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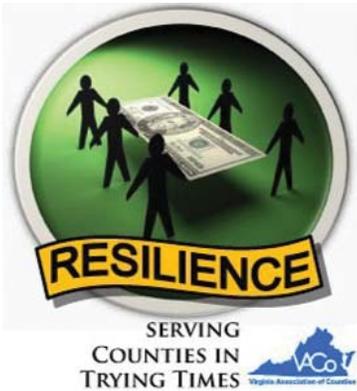
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2010 Annual Conference update



The agenda for VACO's 2010 Annual Conference is taking shape. Major issues to receive attention will be the economy, jobs, the social media, energy, aggressive new initiatives undertaken by EPA to improve water quality, redistricting, taxation, transportation, and more.

To enhance this year's focus on transportation, Sean Connaughton, Virginia's Secretary of Transportation (and former Chair of Prince William County's Board of Supervisors) has accepted VACO's invitation to participate actively in meetings and sessions that will be part of this year's event.

With formula allocations for Virginia's secondary roads being virtually decimated in recent years, and VDOT's revenue sharing program providing only a fraction of the assistance for counties it provided only a few years ago, it will be essential for this year's conference to feature frank and honest discussions over transportation along with many other issues.

In addition to Secretary Connaughton and Speaker of the House William Howell, we fully expect

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VACO's summer meeting: Lt. Governor talks jobs and steering committees initiate work



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During VACO's summer meeting on Aug. 6 in Henrico County, Lt. Governor William T. "Bill" Bolling spoke to the Board of Directors about the ongoing work of the Governor's Economic Development and Jobs Creation Commission, and the steering committees initiated the development of the 2011 legislative program.

Additionally, the Board adopted a 2011 change to the existing steering committee structure by establishing a new one.

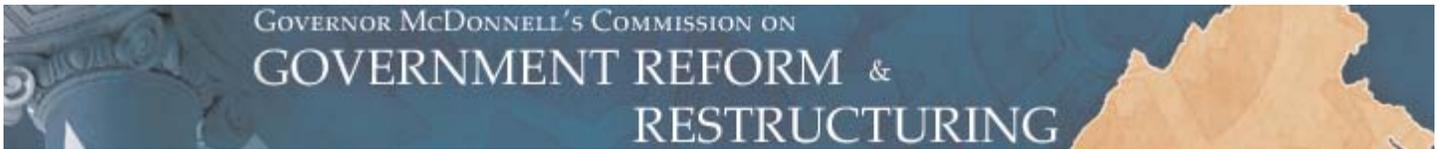
Bolling co-chairs the Commission in his capacity as Gov. Robert F. McDonnell's Chief Jobs Creation Officer. McDonnell created the Commission and announced Bolling's appointment in Executive Order #1. VACO's eight steering committees completed the first of their two scheduled meetings.

The Lt. Governor reviewed several of the Commission's interim

recommendations including efforts to promote "emerging technology sectors" such as biomedical research. Bolling discussed a range of associated Commission issues: Commission membership (excluding local leaders); Interim recommendations impacting local business taxes (specific workgroups are targeting the Machinery and Tools and BPOL taxes for repeal); and Transportation funding. The Lt. Governor said repealing or changing local taxes and revenues requires "an offset." He also said finding a politically consensual and long term transportation funding solution may prove elusive, despite the McDonnell Administration's ongoing and near term goals to buttress spending, including privatizing the sale of liquor. The Commission is charged with completing its recommendations in mid-October.

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Bradshaw highlights 'most troublesome' mandates



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VACo President Phillip Bradshaw spoke to the Aug. 4 meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of the Governor's Reform Commission on the state mandates of most concern to counties.

VML and the School Board Association also presented their lists of troublesome mandates to the committee at that meeting.

President Bradshaw's presentation began by reiterating VACo's long-standing policy statement on mandates from the 2010 Legislative Program. He then went on to list some of the most of problematic state mandates impacting local governments. Among those were:

Aid to Localities

VACo supports abolishing the current biennial Aid to Localities reductions. The ATL reversion of \$60 million in FY 2011 and \$60 million again in FY 2012 creates a hardship for localities and appears unnecessary in light of an FY 2010 \$220 million state surplus.

Political subdivisions reverted \$50 million in ATL reductions in both FY 2009 and FY 2010. These cuts are in addition to all other local reductions. It is important to repeat that \$50 million of the \$220 million FY 2010 surplus came directly from these reimbursements.

Public Education Funding

Localities are holding the K-12 public education system together to meet the Standards of Accreditation and the Standards of Learning. They are spending \$3 billion or 82 percent more a year than required by the state. The \$3 billion is 22 percent of total K-12 spending.

While the \$3 billion is not technically and statutorily mandated, localities are responding to actual needs and costs the state is failing to recognize.

• Recent state K-12 reductions:

FY 2010 state distributions were nearly \$300 million lower than actual FY 2009 appropriations.

Compared to FY 2009 funding levels, the new state budget reduces state support for administrative school positions by one-third each year of the biennium (a \$376

million reduction in FY 2011).

Comprehensive Services Act

The Commonwealth has increased mandatory local participation percentages for the provision of services funded through the Comprehensive Services Act. Mandates increasing local rates for residential and foster care related services should be abolished and returned to the FY 2006 level. Local match rates should not differentiate between service types.

Additionally, the CSA mandate requiring local governments to match federal Medicaid funds should be eliminated.

Lastly, the State Executive Council should be required to follow the Administrative Process Act in the review and approval of new CSA provisions. Currently, the Council has final say.

Equal Tax and Bond Authority

VACo supports granting counties the authority cities and towns retain to enact local excise taxes including the cigarette tax, admissions tax, transient occupancy tax and meals tax. VACo also supports granting counties the authority cities and towns retain to approve general obligation debt. VACo recognizes that the equalization of bonding authority will require a constitutional amendment.

Constitutional Officers

VACo urges the Commonwealth to meet its full funding obligations for mandated constitutional officers. A JLARC study of funding and staffing of constitutional officers and other state mandated positions should be conducted. A full fiscal and program analysis should determine state and local responsibilities and whether state funding responsibilities are sufficient. Additionally, the study should examine jail issues including staffing, funding, construction, per diems, operational costs, and benefits.

Line of Duty Act

The 2010 General Assembly included budget language transitioning the Line of Duty benefit in FY 2012 from a fully state funded program to one paid by local governments and state agencies. New premiums will be charged to state agencies

and localities based on the number of employees potentially eligible to receive benefits under the program. VACo opposes the shift in program funding. Local governments did not support the creation of this state benefit and now should not be required to pay for it.

Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

Local governments east of I-95 subject to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act are required to devote staff resources to monitor the five-year septic tank pump out provision of the Act. This should be the job of the Department of Health since it currently has the records and personnel already in place to monitor this requirement.

In addition, the Act mandates that localities review soil and water runoff control and water quality assessments prepared by all agricultural operations within their jurisdiction, and to take enforcement action when necessary. This function necessitates additional staff and costs and should appropriately be the responsibility of either the Department of Conservation and Recreation or the Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Courthouse Construction

State law requires localities to assume the mandated cost to construct and maintain court facilities. If, in the sole opinion of the local circuit court, localities do not meet those requirements, the court can order to build a new courthouse without regard to the fiscal condition of the local government.

In most instances, such an order involves spending millions of dollars on new facilities - new facilities that may not be included in the local CIP. Additionally, the state has not established incentives for court officials to foster regional facilities. While this mandate has been temporarily suspended by the General Assembly it remains a threat of significant unplanned expenditures to all cities and counties.

Elections

Federal and state laws govern elections and voter registration processes, but local governments assume most of the costs.

President Bradshaw also repeated some of his remarks to Gov. McDonnell at the Town Hall held in Norfolk on Aug. 9.

The President's Message



Dear Members,

As noted in today's lead story (VACo's summer meeting: Lt. Governor talks jobs and steering committees initiate work) and during its Aug. 6 meeting in Henrico, the VACo Board of Directors adopted a 2011 change to the existing steering committee structure. We established a new committee to oversee compensation and public safety issues namely Compensation Board, compensation and retirement, line of duty and other public safety issues.

The change recognizes the emergence of these policy issues and demonstrates VACo's commitment to serving all 95 counties. As you know, state Compensation Board and public safety funding continue to decline and VRS issues continue to emerge. By harnessing the members' collective experiences and expertise, the new committee will strengthen VACo's internal and external legislative efforts.

In addition to establishing the new committee, the recommendation moves the issues currently assigned to the Telecommunications and Public Utilities Steering Committee to the Administration of Government Steering Committee. While eliminating the stand-alone Telecommunications and Public Utilities Steering Committee, the Administration of Government Steering Committee will welcome the inclusion of VACo members interested in these issues.

On Aug. 6, I met with the members of the Telecommunications and Public Utilities Steering Committee to discuss the change. Transferring their vital topics to the Administration of Government Steering Committee will allow more members to develop our telecommunications and public utility policies. For example, a significant number of local leaders are interested in ways to expand the deployment of broadband access.

This change represents yet another way the VACo Board recognizes and responds to your concerns.

Please remember to register for the 2010 annual conference, Nov. 7-9 in Bath County. The registration form is now available.... As you know, the conference allows local leaders to learn best practices, speak with statewide leaders and interact with colleagues. This year's theme, "Resilience: Serving Counties in Trying Times," acknowledges the importance of your leadership during these unique economic times.

I hope to see you in Bath County!

Leadership for Effective Governance in the 21st Century

Friday, Sept. 10
Albemarle County
9:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6
The Homestead, Bath County
9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cost: \$350 per person,
includes books,
materials, lunch

Leadership for Effective Governance in the 21st Century will be the next course in the VACo and Virginia Tech sponsored Certified County Supervisor Program. Between the two classroom sessions, each class member will complete a series of lessons based on assigned readings.

The focus of the Leadership for Effective Governance in the 21st Century course will be to help elected county officials become more effective leaders in such areas as leadership, community planning, finance and other areas of responsibility. To meet this educational objective the course, participants will examine and discuss public sector models as well as private sector approaches.

Persons interested in taking the course must complete a registration form, which is also posted at www.vaco.org/Calendar.html. Please note that individuals may enroll in the Certified County Supervisor Program at anytime. There is a rolling admission rather than a set admission time.

Questions regarding the certification program can be directed to Larry Land at VACo or Mike Chandler at 804.794.6236. Be a part of the action by registering for the class.

Click here for the registration form.

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Snead named Chesterfield deputy county administrator for human services

Chesterfield County Administrator James J.L. Stegmaier is pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah C. Snead as deputy county administrator for human services. Snead, formerly the director of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Department of Social Services, has served in an interim capacity as deputy administrator since June 2009.

"Sarah has done an outstanding job juggling the responsibilities of two critical positions for the county this past year," Stegmaier said. "Her leadership abilities and absolute commitment to serving the public have demonstrated clearly that she is the right person for the job."

Snead has served as director of social services since 1995. She previously was director of the King George County Department of Social Services and has a master's degree in social work administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to serve as the deputy county administrator for human services," Snead said. "Not only do I care deeply for Chesterfield County, but I am particularly passionate about human services. I look forward to this new role and am excited about working with the residents of Chesterfield County."

As a deputy county administrator, Snead will oversee the operations of many departments, including Community Corrections Services, Court Services, Extension Services, Health Department, Juvenile Detention Home, Libraries, Lucy Corr Nursing Home, Mental Health Support Services, Parks and Recreation, Senior Advocate, Social Services, Youth Group Home and Youth Planning and Development, as well as other responsibilities.

Snead is a member and past president of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives and a member and past board member and officer of the Blue Ridge Institute for Southern Community Service Executives. She also serves on various boards and committees of both the Virginia Department of Social Services and Chesterfield County.



Beacher selected as transportation director for Loudoun County

Andrew G. Beacher has been selected to serve as the new Loudoun County director of transportation services, County Administrator Tim Hemstreet announced recently.

Beacher has served as acting director of the Office of Transportation Services (OTS) since May. He joined the Loudoun County Government in 2006 when he was hired as assistant director of OTS.

"After a fully competitive recruitment process that included a national search, Andy emerged as the top candidate for the position," Hemstreet said. "He has done an outstanding job since becoming Acting Director. He juggled the adoption of a major transportation project - the Countywide Transportation Plan - while managing the department in his role as acting department head."

Before coming to Loudoun County, Beacher worked as a transportation analyst for a consulting firm. He also served in the United States Air Force as

a civil engineer officer. During his time in the Air Force, he served as Base Community Planner and Chief of the Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements office at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

Beacher earned a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Clarkson University and a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia.

The Loudoun County Transportation Director oversees matters relating to the county's transportation system, including road development, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, implementation of traffic improvements and the planning/management of county transit operations and commuter services.

The recently adopted Countywide Transportation Plan includes, among other features, a new transit plan for services, routes, infrastructure, and various funding alternatives to serve Loudoun residents prior to and after



arrival of Metrorail service in the county.

"I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with the Board of Supervisors and county staff to help plan and implement a quality transportation system for the residents and businesses of Loudoun County," Beacher said.

Photo by Nancy McCormick



Visit Natural Tunnel State Park and Scott County

Natural Tunnel State Park, centered around the Natural Tunnel, a massive naturally-formed cave that is used as a railroad tunnel. It is located in the Appalachian Mountains near Duffield in Scott County.

The Natural Tunnel, which spans to 200 feet (61 meters) wide and 80 feet (24 meters) high, began to form more than a million years ago when groundwater bearing carbonic acid percolated through crevices and slowly dissolved limestone and dolomite bedrock. A small river, which is now called Stock Creek, was diverted underground and it continued to erode the tunnel over many millennia.

The walls of the tunnel show evidence of prehistoric life. Many fossils have been found in the creek bed and in the tunnel walls.

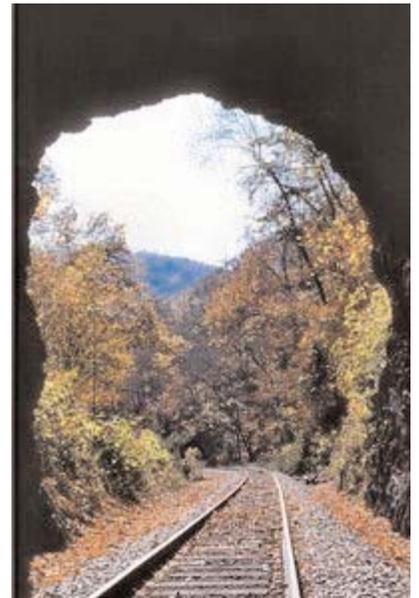
Although Natural Tunnel State Park was established in 1967 and opened to the public in 1971, Natural Tunnel has been a tourist attraction for more than a century; Daniel Boone is believed to have been the first European to see it in the 18th century. The 41st U.S. Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan dubbed it the "Eighth Wonder of the World."

A railroad was constructed through the natural tunnel in 1893. The first train, operated by the Virginia & Southwestern Railway Company, passed through the following year. In 1899, the Natural tunnel was purchased by the Tennessee & Carolina & Iron and Steel Company. The railway originally carried passenger trains; today, the line is still open but is only used to transport coal.

There is a 1,600 foot (500 metres) boardwalk that allows disabled visitors to gain access to the natural tunnel.

Park visitors can also camp, swim, picnic and hike. There is a visitors center and naturally-formed amphitheaters that are up to 600 feet (180 meters) high.

Photos and information from Wikipedia and www.virginia.org.



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Sept. 12-15
Marriott Norfolk Waterside
Norfolk

Title VI Forum for State and Local Governments Flyer

[Register for the event](#)

Virginia is hosting the 2010 AASHTO National Civil Rights Symposium in Norfolk from Sept. 12-15.

[Click here for more information regarding the symposium.](#)

Of particular interest is the opportunity for you and your staff to take advantage of a one day Title VI Forum to be held on Sept. 15. This forum is focused on state and local governments and has a one day conference fee of only \$99.

More information is available on the flyer.

Registration is available [here](#).



**2010 Virginia Rural
Summit
Sept. 13-14**

The 2010 Virginia Rural Summit will focus in three areas:

- Economic Development/Job Creation - Economic Growth through current job retention and new job creation
- Education - How does rural upgrade past workforce skills to meet 21st Century job needs?
- Regional Policies and Services - Advancing rural regions through innovative programs and policies

Registration for the 2010 Virginia Rural Summit is in partnership with the Virginia Association of Counties.

Please fax this completed registration form to: (804) 788-0083. Or mail to: VACo, 1207 E. Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219.

Make checks payable to: Virginia Association of Counties.

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New federal funding package (Medicaid and K-12)

By Mike Edwards and Dean Lynch
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President Barack Obama signed into law on Aug. 11 a new emergency measure appropriating to the states Medicaid Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) and K-12 funds. Congress adopted the measure over the course of the past two weeks. VACo understands Virginia is targeted to receive \$293 million for Medicaid FMAP and \$246 million for K-12.

Nationwide, the legislation provides \$16.1 billion to extend increased Medicaid FMAP funding for six months beyond the current stimulus deadline of Dec. 31, 2010, and \$10 billion for an Education Jobs Fund to provide additional emergency support to local school districts. The education dollars are intended to prevent impending layoffs.

FMAP

The increased federal funding provides state savings by reducing their match rates for qualifying Medicaid expenditures.

However, Virginia's share - the \$293 million - is \$124 million less than original estimates. You will recall that the adopted 2010-12 state budget includes Medicaid reductions totaling \$417 million. The state budget also anticipated additional federal FMAP funding to support Medicaid provider rates, services, and eligibility totaling the same \$417 million.

Of the \$293 million that the Commonwealth will receive,

approximately \$175 million must be used to restore state funding for Medicaid eligibility reductions. The remainder - \$118 million - will be available to restore a portion of the additional \$242 million in Medicaid reductions in the 2010-2012 biennial budget.

K-12

The Virginia Department of Education provided the following information about the new federal K-12 funding:

- States must apply to the U.S.

Department of Education within 30 days of enactment and funds must be awarded to states with approved applications within 45 days of enactment.

- Funding must be distributed to school districts on the basis of the "primary elementary and secondary formula" or the districts' relative shares of funds under the Title I-A program for the most recent fiscal year. At this time, the specific Virginia distribution formula has not been determined.

Note: The adopted FY 2011

Virginia allocation for previous federal stimulus education dollars: "The allocations shall be based on the proportion that each school division represents to the statewide total of Basic Aid amount ..."

- In order to provide early childhood, elementary, or secondary educational and related services, funds may be used by school districts only for compensation and benefits and other expenses, such as support services,



necessary to retain existing employees, to recall or rehire former employees, and to hire new employees. Funds may not be used for general administrative expenses or for other support services.

- A state maintenance of effort (MOE) for education requirement applies. Verification that Virginia meets this requirement is pending.

Offsets

Congress pays for the measure by closing a foreign tax credit, ending the advanced refund ability of earned income tax credits and rescinding funds from several existing programs (see below: Transportation offset).

Transportation offset

One of the federal offsets includes a \$2.2 billion rescission in unobligated state highway contract authority. The Federal Highway Administration released a chart estimating the state-by-state cuts. Virginia's rescission or cut totals more than \$56 million.

In closing, VACo understands Gov. Bob McDonnell retains sufficient administrative authority to accept and appropriate the new federal funds.

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 for the purpose of promoting sustainability and improving 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. More information about the Green Buddy Program is available by contacting Joe Lerch, at 804-523-8530, or by e-mail at jlerch@vml.org.



Virginia counties recognized for model programs

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Achievement Awards recognizing model local government programs.

The winning counties, program titles and categories are:

- **Campbell County:** "Performance Improvement Teams-Employee Driven Long-Term Planning" (Organizational Development)
- **Chesterfield County:** "Whoa Baby" (Health/Human Services)
- **Hanover County:** "Dominion Resources Greentech Incubator" (Community/Economic Development)
- **Henrico County:** "The Fitness and Wellness Certification" (Organizational Development)
- **Isle of Wight County:** "Isle Be Green-Plastic Bag Recycling Program" (Environmental)
- **Loudoun County:** "Homeless Services Center" (Health/Human Services)
- **Louisa County:** "Homebuyer Assistance Program" (Community/Economic Development)
- **Montgomery County:** "New River Valley Regional Training Program" (Regional Collaboration)
- **Pittsylvania County:** "Danville-Pittsylvania Regional Industrial Facility Authority" (Regional Collaboration)
- **Prince William County:** "Design-Build Process" (Transportation)
- **Prince William County:** "Revenue Forecasting Process (Organizational Development)
- **Roanoke County:** "Green Ridge Recreation Center-An Innovative Public/Private Partnership (Community/Economic Development)
- **Stafford County:** "The Opening of Fire Station No. 14" (Criminal Justice/Public Safety)

• **York County:** "Bats, Balls and a BMP-An Intergovernmental Project Produces Regional Benefits" (Regional Collaboration)

VACo received 60 entries for the statewide contest. Lane Ramsey, former Chesterfield County administrator; Tedd Povar, associate director of the Virginia Institute of Government; and Marilyn Blake, former Hanover County assistant administrator, served as judges for this year's statewide awards program.

"After a record 72 entries last year, we didn't see a dramatic decline in submissions as we received the second-most in the program's eight-year history," said James Campbell, VACo executive director. "This tells me that Virginia continues to adapt to the economic environment by developing innovative programs to affect positive change in our communities. The quality of the entries, many of which can be replicated throughout the state, was very impressive."

Also for the first time in the program's history, judges selected one submission as the "Best Achievement." The winner of this year's distinction is Campbell County. Here's what Ramsey had to say about Campbell County's entry titled "Performance Improvement Teams-Employee Driven Long-Term Planning."

"It is admirable for a county Campbell's size to create a comprehensive high-performance model, one that is transferable to small and large counties alike," said Ramsey, who retired in 2007 after 20 years as Chesterfield County administrator. "Campbell County's program has been in place since 1999, and usually these



types of models come and go. But this program has endured and that is a testament to its strength and productivity."

This was the sixth consecutive year Povar has served as judge. "I want to commend those who submitted to the Achievement Awards program," Povar said. "I was most impressed with all the applicants, who seemed undaunted by the economy and their budget situations. The leadership in Virginia's 95 counties is strong. These projects reflect that sentiment."

Blake, who recently retired, also raved about the quality of the entries. "I was pleased to see that so many small- and medium-sized counties participated," Blake said. "I learned a lot from being a judge and reviewing the entries. I learned that we have many talented and skilled county employees in every region of the Commonwealth."

The VACo Achievement Awards is a competitive program open to local government members of the association. A Web site (www.vaco.org/achievementawards.html) has been created with all the entries posted.

Representatives from each of the award-winning counties will receive a certificate at an official ceremony during VACo's 2010 Annual Conference in November. Also, VACo will present several awards at Board of Supervisors meetings.

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other key state officials to be active participants in this year's conference. We will have more news about this at a later date.

One of the most important items

on the agenda for VACo's Annual Conference will be the development of VACo's legislative action plan for 2011. VACo's steering committees are scheduled to hold their final round of meetings on Sunday, November 7, then the full membership will vote on the legislative program during the business

meeting on the final day of the conference.

Important! Registration forms for VACo's 2010 Annual Conference are being mailed to all counties this week. Be on the lookout for them.

The registration form will also be available online.

MEETING

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The steering committees annually develop their respective sections and priority statements to VACo's annual legislative program.

During the annual conference, the membership adopts the new program on Tuesday. The steering committees are charged with completing their work on Sunday.

The new priority statements are communicated to the governor and members of the General Assembly. The annual conference is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 7 through Tuesday, Nov. 9 in Bath County.

Aug. 6 steering committee highlights

• **Administration of Government** affirmed its 2010 position statement regarding immigration. The statement calls on the federal government to enact comprehensive immigration reform.

The committee also asked staff to draft language opposing mandatory collective bargaining for local employees, and endorsed the City of Stanton's request supporting legislation capping interest rates on consumer credit.

• **Community Development and Planning** endorsed its 2010 legislative priorities and positions including protecting and expanding local land use authorities. The committee also is exploring a statement supporting state funding for regional tourism initiatives.

• **Education** received Jim Regimbal's presentation regarding "The Outlook of State Education Funding." Regimbal is VACo's economic consultant. The presentation and committee discussion focused on declining state funding for schools. The committee also heard the recommendations of VACo's Special Public Education Funding Committee.

VACo President Phillip A. Bradshaw (Isle of Wight) established the committee last session after the Board voted to support the institution of the newly calculated 2010-2012 composite indexes. (Gov. Kaine had proposed freezing the 2008-10 composite indexes through the next biennium.) Later in the day, the Board endorsed the

special committee's recommendations:

"The Education and Finance Steering committees shall work cooperatively to develop and advocate for an enhanced legislative statement and action plan calling on the membership to gain increased state funding for public education including new dedicated funding for school construction."

• **Environment and Agriculture** engaged in detailed discussions about anticipated major revisions to the state's stormwater regulations and impacts resulting from the Environmental Protection Agency's aggressive new program to limit nutrient and sediment pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.

In response, the committee adopted a policy statement urging increased financial and technical support for local government stormwater management programs and opposing federal initiatives penalizing local governments by withdrawing needed federal program funds.

• **Finance** received Jim Regimbal's presentation regarding state budget and revenue trends. In anticipation of enhancing VACo's policy statements protecting local taxes and revenues, the committee also reviewed the work of the governor's Government Reform and Restructuring and Economic Development and Jobs Creations Commissions.

• **Health and Human Resources** learned more about national health care reform from William A. Hazel Jr., MD, Gov. McDonnell's Secretary of Health and Human Resources. The Secretary discussed the administration's efforts to establish a Health Reform Advisory Commission.

The Commission will make recommendations concerning health insurance regulations, health insurance exchanges, service delivery and payment, capacity and workforce and IT technology.

The committee also discussed the status of CSA and social services funding. Presentations were provided by representatives of the Virginia League of Social Services Executives (service and benefit program issues) and Virginia Association of Local Human Services Officials (juvenile justice funding).



• **Telecommunications and Public Utilities** received a presentation from the McDonnell Administration about ongoing federal and state efforts to expand broadband access.

The committee also heard from a representative of Del. Joe T. May's (Loudoun) office about his ongoing legislative efforts encouraging power companies to bury transmission lines underground.

• **Transportation** expressed its collective outrage over the continued and dramatic decline in state highway system funding.

Especially troubling is the elimination of funding for the secondary roads and structural changes to the revenue sharing program. The Committee also agreed that VDOT should improve its communications with local leaders.

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While the change eliminates the stand-alone Telecommunications and Public Utilities Steering Committee, the Administration of Government Steering Committee will welcome the inclusion of VACo members interested in these important issues.

Sharing the roads in Arlington



Story and photos courtesy of BikeArlington

You may notice new markings on some Arlington streets, such the one on Walter Reed Drive. These markings - along with new "Bikes may use full lane" signs - remind drivers that bicyclists have the right to ride on all traffic lanes.

The pavement markings, called "shared-lane markings" or "sharrows," are intended to help motorists and cyclists safely share and navigate streets. The sharrows show cyclists where to be in the road (aligned with the middle of the chevron markings), and they remind drivers that the presence of bicyclists is to be expected.

Sharrows are different from bike lanes, which are reserved exclusively for bicyclists and are marked by a solid white line and a bicycle symbol.

About Sharrows

Sharrows were federally approved and adopted after research by the U.S. Department of Transportation revealed that sharrows significantly increase the passing space between motor vehicles and bicyclists and reduce improper bicycle behavior, such as riding on the sidewalk or riding the wrong way on a street.

Sharrows are expected to be officially adopted in Virginia by the end of 2010. Arlington however is following the lead of neighboring Washington, D.C. and Alexandria, and other bike-friendly cities such as Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and New York.

The County is placing sharrows in locations that are popular with bicyclists and where streets form part of the bicycle network promoted on the County's official bike map.

The County's Traffic Engineering & Operations Bureau evaluates the need for sharrows as



part of pavement marking review, and this year is installing a number of new sharrows in conjunction with paving projects.

The newest sharrows can be found on Walter Reed Drive between South Glebe Road and Columbia Pike.

The addition of sharrows is part of Arlington's ongoing commitment to make the County a bike-friendly community where cycling is a safe, convenient and enjoyable form of transportation and recreation.

Visit www.bikearlington.com to learn more about Arlington County's 2010 Bicycle Initiative.

Click [here](#) for frequently asked questions.



Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance

Online Survey-Aug. 24

Beginning August 24, the Commonwealth's Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance in cooperation with the Center for Innovative Technology will be conducting an assessment of businesses "connectedness" to determine "how" businesses are connecting to, and using broadband technologies (services and applications).

Results from the assessment will be integrated into the Commonwealth's comprehensive broadband mapping initiative that is currently underway in the Commonwealth and will provide the basis for future broadband policy and training initiatives.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity. To participate in the online survey, please visit www.wired.virginia.gov. Should you prefer to complete a phone or "paper" survey, please contact Caroline Stolle at the Center for Innovative Technology – caroline.stolle@cit.org or 804-692-2558.

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org and click on the employment link on the top left corner.

Planner II/City of Lynchburg

Starting salary \$36,524–\$58,448 DOQ/DOE. Responsible for the administration of the City's Historic Preservation efforts, review of subdivision plats, and serves as the City's in-house expert on housing. The successful candidate must have the ability to serve as a champion for good development and influence decisions that will affect the long term character and livability of the City. Requires related Bachelor's degree with two to four years experience in City Planning, Historic Preservation or Architecture or equivalent combination of education and experience. Knowledge of housing financing helpful. Apply online at www.lynchburgva.gov or contact us at (434) 455-4200 no later than Oct. 26.

Principal Regional Planner/Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Starting salary range: \$73,500–\$85,000, DOQ. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, a regional planning agency, representing the interests of the 1.7 million residents in the ten cities and six counties of Hampton Roads is seeking candidates to fill the position of Principal Regional Planner. A position description is available at www.hrpdcva.gov. Resumes should be sent to Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, ATTN: Ms. Kelli Peterson, Human Resources Manager 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 or by e-mail to: kpeter@hrpdcva.gov by 4:30 p.m., Aug. 27.

Senior Environmental Education Planner/Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Starting salary range: \$60,000–\$75,000, DOQ. Planner/Environmental Education. Candidates should have a thorough background in and knowledge

of the techniques of public information and education. Will develop environmental education and public information materials and promotional items, perform related administrative duties, facilitate regional committees, develop and staff exhibits, maintain committee websites and social media, and perform research and technical studies. A position description is available at www.hrpdcva.gov. Resumes should be sent to Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, ATTN: Ms. Kelli Peterson, Human Resources Manager 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 or by e-mail to kpeter@hrpdcva.gov by 4:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

Environmental Scientist-Engineer Water Resources/Hampton Roads Planning District Commission

Starting salary range: \$41,000–\$52,000, DOQ. Applicants must possess strong communications, research, writing, analytical and computer skills. Requires a BS/BA in Environmental Science, Biology, Hydrology, Engineering, or related field, and minimum of four years experience. MS/MA preferred. A position description is available at www.hrpdcva.gov. Resumes should be sent to Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, ATTN: Ms. Kelli Peterson, Human Resources Manager 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 or by email to: kpeter@hrpdcva.gov by 4:30 p.m., Aug. 27.

Planner I or II/Gloucester County

Seeking a highly motivated & skilled Planner to be part of a dynamic team working on subdivision plat and development plan reviews and assisting with code amendments, ordinance updates, and various local and regional planning initiatives. Local government and GIS experience a plus. Interested candidates should visit us online at: www.gloucester.va.jobs for further information. (804) 693-5690.

City Manager/City of Charlottesville

Minimum requirements for the position

include a bachelor's degree in public or business administration or related field required with a master's degree highly desirable. A substantial amount of public sector management experience as a manager, deputy or assistant in a comparably sized or larger city or county is also required, with more experience preferred. The salary for the position is negotiable within a range of \$165,000 to \$190,000 based on the candidate's qualifications and experience and is supplemented by an excellent benefits package. Please submit a letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and five (5) work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by Sept. 5. For a complete community/position profile related to the position, please visit www.springsted.com. The City of Charlottesville is an EOE

County Administrator/Bland County

The Board of Supervisors of Bland County seeks a dynamic person with strong leadership skills for the position of County Administrator. Salary- DOQ Please submit current resume, state application (VA), and professional references to the Bland County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 510; Bland, VA, 24315. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE/ADA. For more information, please visit our Web site at www.bland.org.

Director of Community Development/Bedford County

The Director of Community Development provides leadership and directs the operations and activities of the Department. This includes short and long range planning and community development activities. The Director is expected to function under broad policy guidance as well as exercise independent judgment and initiative. Supervision is exercised over the work

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of all community development personnel. Application, the recruitment package, and job description are available on our Web site: www.bedfordcountyva.gov. Applications will be reviewed until position is filled. Annual salary is competitive DOQ.

Executive Director/Winchester-Frederick County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Full-time position leading and directing the work of the Winchester-Frederick County Convention and Visitors Bureau (WFCCVB). Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree with major work in tourism, hospitality, business management, public relations, marketing or related field is required. A Master's Degree is preferred. Valid driver's license is required. Starting salary: \$55,000/yr. plus benefits. Apply: Administration Department, 15 N. Cameron St., Winchester, VA 22601. www.winchesterva.gov/employment.

Emergency Services Director/Carroll County

Qualified applicants must have knowledge of developing, implementing and coordinating the County Emergency Operations. Applicants must be able to work under pressure and be flexible. Open until filled. Application review will begin on Aug. 12. All candidates must provide a completed Va. State Application and resume to the Carroll County Administrator's Office at 605-1 Pine Street, Hillsville, Va 24343. An online position description is available at www.carrollcountyva.org/employment.

Human Resources Director/Carroll County

Qualified applicants must have a thorough knowledge of personnel administration including experience in benefits administration, and State and Federal employment laws. Applicants must be able to work under pressure and have excellent interpersonal skills. Previous experience in human resources is

required. Open until filled. Application review will begin on Aug. 13. All candidates must provide a completed Va. State Application and resume to the Carroll County Administrator's Office at 605-1 Pine Street, Hillsville, Va 24343. An online position description is available at www.carrollcountyva.org/employment.

Water, Sewer and Streets Bureau Chief/Arlington County

Salary in the mid-to-upper \$120,000's based on experience & qualifications. For a full description of the position and the position's requirements please visit: The Executive Search page of Springsted Incorporated: www.springsted.com or the Arlington County Human Resources Department at: www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/HumanResources/HumanResourcesMain.aspx. This is an open recruitment, but preference will be given to applications received before Aug. 25. To be considered, please submit a letter of interest, complete resume, salary history and five work related and personal references to: John A. Anzivino
Springsted Incorporated
1564 East Parham Road
Richmond, VA 23228
Tel: 804.726.9750
Fax: 804.726.9752
E-Mail: richmond@springsted.com
Applications accepted by e-mail, fax or US mail. To learn more about Arlington County and its departments please visit: www.arlingtonva.us

Deputy-Senior Assistant County Attorney/Chesterfield County

Chesterfield County, a nationally-recognized and award-winning local government, seeks an experienced attorney to provide legal counsel to County officials and employees, to be responsible for a variety of complex legal matters, and to represent the County and its officials and employees in litigation, both as part of litigation teams and individually. Depending on knowledge, experience, writing skill and potential, the candidate will be hired for the position of Deputy County Attorney or Senior Assistant County Attorney. Salary negotiable. Visit careers.chesterfield.gov to submit

an online application. PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the online application, a hard copy resume is required and must be submitted to: Chesterfield County Attorney's Office, Attn: Michelle Heilman, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832. The resume must be received and the online application must be submitted by 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19.

Accountant/Orange County

This is a full-time position that reports to the Director of Finance. Incumbent will assist Finance Director with monthly and annual close of general ledger, produce and distribute revenue and expense reports, act as primary point of contact for annual audit, assist Finance Director with budget development and execution, oversee County Fixed Asset recording and reporting and act as Finance Director in his absence. Hiring Salary range is \$40,454-\$52,590. The successful candidate must pass a criminal background check. Interested applicants should call for or pick up an application package from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the County Administrator's Office, 112 W. Main St., Orange, VA 22960; 540-672-3313 or visit our Web site orangecountyva.gov. This position is open until filled. Please direct any questions to Karen Gibson, at 540-672-3313 and send the bill to: Orange County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 111
Orange, VA 22960
540-672-3313
FAX: 540-672-1679

Director of Public Works-General Services/City of Portsmouth

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering or a closely related field. Professional engineering license preferred; 6 to 9 years of progressively responsible experience in public works and general services operations, planning and managing resources. Open Until Filled. Hiring Range: \$71,996-\$97,195. Please submit a completed City of Portsmouth application to the Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, VA 23704. Visit www.portsmouthva.gov for info.



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