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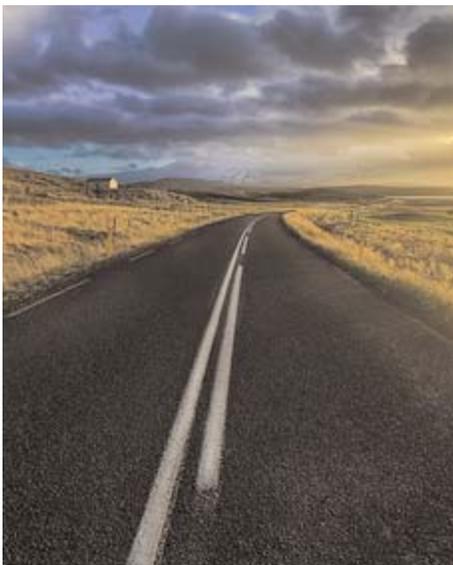
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Transportation program passes GA



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The transportation program passed by the General Assembly will have less money in it than the \$4 billion program originally proposed by Gov. Robert F. McDonnell last December.

The governor's original proposal would have authorized the transfer of \$150 million in general fund surplus monies to a newly created Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (VTIB). Instead, the General Assembly approved an allocation of \$33 million in general fund revenues to VTIB.

This allocation of general fund revenues to VTIB is in addition to \$250 million in Commonwealth Transportation Funds that were discovered last fall through an audit of VDOT that was authorized by the governor.

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2011 session ends as budget accord reached

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During an overtime session that ended Sunday, Feb. 27, the 2011 General Assembly passed a budget, completed their work and adjourned "sine die" to reconvene in a veto session on April 6.

The budget compromise includes amendments to the FY 2011-2012 state budget. The House and Senate budgets were initially far apart but a mid-session reforecast that added \$87 million in general fund revenue in FY 2012 and a compromise on key issues of accelerated sales tax, "rainy day" fund deposits and transportation set the stage for increased funding in K-12 public education, public safety and health and human services. VACO's budget priorities supported increased funding to assist in the delivery of basic core government services. See our budget letter to the conferees.

Highlights of the 2011 General Assembly Conference Report: Accelerated Sales Tax

Accelerated sales tax (AST) of \$230 million was assumed in FY 2010. Language adopted last year called for "unwinding" the AST by 15 percent beginning in FY 2013. The Conference action represents 20 percent phase out, resulting in loss of \$45.7 million GF revenue in FY 2011. Retailers with less than \$5.4 million in annual taxable sales would not be required to remit sales tax

early. This action eliminates over 7,000 additional smaller retailers from the requirement.

"Rainy Day" Fund

Required deposits to the Rainy Day Fund are estimated to be over \$220 million next biennium. With an additional \$64 million approved by the 2011 General Assembly on top of the \$50 million reserved last year, roughly half of the funds required next biennium would be set aside.

K-12 Public Education

The Conference Report adds \$75.6 million in general funding for FY 2012 over the introduced budget which was a priority funding request identified by VACO. (See education spreadsheet for distribution by locality).

This funding includes \$87.7 million for "Supplemental Support for Operations Costs" to all school divisions based on the state's share of \$130 per pupil, combined with another \$16.6 million to "make whole" all school divisions for Composite Index hold harmless payments in the 2010 adopted budget, adjusted for final 2010 actions and projected enrollment in the introduced budget.

The budget compromise accelerates payments to the retirement system through an increase of 2.4 percent in the employer contribution rate for

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Should Virginia replace the motor vehicle fuels tax with a vehicle miles traveled tax?

The February 2011 issue of the Virginia News Letter features an article entitled, "Should Virginia replace the motor vehicle fuels tax with a vehicle miles traveled tax?" The gasoline tax, long the backbone of Virginia's highway funding, could become less and less productive with more fuel-efficient vehicles on the road. New and fair ways to spread the cost will have to be found, according to auto expert, George E. Hoffer, professor emeritus of economics at Virginia Commonwealth University and senior lecturer at the University of Richmond.



The author examines the pros and cons of a widely studied alternative to the current motor fuels user tax--a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) tax. Such a tax would probably have to be based on a global positioning satellite (GPS) system, Hoffer writes. "To implement it, the General Assembly would mandate that each Virginia registered vehicle, given adequate lead-time, be equipped with a commonly configured GPS device as a condition for registration."

But the concerns such a monitoring system raise about privacy mean that it has a high hurdle to overcome to ever be adopted, Hoffer concedes. It would add to the number of privacy intrusions that citizens already face. Drivers can already be monitored through "smart tags" that record toll road usage, cameras at some stoplights, cell phones and technology in almost all new vehicles that records driver behavior. "The monitoring of vehicle use for legitimate and fair tax purposes, as well as for criminal law enforcement purposes only, could be considered an incremental intrusion into privacy, given the loss of privacy that already has been given to telephone, satellite and Internet technology systems," Hoffer writes.

To access this important article, [click here](#).

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Dubé named county administrator in Louisa

On Feb. 24, Louisa County Chairman Willie Gentry announced the appointment of Robert Dubé to the top executive position of county administrator.

The county conducted an executive search, attracting over 50 applicants. This appointment follows Dale Mullen's return to the County Attorney's Office.

"I am pleased that we are filling this vital position from within the county to direct the leadership team," Gentry said. "Robert has demonstrated during his tenure as fire chief his ability to gain conscience among disparate groups, organize an effective operation and work under pressure, as seen during this past weekend's forest fires."

Dubé brings over 30 years of public-service experience to this position, primarily in fire and emergency management and has extensive experience in strategic planning, both long and short term, as well as comprehensive budgetary and personnel management expertise. Additionally, Dubé served as a planning commissioner for the Town of Leesburg from 2000-2004, where he gained knowledge of land use regulations. As County Administrator, Dubé will be the chief administrative officer of a county home to over 33,000 residents.

"I am both excited and honored to continue serving the citizens of Louisa County and look forward to working for the Board of Supervisors in the coming years," said Dubé. "I know my background and knowledge will allow me to serve the Board and the citizens by positioning our county to have in place quality opportunities for education, housing, employment and recreation in a community committed to public safety."

Dubé came to Louisa in April 2008 as the county's first career Fire Chief and has overseen the implementation of 24/7 fire and EMS coverage and the consolidation of the Louisa County Department of Fire and EMS. Dubé completed an update of the county's emergency operating plan and has aggressively pursued grant funding, bringing in over one million dollars in the current fiscal year alone. Recently, Dubé was selected to receive the 2010 Governor's award for excellence in fire service management.

Before moving to Louisa County, Dubé served as deputy fire chief and emergency manager in Clearwater, Fla., where he assisted in the coordination and operations of all department activities. Dubé retired from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in 2004, after 28 years of service. He began his fire service career in Loudoun County in 1974 as a volunteer and was a member of the Leesburg and Sterling VFD.

Dubé holds a master's in executive fire service leadership from Grand Canyon University, a bachelor's in Public Safety, is an executive fire officer and certified planning commissioner and is active locally in the Louisa Lions club.

Dubé will assume the appointment as county administrator March 1.



VACo lends support to statewide education rallies

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On Feb. 14, VACo joined education advocates for a rally at the Virginia Capitol. The purpose of the rally was to voice support for the restoration of state funding for K-12 education.

William B. Kyger, who serves on the Board of Supervisors in Rockingham County, spoke on behalf of VACo at the rally.

Kyger, a former VACo president, asserted that while it is important for the state to invest in the infrastructure



Bill Kyger speaks to a group gathered Feb. 14 for an education rally at the Capitol.

of roads and jobs, the most important infrastructure is education. Strong education, Kyger contended, allows the Commonwealth to train students to hold jobs as engineers who perform the important work of building and

designing roads. He also pointed out that the very person who built our state Capitol, Thomas Jefferson, held

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From New World to New South

It's a party four centuries in the making. And all of America is invited.

Henrico County has launched a yearlong commemoration of the 400th anniversary of its founding. A variety of free educational and recreational events and activities is highlighting the county's extensive history and honoring the diverse people and cultures that have swept across the county's stage over the past four centuries.

"The story of Henrico County is deeply connected to the growth and development of Virginia and the United States as a whole," said Henrico Board of Supervisors member Patricia S. O'Bannon, who also heads the county's 2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission, the key planning body for the yearlong effort. "We look forward to commemorating this history throughout 2011 and honoring the many people who played a role in it."

Henrico traces its beginnings to the Citie of Henricus, which became the second permanent English settlement in North America in September 1611 when Sir Thomas Dale built it on a peninsula upriver from Jamestown. Henricus, or "Henrico" as it later was known, was named for Henry, Prince of Wales, the eldest son of King James I.

Although the Citie of Henricus was destroyed a decade after its founding during the Anglo-Powhatan War, its name survived. In 1634, Henrico became one of the eight original shires, or counties, of the Virginia colony, with boundaries extending on both sides of the James River westward to the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Ten modern-day counties and three independent cities have been carved from Henrico's original territory: Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Nelson and Powhatan counties and the cities of Charlottesville, Colonial Heights and Richmond.

Commemoration events held through February - including a kickoff harvest festival last fall, a community history show-and-tell and preservation project, and a celebration of the



county's African-American community - have attracted 16,000 visitors.

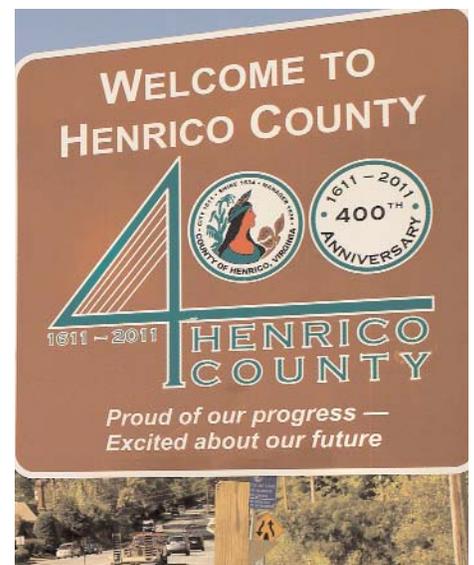
Upcoming activities range from a kite and food festival and a program on the area's American Indian heritage to a book discussion led by best-selling homegrown author David Baldacci and a Civil War symposium and battle reenactment. Bus tours of key historical sites in the county are planned as well. Visitors and area residents alike can obtain a complete listing of events at the commemoration's official Web site, www.henrico400th.com, and hotline, (804) 501-1611.

The comprehensive planning effort, which included elected officials and a range of public, private and nonprofit entities, began in 2008.

"The slate of activities is off to a great start, and public participation has been tremendous so far," O'Bannon said. "We expect the excitement to continue to build with each event."

Visitors to the events are spending time in area businesses as well. Many local retailers are participating in a 400th anniversary-themed discount program (www.HenricoAdvantageCard.com) organized with help from the county. The commemoration's Web site directs users to area hotels, restaurants and shopping opportunities.

Henrico opened its first tourist



information center in fall 2010 to help promote quadricentennial activities and raise awareness of county attractions in general. Drivers on dozens of roadways entering Henrico are greeted by 400th anniversary welcome signs. Recipients of county-generated mail are reminded of the anniversary with each letter or package they receive, thanks to a specially designed postmark stamped onto parcels by Henrico County.

Four centuries later, Henrico has developed into a community of more than 308,000 residents and some 25,000 businesses, including the headquarters of four Fortune 1000 companies.

Visit Floyd County and Buffalo Mountain



Buffalo Mountain is one of the most significant natural areas in Virginia. It boasts an amazing 13 rare plant occurrences, 3 rare animal occurrences, and 6 significant natural communities. The combination of high-elevation (3,971 feet), wind-exposed openings at the summit, and magnesium rich soils make it unlike any place else in the Commonwealth.

On the treeless summit, strong winds and boreal climate support subalpine vegetation including three-toothed cinquefoil and Rocky Mountain woodsia. The south face of the mountain contains grassy, prairie-like openings composed of wildflowers and native warm-season grasses more typical to the Midwest than to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Wet, magnesium-rich seeps along the base of the mountain support globally rare grasses and wildflowers such as bog bluegrass and large-leaved grass-of-parnassus.

Buffalo Mountain is also the only known location in the world for a mealybug called *Puto kosztarabi*.

Buffalo Mountain was part of a large tract of land granted to Revolutionary War hero General Henry “Lighthorse Harry” Lee as a reward for his military service. The property passed on to his sons, Charles Carter Lee and Civil War General Robert E. Lee. Charles Carter Lee built a home near the base of the mountain, and his former law office, a small log cabin, still stands on an adjoining piece of land.

Public access facilities include a small parking area and a steep 1 mile hiking trail to the summit. Part or all of the preserve may be periodically closed for resource protection or prescribed burning activities. A preserve guide factsheet can be viewed [here](#).

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation.

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APRIL 27-29

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For more details contact Donna Boone-Caldwell at DonnaBoone-Caldwell@blacksburg.gov or visit www.vmca.com.



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Second Wednesday Series

We are pleased to announce the titles for our Spring 2011 Second Wednesday Series, which will begin in March.

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Fifteen supervisors complete Chairs' Institute

By Larry Land
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Fifteen county officials received certificates on Feb. 5 for completing the Chairs' Institute.

This is a three-day seminar held on an annual basis and is coordinated by VACo in partnership with Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension and the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. It offers a professional learning experience that is tailored for newly elected county board chairs. This year's Chairs' Institute was held at the Richmond Marriott between Feb. 3-5.

One chief objective of the Chairs' Institute is to prepare county board chairs and vice chairs for leadership roles that will help them address every eventuality.

It is also designed to encourage teamwork and help participants learn how to manage conflict. The program provides substantive information about details relating to the structure and functions of county government.

In a relaxed and informal setting, the institute also provides opportunities for participants to learn more about effective communications.

County officials receiving certificates for VACo's 2011 Chairs' Institute were Larry K. Bartlett, Grayson County; Thomas W. Littrell, Carroll County; Russell S. Ford, Rockbridge County; Roger T. Hayden. Patrick

County; Conrad A. Helsley, Shenandoah County; Joe D. Johnson, Nelson County; Mary K. Jones, James City County; Dana G. Kilgore, Wise County; Gary Larrowe, Carroll County; Dennis M. Morris, Shenandoah County; Steven M. Shockley, Campbell County; James L. Simpkins, King and Queen County; Duane E. Snow, Albemarle County; Carson L. Tucker, Powhatan County; Joseph B. Walton, Powhatan County; and Deborah B. Winans, Hanover County.

VACo would also like to thank the following individuals who participated as presenters during the Chairs Institute: Jack Edwards, former member of the James City County Board of Supervisors for his presentation on County Government, Structure, Powers and Duties; Sharon Pandak, Attorney with Greehan, Taves, Pandak and Stoner who made a presentation on Fundamental Legal Issues; Sheila Noll, York County Board of Supervisors who teamed up with Pat Coffield, Augusta County Administrator in a session entitled "External Media Relations;" Kathy Smith, Communications Director for Spotsylvania County who teamed up with VACo's Gage Harter in a session entitled "Internal Work Relationships;" James City County Administrator Sandy Wanner who teamed up with Carroll County Supervisor David Hutchins and VACo's Ted McCormack in the "Governing

Across Boundaries" session; and Attorney Ann Neil Cosby of Sands Anderson Marks and Miller who participated as a panelist in the "Developing a Governance Model" session.

On the final day of the Institute David Hutchins teamed up with former Cumberland County Board Chair Tim Kennel, former Hanover County Chair Ed Via, and Sandy Wanner in the session entitled "Effective Governance: The Role of Leadership."

The final session, entitled "Goal Setting and Visioning" was conducted by Michael Chandler, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech and Art Mead, Assistant Director of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

Chandler and Mead were both very active throughout the Chairs Institute in making presentations and facilitating discussions. The event could not have been the success it was without their leadership.

County officials elected as Chairs and Vice Chairs in 2012 will be interested in attending next year's Chairs' Institute. Information about the 2012 Chairs' Institute will be forthcoming in future communications to be released by VACo.



WRDA seeks project requests

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The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will begin work on the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA).

WRDA is the authorizing legislation for programs and projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers under that agency's civil works program.

Water resources projects under WRDA typically include those with

completed Chief of Engineers reports, modifications to existing Corps of Engineers' projects, study authorizations for new projects, and miscellaneous projects consistent with the Corps' program. Projects authorized under WRDA are eligible for federal funding.

Localities interested in submitting a project request consistent with provisions of WRDA, please click here.

This application will create a JOINT submission to Senator Webb and Senator Warner for the Water Resources Development Act. Both



offices will receive your application and it will be reviewed jointly.

The deadline to submit WRDA requests is 5 p.m. on March 21.

VFTAF announces awards partnership with Dominion

Virginians for the Arts Foundation (VFTAF) is pleased to announce its new partnership with Dominion Resources to present the Dominion ArtStars Awards in 2011.

The awards will recognize two arts organizations in each of five regions of the state, that best demonstrate the ability to enhance the community, lift our spirits, and build a better quality of life.

The awards build on the success of Virginians for the Arts' inaugural Arts Build Communities Awards, celebrated in January 2010.

"The ArtStars Awards present a wonderful opportunity to spotlight the ways in which the arts contribute to the overall quality of life in Virginia. We are truly grateful to Dominion for recognizing the ways the arts enrich our lives and strengthen and bring vibrancy to our communities," VFTAF President Sunny Monk commented.

"Dominion recognizes that the arts are not only a critical underpinning of our culture but also important economic drivers," said Virginia M. Board, President of The Dominion Foundation. "We are excited to launch

this program in partnership with VFTA and raise awareness of the exceptional art programs throughout the Commonwealth."

In each of five regions of the state, two awards will be made, the Shining Star Award and the Rising Star Award. The Shining Star Award will be presented to an organization that has an extraordinary impact on the community, successfully develops community partnerships, as well as business, legislative, and local community support; contributes to K-12 education; and that has stood the "test of time."

The Rising Star Award will be made to an organization that meets all criteria for the Shining Star Award but that is not as well established.

The five regions in which awards will be made include: Central Virginia; Hampton Roads/Eastern Shore; Northern Virginia; Southwest Virginia; and Shenandoah Valley/Piedmont.

Through the generosity of Dominion, cash prizes of \$5,000 for each Shining Star and \$1,000 for each Rising Star will be awarded.



Nominations opened Feb. 15, and must be postmarked or delivered to Virginians for the Arts Foundation no later than April 15. Nominated organizations must be headquartered, incorporated, and present the majority of their programs in Virginia.

Judging will take place over the summer and award winners will be announced in late summer 2011. Recognition events will take place in the five regions in September and October 2011. Winners will also be recognized at ArtWorks 2012 in Richmond.

More information and a nomination form can be obtained from the Virginians for the Arts Web site (VaForArts.org).

BOWMAN GEOTHERMAL

Announces GSA Schedule

Bowman Consulting has received approval from the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide geothermal design, testing and construction management services on new and existing federal facilities nationwide. This bolsters Bowman Consulting's ability to assist the U.S. Government in achieving the Energy Independence & Security Act of 2007 (EISA) requirement of 100% reduction of fossil fuel consumption by 2030.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to help our government tap into cleaner and more efficient systems to heat and cool our federal facilities," said Justin Mahlmann, PE, Principal and Managing Director for Bowman Geothermal. "To have the opportunity to put our expertise to work on such a task is an honor."





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This means that VTIB will be capitalized with a total of \$283 million.

The final transportation legislation passed by both chambers, HB 2527 (Howell, W.J.) and SB 1446 (Wampler), also authorizes the accelerated sale of bonds that were first authorized under legislation passed in 2007.

Under HB 2527/SB 1446, \$500 million and \$600 million in bonds are authorized for FY 12 and FY 13 respectively. The 2007 legislation authorized a maximum of \$300 in bond sales each year for transportation.

One other important component of HB 2527/SB 1446 relates to the local government revenue sharing program. Consistent with one of VACo's priority positions, the new legislation removes the so-called "tiered system" of priorities for awarding revenue sharing funds to localities.

Under this structure (created in 2006), the highest ranking priority has been to award revenue sharing funds to localities that administer their own programs. The second priority had been the awarding of funds to a locality that "commits more local funding than the amount of revenue sharing funding requested."

Another provision of this bill (again supported by VACo) allows all localities to match revenue sharing funds through other revenue sources than the local general fund.

The new legislation also requires

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education as the most significant investment for the Commonwealth.

Subsequently, three more education rallies were organized throughout the state.

One rally was held in Harrisonburg on Feb. 18 where Bill Kyger spoke once more on behalf of VACo.

A second rally was held in Roanoke on Feb. 21 and a third rally was held in Abingdon on Feb. 22.

Dulcie Mumpower, Chair of the

the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to allocate between \$15 million and \$200 million on Commonwealth Transportation Funds to the revenue sharing program.

The legislation also increases from \$1 million to \$10 million the maximum amount that CTB may commit to a locality in matching funds for a transportation construction project under the revenue sharing program.

Here are additional provisions of HB 2527/SB 1446 important to local governments:

- Creates the VTIB to be managed by the Virginia Resources Authority. VTIB will be authorized to make loans to help pay for certain, eligible transportation projects administered by either a private or governmental entity. VTIB is also authorized to award grants for transportation projects to a "governmental entity."

- Authorizes the direct issuance of federal GARVEE (Guaranteed Anticipation Revenue Vehicle) bonds to support specific transportation projects.

- Establishes the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund as a "special fund" within the larger Transportation Trust Fund. The Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital fund would be capitalized through appropriations approved by the General Assembly.

VACo will be on the lookout for any amendments the governor may propose to this legislation.

Washington County Supervisors, represented VACo at the Abingdon rally. Mumpower, a longstanding advocate for improving education, stated that education is one of the most important functions of state and local government. She further commented that education is our most important economic engine.

Sponsors of the rallies include the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Education Association, the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, Virginia First Cities, the Virginia Parent Teachers Association, and the Virginia School Boards Association.

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teachers' retirement in FY 2012. The current rate of 3.93 percent in FY 2011 will rise to 6.33 percent in FY 2012. The compromise keeps the 5 percent teacher member contribution to retirement the same as in the 2010 pension reform in HB 1189 /SB 232.

The budget compromise rejected the following problematic House reductions:

- o \$37.7 million by eliminating school bus replacement costs from the SOQ,

- o \$34.4 million by eliminating funding for elementary resource teachers in grades 6 and 7

- o \$11.1 million by reducing the per pupil amount for the Virginia Preschool Initiative for at-risk four-year-olds to below the level when the program was created in 1996.

Health and Human Resources

The budget agreement added additional funding of \$110.3 million for core services delivered through health and human resources. This funding includes \$66.8 million for Medicaid provider restorations and \$30 million for the Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Trust Fund.

Additionally, the budget funds 275 ID waivers to address community waiting list, 100 ID waivers for individuals transitioning from training centers (from Trust Fund), and 150 DD waivers.

The budget restores \$12.5 million in CSA to prevent cost-shifting to localities, which includes reinstatement of \$5 million for non-mandated services, \$7.5 million for therapeutic foster care services and \$7 million for local department of social services. These actions were priority funding requests for VACo as local governments struggle to meet core funding requirements.

House language that shifted services and funding of mental health services for children from Medicaid to

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CSA was opposed by VACo and was eliminated in the budget. However, five regional pilot programs will be established in coordination with community services boards to improve care, utilization, outcomes, and cost effectiveness of community mental health rehabilitative services for children enrolled in the Medicaid or FAMIS programs.

Finally, the budget restores partial funding for prevention and home-visiting services offered through Comprehensive Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia (\$500,000), Healthy Families programs (\$500,000) and Community Action Agencies (\$500,000), all of which were identified as priority funding requests by VACo.

Public Safety

The budget adds \$15.1 million over the biennium for public safety services excluding sheriffs and jails, which are detailed below. The additional funding is inclusive of \$12.4 million to partially restore HB 599 funding (state aid to localities with police departments) and \$800,000 for local juvenile diversion & crime control (VJCCCA). Both issues were identified as priority funding requests by VACo.

Sheriffs and Regional Jails

The budget provides for restoration of \$6 million to offset a portion of the remaining shortfall in FY 2012 that resulted from the failed passage of the Virginia Public Safety Fund fee during the 2010 session of the General Assembly. This was another priority funding recommendation identified by VACo.

Jail per Diem Funds

Additional inmate per diem funding of \$6.1 million in FY 2011 (the net result of a Budget Bill increase of \$7.4 million based upon fall inmate population forecasts, and a Conference Report reduction of \$1.3 million based on actual inmate populations through January 2011.)

Transportation

The budget includes a one-time deposit of \$32.7 million in state general funding to the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank established pursuant to SB 1446/HB 2527. This amount is the statutorily required deposit of two-thirds undesignated funds of the surplus balances for FY 2010. The House language that increased the deposit to \$150 million in general funds was opposed by VACo and eliminated in the budget. The budget authorizes a \$250 million nongeneral fund deposit to the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank.

Constitutional Officers

Budget language is included to limit the Compensation Board's retirement reimbursement cap for constitutional officers and their employees at no more than the FY 2011 state employee rate (2.13 percent). With a FY 2012 approved rate of 2.08 percent through March 2012, changing to 3.79 percent through June 2012, it appears that the Compensation Board will reimburse a maximum of 2.08 percent for July 2011 through March 2012, and a maximum of 2.13 percent for April-June 2012.

The budget provides for a reduction of \$1.7 million in funding for the cost of the Virginia Risk Management liability insurance and surety bond premiums paid by the Compensation Board on behalf of Constitutional Officers, Directors of Finance, and Regional Jails. The Compensation Board presently pays this premium and recovers 50 percent of such cost from reimbursements to localities. Language has been amended providing for the recovery of 100 percent of the cost in FY12 from localities.

Circuit Court Clerks: Budget language is included that clarifies the intent of changes approved by the 2010 General Assembly to commissions paid to Circuit Court Clerks, where commissions should continue to be paid on revenues collected by the Circuit Court, but not on revenues deposited by lower courts. This was a language clarification that was supported by VACo. The budg-

et reduces \$3.4million in FY 2011 and \$6.2 million in FY 2012 to the appropriation for the Clerks' Technology Trust Fund (TTF) to match actual cash balances available and projected revenues. This is a technical adjustment that does not affect TTF cash or funds available for budgeting to Clerks' offices.

Compensation and Retirement

Budget language was removed that provided localities with the option to require employees hired prior to July 1, 2010 to contribute a 5 percent employee-share amount toward the cost of VRS retirement premiums if provided with a pay raise.

Language was reverted to its original form, providing again that the local decision to contribute the 5 percent employee-share amount for these employees is irrevocable.

The shifting of state funding responsibilities to localities under the Line of Duty Act, as contained in the FY 2010 - 2012 budget, remains unchanged from the Governor's introduced budget. The budget requires local governments to pay all benefits for professional and volunteer public safety officers killed or permanently injured in the line of duty. Local governments must make an irrevocable decision by July 1, 2012 to opt-out or be deemed to be included in the state plan administered by the Department of Accounts and VRS.

The provision of benefits shall continue to exist regardless of whether localities choose to self-fund or participate in the state program.

Localities will be responsible for past and future liabilities of the former state program.

VACo opposed this unfunded mandate and offered alternative language that allowed self-funded localities to administer the benefits locally or within a pooled program established under §15.2-2700. Budget language to move the irrevocable decision from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 was accepted, but no alternative language to administer the program was approved.

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.

Project Engineer/Isle of Wight County

Isle of Wight County seeks an experienced professional to fill the role of Project Engineer to work on a part-time basis, 25-30 hours per week. This position requires 3-5 years of experience, government experience preferred, and a B.S. or equivalent in Civil Engineering or related field. Engineer in Training (EIT) certificate is desirable. Starting salary \$25/hr. Interested candidates should submit an application, resume, and relevant certifications by March 15 to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our Web site at www.iwus.net or call us at 757-365-6263.

Director of Public Utilities/Hanover County

Are you looking for a rewarding job with a dedicated team of professionals that allows you to use all your talents? Then Hanover County, Virginia is for you. We have a unique and exciting opportunity for a Director of Public Utilities to be part of a customer service oriented department with award winning facilities. Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in civil, sanitary or environmental engineering, public administration or related field with at least ten (10) years of progressive public utilities experience including a minimum of five (5) years in a supervisory role. Hiring range is \$98,424-\$132,875, plus excellent benefits. For more information or to apply, please visit our career site at www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call (804)365-6489, (TDD #365-6140) EOE/MFDV.

Director of Social Services/Louisa County

The Director of Social Services is

responsible for the strategic leadership of Louisa County's Department of Social Services. For complete details for the position of Director of Social Services, please visit our Web site at www.louisacounty.com. To be considered, a completed Louisa County Employment Application is required.

Landfill Director/Lunenburg County

The primary responsibilities include planning, coordinating and managing all areas of the County's Solid Waste Landfill and accessory facilities. Completed State applications may be submitted to Lunenburg County Administration, 11413 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA 23952. All inquiries may be directed to Tracy M. Gee, Assistant to the County Administrator at 434-696-2142. Position open until filled. First review of applications begins March 11.

Planning and Community Development Director/Accomack County

Accomack County seeks an experienced rural planning and development specialist to manage its Planning, Zoning, Building and attendant code enforcement functions, as well as to coordinate the County's economic and community development strategic planning, outreach, client management and related activities. A background in and knowledge of rural development, planning, and economics are important. Initial review on March 18. Open until filled. EOE. Mail to: County Administrator, P.O. Box 388, Accomack, VA 23301. Go to www.co.accomack.va.us/HR/JobOpenings.pdf for more information.

Code Supervisor (New Construction)-Mechanical and Plumbing/City of Alexandria

The Code Supervisor, New Construction (Mechanical & Plumbing) will be responsible for management and supervision of the day to day activities and training development of the new construction code inspectors responsible

for performing mechanical and plumbing inspections to ensure compliance with applicable state and city related building construction codes within the Department of Code Administration. Salary: \$49,049.50-\$83,027.69 annually, DOQ. For more information and to submit your application, please visit our Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/jobs or call 703-746-3780. Reference job #2011- 00010. Position closes on March 18 at 5 p.m.

Emergency Services

Coordinator/King and Queen County

Serves as County's Emergency Services Coordinator, with primary responsibilities being the upkeep of all State and Federally mandated plans such as the EOP and COOP and comply with yearly compliance reports such as the LCAR, PSAP True-up and BSIR, inter-governmental communications, sheltering during declared emergencies, and running of the Emergency Operations Center. At this time, it is undetermined by the County as to whether the position will be full-time or part-time, therefore, applications will be considered for both. Deadline for submitting of county application and resume: Friday, March 11 at 4 p.m., County Administrator's Office, P. O. Box 177, King and Queen Court House, Virginia 23085. For additional information and/or to obtain a County job application, contact K. Diane Gaber, King and Queen County Administrator's Office at 804-785-5975.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney I/Gloucester County

Opportunity available to represent the Commonwealth in assigned criminal matters; conduct special investigations and provide legal advice to law enforcement personnel regarding investigations. Membership in good standing in the Virginia State Bar and 1 to 3 years prosecution or comparable legal experience preferred, but will consider recent law school graduates. Starting Salary \$45,385/yr. with excellent benefit pack-

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age. To apply please submit a Gloucester County application, resume and current writing sample to Gloucester County Human Resource Department, 6467 Main Street, Gloucester VA 23061. Interested candidates should visit www.gloucesterva.jobs for additional information.

County Manager/Iredell County, N.C. Iredell County, North Carolina, is recruiting for a County Manager. Iredell County is located in the piedmont section of NC at the intersection of Interstates 40 and 77, approximately 45 miles north of Charlotte. The County has a population of 150,000+ and is home to several cities and towns, including Statesville, Mooresville and Troutman, as well as Lake Norman, which extends into the southwest portion of the County with approximately 520 miles of shoreline. The County operates under a Commissioner-Manager form of local government with a five-member board, 900+ full-time employees and a budget of \$170 million. Submit résumé and County application to Iredell County HR, PO Box 788, Statesville, NC 28687-0788, Attention: HR Director, by March 15. Additional information about the opening and an application are available at www.co.iredell.nc.us/job.asp.

Community Development Director/ Lee County

The Lee County Board of Supervisors seeks applicants for the position of Community Development Director who also serves as Executive Director to the Industrial Development Authority. Expected annual salary of \$50,000+ DOQ with full County benefits package. Please submit County application and resume to Lee County Administrator, Room 111, Lee County Courthouse, P.O. Box 367, Jonesville, VA 24263. Applications must be received in the County Administrator's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 7. County application form may be obtained online at www.leecova.org.

For further information, contact Dane Poe, County Administrator, at (276) 346-7714.

Chief Building Inspector/James City County

Job Description:www.jccegov.com/pdf/jobdescpdfs/2007jobdesc/768_ChiefBldingInsp.pdf
\$53,223 or higher, DOQ; Development Requires: Extensive knowledge of Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and building trades practices and methods; any equivalent combination of the following providing necessary knowledge and skills: high school diploma or equivalent; extensive experience in building construction, design, or inspection including some supervisory and administrative experience; experience with automated data systems. Accepting applications until 5 p.m. on March 4. Visit www.jccegov.com to download application.

Information Technology Director/ Frederick County

Requirements include:
• Bachelor's Degree required (computer science, information systems, business administration or other industry related curriculum) Masters Degree in IT or related field preferred.
• 10 or more years of work experience, preferably in local government
• 5 years of leadership experience in a senior-level leadership role
Completed County Application required and available online at www.co.frederick.va.us. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted.

Division Chief-Property Maintenance Code/City of Alexandria

The Property Maintenance Code Division Chief will be responsible for the planning, management and supervision of the day-to-day activities and future program development and implementation of the Property Maintenance Code Division within the Department of Code Administration. This Division Chief will coordinate and manage inspectors who investigate and resolve complaints, and conduct proactive inspections on violations of the Virginia

Maintenance Code, blight, and nuisance codes in the City under the general direction of the Director of Code Administration. Salary: \$62K-\$105K/YR (DOQ). For more details and to apply, visit www.alexandriava.gov/jobs or call 703-746-3780. Ref. #: 2011-00005. Closes on March 11 at 5 p.m.

Senior Public Finance Analyst/DHCD SENIOR PUBLIC FINANCE ANALYST

POSITION #00314
(Policy Planning Specialist III)
LOCATION: DHCD
600 E. MAIN ST. STE 300
RICHMOND, VA 23219
HIRING RANGE: \$60,000-\$75,000
Annually
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION, YOU MUST COMPLETE A STATE APPLICATION THROUGH THE ONLINE EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM jobs.agencies.virginia.gov. THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

For additional information please contact our Human Resource Office at (804) 371-7000. An Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Requests for reasonable accommodations will be provided to applicants in order to provide access to the application and/or interview process.

Assistant Director of Utilities/City of Martinsville

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Requires bachelor's degree in general engineering (electrical preferred) but may substitute a combination of education and work experience. This work performs complex professional and difficult administrative work assisting the Director of Utilities in overseeing all public service utilities of the City. Assists Director in the planning, organizing and directing the installation, maintenance and repair of electric, water, and sewer infrastructure and related public utility operations. Submit application available at www.martinsville-va.gov. Open until filled.



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