nov. 12.

Chairman Leighty will then present

the report and recommendations to the Governor's Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring at its next meeting.

The recommendations will be considered for inclusion in a report from the Commission, due on Dec. 1.

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EPA critical of Virginia's draft plan to improve bay

By Larry Land
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In early September, Virginia submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) its Draft "Phase 1" Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP).

The WIP's purpose is to lay out a detailed strategy for the state to undertake in order to limit nutrient and sediment pollution to levels required by EPA in the Chesapeake Bay by 2025.

These pollutant limits will apply to wastewater treatment plants, urban stormwater systems, and agricultural operations.

All states that are part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed (New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia) were required to submit a draft WIP to EPA by Sept. 1.

Following EPA's evaluation of the draft versions, a final WIP must be submitted by each state to EPA by Nov. 29. Under the current schedule, EPA plans to issue its final TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Limit) or "pollution diet" for the Chesapeake Bay by Dec. 31, 2010.

Following release of the TMDL, the state is required to develop a detailed Phase II WIP, which could establish pollutant loading caps for individual localities.

According to EPA, the Phase II WIP must be finalized by November 2011.

In response to Virginia's Draft WIP, EPA developed a critique that identified

a number of "deficiencies" that are enumerated in this summary. Here are some of the deficiencies in Virginia's DRAFT WIP identified by EPA:

- The removal by Virginia of "all regulatory drivers that could compel increased implementation of priority (best management) practices" in agricultural operations.
- The absence of any discussion relating to inspections or audits of agricultural operations to verify implementation of Best Management Practices paid for through cost-share programs.
- For urban stormwater programs, the lack of discussions relating to "retrofits" of existing areas that are already developed. (The summary of the evaluation states that "EPA expects to see details on retrofits and expanded authority" if pollutant loadings from stormwater are to be meaningfully reduced.)
- For onsite wastewater systems there is no description in the WIP on how Virginia's counties will organize to purchase or sell credits for onsite systems or urban stormwater.

According to EPA, if deficiencies in the WIP are not corrected, it means the EPA will intervene by imposing its own, more stringent, requirements (or "back-stops") upon permit holders for wastewater treatment plants, municipal stormwater discharges, and confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

As part of the process for reviewing Virginia's Draft WIP, EPA will conduct a 45-day public comment period. As part of this process, EPA has scheduled four public meetings in Virginia in



accordance with the following schedule.

- Oct. 4 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Public Meeting
Grafton Theatre, James Madison University, 281 Warren Service Drive, Harrisonburg. Get parking directions
- Oct. 5 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Public Meeting
Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Tpke, Annandale
- Oct. 6 - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Public Meeting
Robins Pavilion Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond, 28 Westhampton Way, Richmond
- Oct. 7 - from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Public Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton,
For more information about the development of the TMDL for Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, contact Larry Land.

The Cabell Brand Center for Global Poverty and Resource Sustainability Studies is hosting a one-day workshop entitled "The Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources and Water Infrastructures: Mitigation and Adaptation at the Local Level" on Nov. 15 at the Frontier Museum Lecture Hall in Staunton.

Instructors and discussants include experts from the U.S. EPA, Planning District Commissions and Virginia Tech. Workshop agenda and registration information are posted on the Web site.

For further information contact Dr. Tamim Younos.



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locality endorsed tourism development projects.” More specifically, the TDGP would create a revenue stream by allowing the project to retain one percent of state and local project generated tax revenues. The developer would be obligated to provide a match investment. The revenue stream would fund grants to repay “a gap loan” as contractually agreed to by the developer and locality.

Government Reform and Restructuring Commission

Earlier in the year, Gov. McDonnell charged his Government Reform and Restructuring Commission “...to ensure that duplicative, outdated, unnecessary and ineffective services and service delivery methods are eliminated and that state revenues are dedicated to the core functions of government.”

The commission is scheduled to meet in Richmond on Monday, Oct. 4, to present its first set of recommendations. Gov. McDonnell may call a special fall legislative session to address particular recommendations including ABC reforms. Other recommendations likely will be addressed during the regular 2011 session.

VACo will provide the members with a summary of the Oct. 4 recommendations.

The week of Sept. 27, two Reform committees finalized their recommendations in preparation of the Oct. 4 meeting.

Intergovernmental Relations

Committee (Sept. 29, in Williamsburg)

As previously reported, Norfolk Mayor Paul D. Fraim chairs the committee. Dubby Wynne, a committee member and chairman of the Council on Virginia’s Future, is advocating for a follow along study on regionalism. More specifically, Mr. Wynne and the committee are interested in seeking incentives for localities to work cooperatively and share services. Speaker of the House, Del. William J. Howell, spoke in support of the regionalism initiative.

Another of the committee’s recommendations includes two new initiatives concerning state mandates:

- Require state agencies to review all current mandates to determine if any of those mandates should be suspended or eliminated at the result of state budget reductions. The results of the review will be submitted to the Governor who has statutory authority to suspend temporarily any non-educational mandates.
- Introduce legislation to require state agencies to justify the continuation of their non-federal mandates using a cost-benefit analysis to determine the impact of the mandate on localities. If the Governor determines that there is inadequate justification for continuation of the mandate, the agency responsible will pursue legislative or regulatory removal of the requirement.

Simplifications and Operations

Committee (Sept. 30, Richmond)

In addition to recommending a modified ABC proposal, the committee is advocating that the state explore and implement, where practical, a four day work week. The committee is also recommending allowing the expansion of the four day work week option to localities, in certain circumstances

In addition, the Committee is studying the functions and funding for commissioners of revenue and treasurers. A study conducted by Mercatus Center and EHF Consulting was submitted for committee review that focused on functions and overlap of job duties with state and local offices. The study (Phase 1) contained no recommendations and will be followed by a detailed analysis of funding (Phase 2) within the next 30 days. It is likely that recommendations will be presented at that time.

McDonnell’s modified ABC proposal:

Gov. McDonnell’s ABC proposal requires legislative approval. VACo understands he will ask the General Assembly to adopt several reform commission recommendations in addition to his ABC proposal, which will be voted on by the Commission on Oct. 4.

The administration intends to auction 1,000 off-premise distilled

spirits licenses to the highest bidders. Currently, the state oversees 6,657 off-premise beer and wine retailers and more than 332 state liquor stores. As part of the Sept. 8 presentation and reiterated again on Sept. 30, the governor’s representatives stated that the “[I]ssuance of off-premise distilled spirits license [will be] subject to local government zoning and [the] ABC hearing process.”

McDonnell indicates that the sale of licenses will generate \$400 to \$500 million for transportation projects. The dollars will be allocated to a Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank. The bank will make loans and grants to local governments for transportation projects. Three major sources comprise the transportation funds: auction of retail licenses to highest bidders (“minimum bids alone will generate \$265 million”); sale of wholesale licenses (totaling \$160 million); and sale of ABC assets including the state warehouse and the nineteen state-owned outlets (\$33 million).

The proposal was modified on Sept. 30 to allow specific winning bidders with less than 50 employees statewide, to pay for the retail license over a period of time. The proposal also was modified to eliminate two taxes intended to help replace lost state general fund dollars: the annual wholesale license charge assessed at 1 percent of gross receipts on distilled spirits, and the optional restaurant convenience fee rate from 4 percent to 2.5 percent (applied at the retail level) for on-premise sales.

The modifications will present challenges to achieve replacement revenues of the state general fund. Eric Finkbeiner, senior policy director for the governor, stated the proposal with modifications will leave a shortfall of \$45 - \$47 million in the state general fund. He also stated that additional cost savings would be forthcoming on other government reforms. He asserted that the proposal estimates include an 11 percent growth, which is very conservative and valued at \$30 million.

ABC is expected to generate more than \$320 million in FY 2011 state general funds.

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Candidate should have a comprehensive knowledge of the principles and methods of social services administration, including program planning, personnel and fiscal management; a comprehensive knowledge of human behavior essential to working effectively with individuals and groups; comprehensive knowledge of current economic, social, legal and health problems, and the provisions of the Federal Social Security Act. State application, recruitment package, and job description are available on our Web site: www.bedford-countyva.gov. Application deadline: Friday, Oct. 15, 5 p.m. Annual salary is competitive DOQ.

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Candidates with four year college degree in public administration, business, management or engineering will be equally considered. Requires at least 7 to 10 years of progressive related experience, including 3 years of supervisory experience, or any equivalent combination of training and experience

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which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. A valid Virginia driver's license and good driving record are also required. Starting salary DOQ. Excellent benefit package including state retirement benefits. Interested candidates should submit a completed county application, resume and cover letter to County Administrator Percy Ashcraft at P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427, (804) 633-5380. Position open until filled. Applications may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office or on line at www.visitcaroline.com.

Procurement Officer/Powhatan County

Procurement Officer
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Grade 15, Exempt
Salary Hiring Range: \$45,820-\$50,402
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Development Process Manager/City of Falls Church

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of the functions of permit issuance, construction and construction code oriented work office setting, procedures for filing and processing building, and zoning applications. Salary: \$49,128 + depending on qualifications and benefits. Send resume & cover letter to: City of Falls Church, Human Resources Division, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046 or hr@fallschurchva.gov. For a complete job posting, see www.fallschurchva.gov.

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