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Devolution - the next expensive mandate on counties?

By Ted McCormack
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A recently released report commissioned by Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton, former member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors, provides the state a blueprint for the transfer of the secondary road system from the state to counties, "devolution."

If enacted by the General Assembly, counties would become responsible for the construction and maintenance of a badly deteriorated road network without sufficient revenue sources to do the job.

The 50-page report, "Policy Options for Secondary Road Construction and Management in the Commonwealth of Virginia" by the School of Public Policy at George Mason University, details the poor condition of the 97,629 lane miles of secondary roads, something of which counties are well aware.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) data cited in the report shows that the construction and maintenance budgets for secondary roads have dropped by one-third from FY 2007 to FY 2010.

The maintenance component of those budgets has declined from \$483 million to \$345 million, or by 29 percent during the same period despite a statutory requirement that maintenance receive funding priority.

What has been the result of reduced spending? Between 2007 and 2009, deficient pavement on the secondary system increased from 25 percent to 31 percent, while in some districts, the pavement deficiency rate is almost 50 percent.

VDOT estimates total needs for



secondary pavements at \$1.3 billion, and a "targeted" need at \$338 million for maintenance.

One of the findings in the study indicates that devolution would require a significant infusion of local funds in many counties.

VDOT's FY 2011 budget for secondary maintenance and operations is \$3,240 per lane mile statewide.

In contrast, in FY 2011 payments to Arlington and Henrico Counties, who are responsible for their own roads, were \$16,121 per lane mile and \$9,101, respectively.

Further, cities received in that same period \$17,180 per lane mile for principal and minor arterials and \$10,087 for collector and local streets.

Indeed, the counties that have studied assuming responsibility for their roads under VDOT's current devolution policy - James City, Stafford, and Fairfax - found the expected revenue from the state to be woefully inadequate

to cover the cost of the program.

Included in the report were nine options for secondary road policy in the Commonwealth, only one of which - maintain the current policy with enhanced budget priority for secondary road construction and maintenance - would be supported by all counties.

Such a policy, however, requires transportation budget reductions elsewhere that would be politically difficult.

Another suggestion to give counties the authority to impose local option transportation taxes, and perhaps equal bonding authority, appears to be an attractive alternative, but it is coupled with the understanding that either voluntary or mandatory devolution would follow.

The most onerous options - mandate devolution on all counties or

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Virginia Retirement System (VRS) update

By Dean Lynch
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VRS returned an estimated 18.5 percent on its investments in the fiscal year ending June 30, according to preliminary figures presented July 11 to the state's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC).

Fund assets hit \$54.9 billion as of March 31, nearing the 2007 high of \$58.3 billion.

Diana Cantor, VRS board chairwoman, told the panel that while she was pleased with the performance, "the investment department continues to face a challenging financial environment" and contribution levels will need to be increased. "Our highest priority now is to restore contributions to actuarially prudent levels in the next



budget cycle," she said.

In 2010, the board adopted a 7 percent rate-of-return assumption, from the 7.5 percent rate used from 2005 to 2009.

The board will certify its rate of return in the fall after hearing from its actuary at its October meeting.

Currently, 66 percent of benefit costs are funded by investment earnings, VRS Director Robert Schultze told the panel.

Official figures will be released in mid-August after validation is complete.

VACo will continue to monitor and report on VRS activities.

Aid to Localities update

By Dean Lynch
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For the past three years, VML and VACo has recommended that counties simply cut a check to the state for each locality's share of the across-the-board cuts to aid to localities included in the state budget.

We were hopeful that the state would restore the budget cuts.

However, our position has changed. Neither the General Assembly nor the governor has shown interest in the past few sessions in addressing the problem.

Also, the appropriation base by the state budget office determines each locality's share of the reduction continues to change without a logical basis. For example, the FY12 base excludes recordation tax revenue allocated for Northern Virginia localities and the City of Chesapeake because (we think) the money is tied to debt service.

This apparently was not a state concern in fiscal years 2009, 2010 and 2011. In FY09, the state budget office would not accept local decisions to cut CSA even though CSA funding was included in the base. Now, localities can

**\$60
Million**

cut CSA. Is this demonstrating flexibility or confusion?

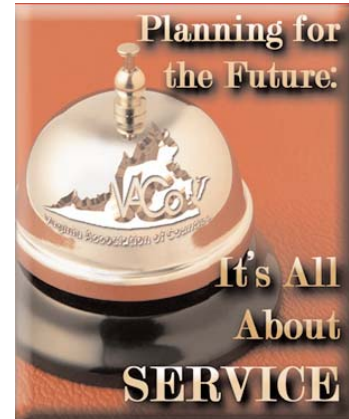
We are now requesting that you no longer simply stroke a check to comply with this budget drill. Instead, please elect to spread the reductions to as many programs as possible. This will place the administrative burden to collect the money on the state where the responsibility belongs. Localities are not obligated to make the collection of the funds a painless exercise for the state and a costly one for you.

If you have already told the state that you elect to write a check, we ask that you rescind that decision.

Finally, we encourage you to have your board adopt a resolution to be sent to Gov. Bob McDonnell asking him to restore the \$60 million in each year of next year's Budget Bill.

A draft resolution is linked here.

2011 Annual Conference update



Political Scientist Robert Holsworth will be a keynote speaker at the closing general session of VACO's 77th Annual Conference, scheduled to take place at the Homestead between Nov. 13-15.

Holsworth is a retired professor who taught political science at Virginia Commonwealth University. He has written four books and numerous articles about politics and culture.

His comments on Virginia politics regularly appear in major national and state newspapers and radio stations. His observations have also appeared in the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Washington Post, Time Magazine, on National Public Radio and the BBC. Holsworth has also appeared on CBS Evening News, and ABC World News Tonight and CNN.

In 1991, Dr. Holsworth received VCU's Distinguished Faculty Award and in 1997 he received the "Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education."

In 2008, the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals honored him for his contribution to public education in the Commonwealth.

Holsworth received his Ph.D. from the UNC at Chapel Hill.



Holsworth

Roanoke hires Parks, Recreation & Tourism associate director

Roanoke County leaders are preparing in advance for next year's retirement of longtime and well-known Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director Pete Haislip.

Next month, Doug Blount will begin work as an associate director under Haislip, who will retire on March 1, 2012. During his six months as associate director, Blount will begin transitioning to the role of department director.

Roanoke County conducted a nationwide search for Haislip's replacement. The County received approximately 70 applications for the position. The pool was then narrowed to four finalists. Roanoke County Administrator Clay Goodman was among the panel of seven that selected Blount for the position.

"Roanoke County's department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism plays a critical role in maintaining the high quality of life that our citizens enjoy. After a nationwide search, we're excited to announce the selection of Doug Blount as the newest member of

Roanoke County's administrative team. The selection committee was impressed by his rich background and years of experience in parks and recreation management. I'm certain that Doug will continue to build on the department's strong reputation as a provider of the quality leisure services and outstanding natural areas that our residents depend on."

Blount has more than 16 years of experience in the field of parks and recreation, most recently as the recreation operations director for the Prince William County Park Authority. Blount was responsible for the operations and programming of Prince William County's parks, recreation centers, community centers, outdoor pools, and waterparks. He also served as an inaugural board member for the Prince William County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Prior to moving to Northern Virginia in 1996, Blount worked for the Town of Jonesborough in Tennessee.

Blount grew up in the Roanoke area and is a graduate of William Byrd



High School. He has a Bachelors in Business Administration from East Tennessee State University. Blount and his wife Melissa have two children ages six and nine. Pete Haislip says he's happy that Roanoke County has chosen a person with Blount's knowledge and experience. "We have a great staff and wonderful facilities already in place. I know Doug will continue to move the department forward."

Blount's first day with Roanoke County is Aug. 8.

Henrico names Winstead to head General Services

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Christopher L. Winstead, P.E. as director of the Department of General Services, effective July 16.

Winstead, who currently serves as assistant director of Henrico's Department of Public Works, is succeeding Paul N. Proto, who retired recently after 20 years in the position.

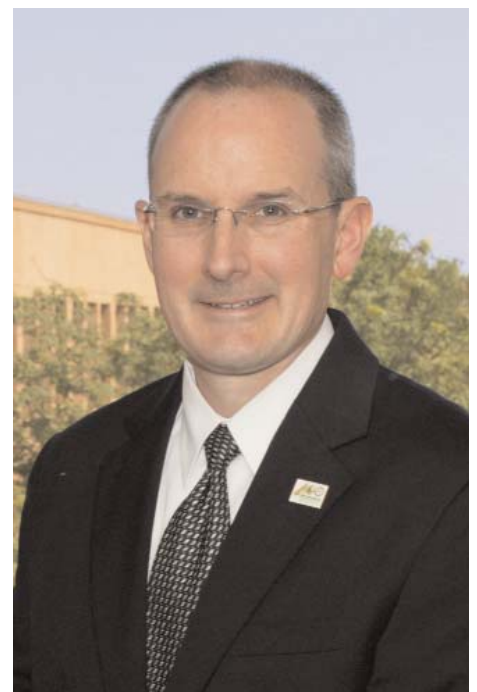
As director of General Services, Winstead will lead an agency that provides a broad range of services in support of general government and Henrico County Public Schools operations.

The department's responsibilities include the maintenance and management of buildings, grounds and the county's automotive fleet; administration of capital projects; centralized procurement and distribution of

materials and services for all county agencies; and risk management. General Services also is responsible for the county's radio communications infrastructure, including the Emergency E-911 system for Public Safety.

"General Services provides myriad services that enable every other county agency to function and succeed," Winstead said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the outstanding people in this department. Paul Proto set a high bar of excellence, and I want to honor and continue that legacy."

Winstead, a licensed professional engineer, worked 17 years with the Virginia Department of Transportation before joining Henrico's staff in June 2009. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech University.



Louisa appoints new fire and EMS chief



Scott Keim was recently appointed to the post of Louisa County Fire & EMS Chief, filling a vacancy that has existed since the promotion of Robert Dubé to county administrator in March.

Chief Keim began his service in the Fire & EMS field over 20 years ago as a volunteer for the Burke Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department in Fairfax County. He has spent time as a career paramedic in Nashville, Tennessee, a flight paramedic for the University of Virginia and is currently a captain with the Albemarle County Fire and Rescue Department, where he has served for eight years. Albemarle County Fire and Rescue Department is a combination career/volunteer fire & EMS organization similar to Louisa County.

Chief Keim will be responsible for management and oversight of a recently combined career/volunteer system, which was officially established by ordinance in December 2010. "I expect Chief Keim to be a proactive leader in our community and work alongside the dedicated volunteer and career providers of fire and EMS services for the benefit of the citizens and visitors of Louisa County," said former Fire and EMS Chief and now County Administrator Dubé.

"I'm sure Chief Keim will continue the positive movement we have made in the fire and EMS services in the past several years," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Willie Gentry.

Vice Chairman Richard Havasy, who serves as the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Fire & EMS Management Oversight Group, echoed that and added, "I am very pleased with the selection of Scott, who has a background in a similar department as well as being a resident of the County."

Chief Keim holds a bachelor of arts degree from George Mason University and is a certified paramedic, firefighter and officer. He has attended several leadership courses at the National Fire Academy and has been accepted into their Executive Fire Officer Program. He lives in western Louisa County with his wife Kimberly and their three children. Chief Keim will begin his duties on July 25.

Harris to become Sussex County administrator

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the Amelia Bulletin Monitor

The Amelia County Board of Supervisors formally accepted County Administrator Tom Harris' resignation on July 6. After accepting Mr. Harris' resignation, the board held a closed session and then announced it would seek an "interim county administrator" while seeking someone for the permanent post.

Mr. Harris first advised supervisors of his intent to take an offer to go to Sussex County as county administrator in the Administrator Weekly Report dated July 1.

He stated he had not then signed a contract but intended to assume duties in Sussex on Aug. 1. The offer from Sussex came June 28, he wrote, and notified the supervisors he would follow with a formal letter of resignation for the July 6 meeting. He also advised them he was asking for a closed session at that time.

In his one-page letter to the board, Mr. Harris stated it was "with mixed emotion" that he submitted his resigna-

tion. He stated he was proud to leave Amelia "in excellent financial condition ...in fact more fiscally sound" than when he took the job in June, 2007, "in spite of the economic decline that has faced this Nation, State and County over the past four years..." In his letter he again referred to, "the worst economic period...since the Great Depression," saying he took particular pride in not having to lay off any county employees, raise taxes or fees in that time.

He pointed to the \$1.2 million no-interest energy efficiency loan for the schools and more than \$2 million in regional grants and USDA grants for county emergency vehicles, the office reorganization, the "significant progress and operational efficiencies made in the Sanitary District," as well as the numerous awards received by the staff. All of that demonstrated the county's successful efforts to raise, "not only our commitment to the highest degree of ethical standards and sound public policy but the level of service, regional cooperation and collaboration between the departments, constitutional officers and agencies that serve our community."

In his letter Mr. Harris expressed that



he, his wife, Rebecca, and his daughter, Ariel, are appreciative of being able to call Amelia home and his privilege of having been able to work with the staff and elected officials of Amelia.

Following his reading of the letter, board Chairman Frank Harris said he regretted Mr. Harris' decision and thought the county had, "come a long ways in the past four years...I'm sure you will serve that county well with your talents and expertise."

District 4 Supervisor Kay Fletcher thanked him for his "service to Amelia County."

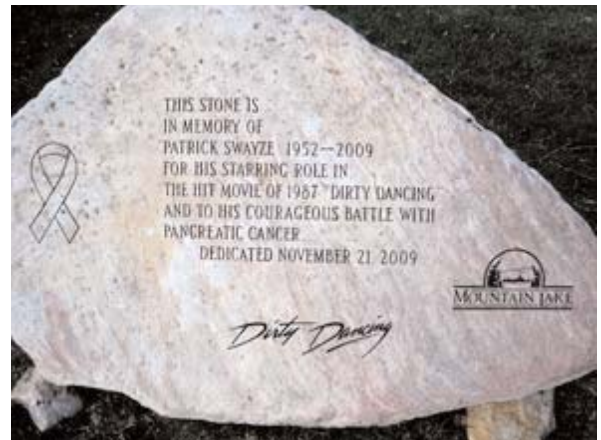
Mr. Harris joked that people in positions such as his, "pleased 50 percent of the people when you come and 50 percent when you leave."



Visit Giles County and Mountain Lake Hotel

Mountain Lake is one of only two natural fresh-water lakes in Virginia, and is the highest lake in elevation east of the Mississippi.

- Located nearly 4,000 feet above sea level, Mountain Lake sits on a basin that's made up of four different rock substrates and their corresponding fault lines, which allow water to flow out year round at a remarkable rate.
- Water has been flowing into this basin for eight to 10,000 years, but didn't start accumulating until about 6,000 years ago when earthquakes caused the rocks at the North end of the lake to slide down from the surrounding mountaintop and create a semi-permeable "dam" at that site. This resulted in the creation of a pond or lake as water accumulated faster than it could leave.
- Since the lake is fed entirely by springs and ground water from this basin's fault lines and surrounding mountaintop, and water is always flowing out, the level of the lake corresponds to the amount of rainfall we have each season; a lower lake level means less rain, a higher lake level means more rain.
- The earliest known written evidence of Mountain Lake comes from 1751 when Christopher Gist of the Ohio Land Surveying Company became the first European to lay eyes upon it.



The lake is fed by cold underground springs that rarely allow the temperature to rise above 70 degrees on the surface and 46 degrees on the bottom.

- The first known owner of Mountain Lake was Henley Chapman, an early commonwealth attorney who helped frame the Virginia Constitution in 1829.
- Because settlers used to "salt" their cattle in the basin of the lake, the original name for Mountain Lake was Salt Pond. The mountain is still known as Salt Pond Mountain.
- By 1857 Salt Pond was being operated as a pleasure resort by the new owner, General Herman Haupt of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Haupt purchased the first hotel license for the resort and named it Mountain Lake.
- In 1864, after the battle of Dublin, Union General George Crook marched his troops over Salt Pond Mountain to the present day Union, West Virginia.
- Frank Woodsman of Charleston, WV purchased the property in 1891. A short time thereafter, the Porterfield family acquired Mountain Lake. The Porterfield family owned the lake for over 30 years in the early 1900s and greatly refined the cuisine and hospitality.
- Most of the cottages at Mountain Lake carry the original names given to them by their builders almost 100 years ago.
- Originally a guest of Mountain Lake, William Lewis Moody of Galveston, Texas purchased the property in 1930. Mr. Moody erected the large, native sandstone hotel that stands today in 1936.
- Upon Mr. Moody's death, the hotel was passed on to his daughter, Mary Moody Northen. Upon her death in 1986, the Mary Moody Northen Endowment took over ownership of the hotel.
- In 1986, the feature film and box office hit, "Dirty Dancing" was filmed at Mountain Lake.

Mark Your Calendars



2011 Virginia Rural Summit

Sept. 12-13

Wyndham Virginia Crossing
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Glen Allen

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Virginia's 2011 Rural Summit is designed to bring together community and business leaders, professional developers and elected officials to share experiences and to learn new ideas for community and rural economic development. The 2011 Summit theme will focus on the power in the room as we identify the problem(s), address the people and tie it all together.

Summit Registration

The Rural Center has partnered with the Virginia Association of Counties, VACo to take online registrations. Thank You VACo!
Full 2 Days Registration only \$189.00

Access Registration Form

Fax a completed registration form to: (804) 788-0083
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Access the Agenda

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Rural Summit Registration Form

Rural Planning Caucus Annual Conference

Oct. 19-21; Mt. Lake, Giles County



Program includes a mobile workshop and tour of two Giles County 'Round the Mountain Artisans; presentations on Rural Economic Strategies, Sustainability of Places, TMDLs and the Environment; and a legal session on Development Bonds.

Keynote Speaker on Thursday, Oct. 20, is Ed McMahon discussing "Place Making."

Information and registration information at www.rpcva.org.

Steering Committee Meetings and VACo Board of Directors

Aug. 12

Marriott Richmond West



Marriott Richmond West
4240 Dominion Boulevard
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 USA
Phone: 1-804-965-9500
Link to Hotel Map / Directions

Hotel rooms for Thursday, Aug. 11, and Friday, Aug. 12: VACo is holding rooms for members of the steering committees. Please ask for the VACo Room Block: 800/MARRIOTT or 804/965-9500.

Please note: The Marriott Richmond West is not the Marriott Richmond (downtown Richmond).

Aug. 12 meeting schedule

- 9 a.m. Pre-meeting briefing on VRS and Compensation Board: Compensation and Retirement Steering Committee and Finance Steering
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Steering Committees: Administration of Government; Education; Environment and Agriculture; and Compensation and Retirement
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch for attendees (RSVP to rpwallace@vaco.org)
- 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Steering Committees: Community, Planning and Development; Finance; Health and Human Resources; and Transportation
- 2 p.m. VACo Board Meeting

Primary purpose of the meeting is to identify 2012 legislative and policy issues for inclusion to VACo's 2012 Legislative Program.



"The Countrie it selfe, I must confesse is a very pleasant land, rich in commodities; and fertile in soyle. . ." - Samuel Argall, ca. 1609

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PRESS RELEASE

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the unexpected passing of the Honorable Reginald O. Harrison. Chairman Harrison served on the Surry County Board of Supervisors for 20 years. He has served on many Boards and Commissions in the county and throughout the region. He was well respected by his peers and will be missed by all that knew him.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Lebanon Baptist Church, 162 Lebanon Road, Surry, Virginia 23883 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend Doctor James Harrison officiating.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at Lebanon Baptist Church from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

His remains are entrusted to Poole's Funeral Home, 8721 Colonial Trail East, Smithfield, Virginia 23430.

Please keep the family of Mr. Harrison in your prayers.



Tyrone W. Franklin
County Administrator

Members of the Surry Board of Supervisors. Chairman Harrison is pictured third from the left.

Try DMV's EZ Fleet program

Save time and money by participating in the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) EZ Fleet program. EZ Fleet allows localities to title and register their fleet of vehicles without having to visit a DMV customer service center.

EZ Fleet customers avoid paying the \$5 fee per vehicle by not renewing registrations in a DMV customer service center and save \$1 per vehicle by renewing online.

EZ Fleet allows customers to maintain their fleets without leaving their offices. Other features include reporting vehicles that have been sold or changed garage jurisdictions, transferring plates to vehicles on other company vehicles that are not registered and changing registration periods.

Becoming an EZ Fleet customer is easy. Participants require Internet access, up-to-date anti-virus software and must enter into an agreement with DMV.

There is no fee to actually participate in the EZ Fleet program, however, a \$65 fee per user is required to pay for a security token that is used in conjunction with a logon and password to access DMV's system. The two-way authentication provides a much more reliable level of user authentication than reusable passwords alone. Each security token lasts up to four years.

FAQs

Q: How much does EZ Fleet cost?

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Q: What are the requirements for EZ Fleet?

A: EZ Fleet participants require internet access, up-to-date anti-virus software and must enter into an agreement with DMV.

Q: Is EZ Fleet user friendly?

A: Yes. EZ Fleet was developed from an existing DMV platform that has been proven to be successful.

Q: How do I make payments to DMV using EZ Fleet?

A: Payments can be made using either Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit or ACH credit.

Q: Is help available?

A: Yes. DMV will provide training on the new system and a training manual. If you need additional support, you may contact the help desk Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Q: How do I sign up for EZ Fleet?

A: Contact DMV at (804) 367-2929 and select option 2 or titleregwc@dmv.virginia.gov.



Features

- Title and register your vehicles instantaneously
- Renew all expiring vehicle registrations at one time
- Manage your own fleet records
- Report vehicles that have been sold or changed garage jurisdictions
- Transfer plates to vehicles that you currently own but are not registered
- Change registration periods
- Easily match decals with registrations - decal number prints at the bottom of registration card
- Manage your own inventory of license plates and decals

Advantages

- Allows you to put vehicles on the road the same day you purchase them
- Save \$5 per vehicle by not renewing a vehicle registration in a DMV customer service center
- Save \$1 per vehicle registration renewed online
- Easy to use program
- Efficient
- Allows you to maximize the use of your resources
- Training provided by DMV on how to navigate and use EZ Fleet

Benefits

- Saves time
- Saves money



SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Does your county operate utilities and at least occasionally need to locate buried water or sewer lines?

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For more information call Lydia Shepherd at 434 292-3101 or Don Alexander at 804 356-3232 or e-mail Don at don.alexander@southside.edu.

State LODA fund website provides opt-out information

By Dean Lynch
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The State Line of Duty Act (LODA) Fund Web site has been updated to reflect the extension to July 1, 2012, for opting out of the LODA Fund in addition to information on the opt-out resolution process and contribution rates.

The 2011 Appropriations Act provisions also have been added to the site. You can access this site at www.valoda.org.

Local government administrative heads and primary human resource and

finance contacts should have received an e-mail at the end of June with the model resolution and instructions for opting out of the LODA Fund.

Any resolutions submitted in lieu of the model LODA opt-out resolution cannot be accepted. The model resolution is not posted on the LODA Fund Website, but you may obtain it by e-mailing LODA@varetire.org.

Read more about the opt-out deadlines and LODA census. Questions about the LODA Fund? E-mail LODA@varetire.org.

Source: VRS Employer Update, July 2011



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on some highly developed counties - would continue a policy of imposing more under-funded responsibilities on localities. As the report points out, road funding from the state to the counties under these scenarios would be stable "at best" but are likely to decline over time. Counties are well aware of the Commonwealth's history of reducing financial support for locally provided services.

In other words, any devolution proposal shifts the political liability for

unpopular tax increases to local officials.

It is interesting to note the absence from the document of one option for state transportation policymakers that has been a top legislative priority of VACo for many years:

- To eliminate the revenue shortfalls that have caused Virginia's transportation infrastructure to deteriorate at an alarming rate, VACo urges the governor and the General Assembly to enact a funding package for transportation with new revenues that are separate from the general fund and are stable, recurring and sufficient to meet Virginia's well-

documented transportation needs for highways, transit and all other modes.

In sum, the report finds a deteriorating secondary road system with millions of dollars in backlogged repairs. Five of the nine options recommend partial or total devolution of the secondary road system to counties.

With the most obvious solution conspicuously absent from the study - increased state user fees - devolution would require counties to use general funds to build and maintain their secondary roads at a time when local budgets are stretched to the limits meeting other state mandates.

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Regulatory Programs Manager/DCR

The Regulatory Programs Manager reports directly to the director of the Division of Stormwater Management and has overall management and direction for the new Office of Regulatory Programs. This office deals with the highest programmatic priorities for implementing all stormwater-related regulations, as well as provides technical assistance, develops programmatic guidance/ operating procedures, and ensures compliance with such regulations while maintaining the highest level of customer service.
Qualifications: Comprehensive knowledge of urban soil conservation and nutrient reduction practices, stormwater management (including MS4s), erosion and sediment control, Clean Water Act provisions related to the administration of DCR's NPDES programs, hydrolo-

gy, and hydraulic engineering principles. Position #00721. SALARY: \$53,510-\$95,000 (+) benefits. Position located in the City of Richmond. Apply at jobs.virginia.gov. Deadline: July 28.

County Administrator/Mathews

Salary-DOQ. Please submit a current resume, salary requirements, salary history, and professional references to O. J. Cole, Jr., P.O. Box 160, Mathews, VA 23109. The position remains open until filled. For questions regarding this position, please contact Mr. O.J. Cole, Jr., Chairman, Board of Supervisors at 804-725-7000, or the incumbent, Mr. Steve Whiteway, County Administrator at 804-725-7172 or swhiteway@co.mathews.va.us. The Board of Supervisors expects to adhere generally to the following schedule: Early July, 2011 – Advertise the position; July – early August- receive applications; Early August – begin review of applications and selection of interviewees; Mid-late August – begin interviews; Early-mid September – make employment offer to successful candidate; November-December—New county administrator begins work. For more information and a complete job description, please visit the Mathews County website at www.mathewscountyva.gov.

Tourism Coordinator/Botetourt County

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in marketing, public relations, communications or a closely related field is preferred, with a minimum experience of 4 years working in the tourism, travel, or hospitality industry. Salary range is \$39,896-\$53,025, with a comprehensive benefits package. Starting salary to mid-\$40's, depending on qualifications. A complete position description, benefits summary, and County application are available online at www.botetourt.org/employment/country_jobs.php, or by calling 540-473-8349. Cover letter, application, and resume

should be submitted to Human Resources, 5 W Main St, Suite 200, Fincastle, Virginia 24090. Position is open until filled, although interested applicants are encouraged to submit as quickly as possible.

Director of Marketing & Public Relations/Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority

Qualifications: College degree preferred, preferably in Business Marketing or related field with sales and marketing experience in a leadership capacity. Candidate should possess strong skills in strategic planning, project management, marketing research and competitive pricing; computer proficiency in Microsoft Office, Photoshop, some computer graphic design work and demonstrated organizational skills and ability to work with a diverse constituency. Salary range of \$30,000 to \$39,000 will be based on experience and qualifications. Excellent benefits package. The position will remain open until filled. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to: Billy Russo, Director of Operations, Smith River Sports Complex, 1000 Irisburg Road, Axton, VA 24054. The Southern Virginia Recreation Facilities Authority is a quasi-governmental agency established under Virginia law by the City of Martinsville and Henry County. The Authority is under the control of a ten member board of directors.

Fire-EMS Chief/Caroline County

Candidates with any combination of education and experience equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in fire science, business management, public administration or a related field will be considered. For further information visit www.visitcaroline.com/employment.html. Salary negotiable, based on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefit package includes participation in the Virginia

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Retirement System (LEOS), vacation and sick leave, group life insurance, medical insurance, professional dues and conference expenses. Submit completed county application, detailed resume, copies of relevant fire and EMS certifications, copy of driving record, salary history and work related references to Interim County Administrator Alan Partin, P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427, (804) 633-5380 or email at apartin@co.caroline.va.us. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Aug. 15. Caroline County applications can be downloaded and printed from the County's website at www.visitcaroline.com/employment.html.

County Attorney/Dinwiddie County

Salary is commensurate with experience. This position performs complex professional work planning, supervising and directing the staff and activities of the County Attorney's office, serving as legal advisor to the Board of Supervisors, County Administration, County departments and County agencies, overseeing the preparation and maintenance of legal records, files and related work as apparent or assigned. Work involves setting policies and goals under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Departmental supervision is exercised over all personnel within the legal department. A Juris Doctorate and extensive experience in local government law, or equivalent combination of education and experience is preferred. Successful incumbent will be subject to a criminal background check. For a County application or more information about this opportunity please visit our website at www.dinwiddieva.us or the HR Dept., at 14016 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841, telephone number (804)469-4500, ext. 2161. Position is open until filled. ---

Programmer-Analyst/Town of Culpeper

Full-Time with Excellent Benefits
Salary Range: \$41,822-\$63,715

Performs programming tasks such as modification of existing program code and reports; works with users to develop specifications for program modifications to custom applications; works with users to resolve application problems; or performs basic programming tasks (utilizing multiple platforms, languages, and databases) such as modification of existing program code and report programming using structured programming techniques.. Application is available at www.culpeper.to, or Town Hall 400 S. Main Street, Suite 101, Culpeper, VA 22701. Applications should be submitted to the office of the Town Manager or by e-mail at dwise@culpeper.to no later than July 25. Faxed applications will not be accepted.

County Administrator/Lunenburg County

The County operates with a FY 2012 budget of \$33.6 million. The salary for the position is negotiable within a range of \$75,000 to \$95,000 based on the candidate's qualifications and experience and is supplemented by an excellent benefit package. Please submit a letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and 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. Resumes received by July 28 will receive priority consideration. Position remains open until filled. For a complete community/position profile related to the position please visit www.springsted.com.

Assistant General Manager/Alexandria Sanitation Authority

As the Assistant General Manager, responsible for the overall management activities and programs, with special emphasis in the departments of Finance, Process and Engineering. Identify opportunities and develop relationships aimed at identifying new business and market opportunities, and alternate funding sources. Stay apprised of emerging issues within the industry, the profession and community.

Principal advisor to General Manager/Engineer-Director (ED) in relation to the development and implementation of ASA's strategic business plans. In the absence of the ED, this position may serve as spokesperson for ASA. Visit www.alexsan.com for more information and to apply online.

Director of Public Works/Rockingham County

The Director of Public Works is responsible for overseeing operations in the areas of engineering, solid waste disposal, water production, water delivery & sewer collection systems, and the maintenance of county vehicles and facilities. The Director develops innovative policies and procedures, makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and advises the executive management team on efficient operations and compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements. More information on this position is available at www.rockinghamcountyva.gov under job opportunities. E-mail or mail your resume and completed employment application to Stephen N. Riddlebarger, Department of Human Resources, Rockingham County, 20 East Gay Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 - sriddlebarger@rockinghamcountyva.gov. An employment application is located on our website at www.rockinghamcountyva.gov. Application review will begin upon receipt. This position will remain open until filled.

Planner/Fluvanna County

Fluvanna County seeks a Planner. Position requires excellent oral and written communication skills, familiarity with principles of planning and zoning, creativity, strong visionary skills, consensus building ability, and strong interpersonal skills. Bachelor's degree in Planning, Architecture, or a related field, as well as the demonstrated ability to effectively operate an in-house GIS system and work with a GIS consultant is required. Work experience in planning or local government preferred. Hiring salary is \$35,500 plus benefits. More information and application at www.co.fluvanna.va.us.

Loudoun approves fee policy for electric vehicle charging stations

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a fee policy for the county's Electric Vehicle Charging Stations that will be located at a new county park and ride facility later this year.

For the first year of operation, the use of the stations will be provided as a service to the general public for a fee of \$1.44 per session, based on the average cost of electricity for a single full battery charge. The Board will re-evaluate the program after one year of operation to determine the usage rate and maintenance costs associated with each station.

Five charging stations will be located at the new Harmony Park & Ride facility at Scott Jenkins Memorial Park in Hamilton. They will be among the first in the area available to the public. The county's purchase and installation of the charging stations is part of a wide range of energy conservation projects and programs that Loudoun is implementing through the federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

Also as part of the EECBG program, the county is installing 24 energy-efficient LED light fixtures with solar arrays at the Harmony Park and Ride lot.

More information about the county's energy programs, including the Loudoun County Energy Strategy, is online at www.loudoun.gov/energy.

Photo to the right: This is a model Electric Vehicle Charging Station similar to the stations that will be installed at the new Harmony Park and Ride facility. (Photo by Lorie Flading)



Virginia releases broadband availability map

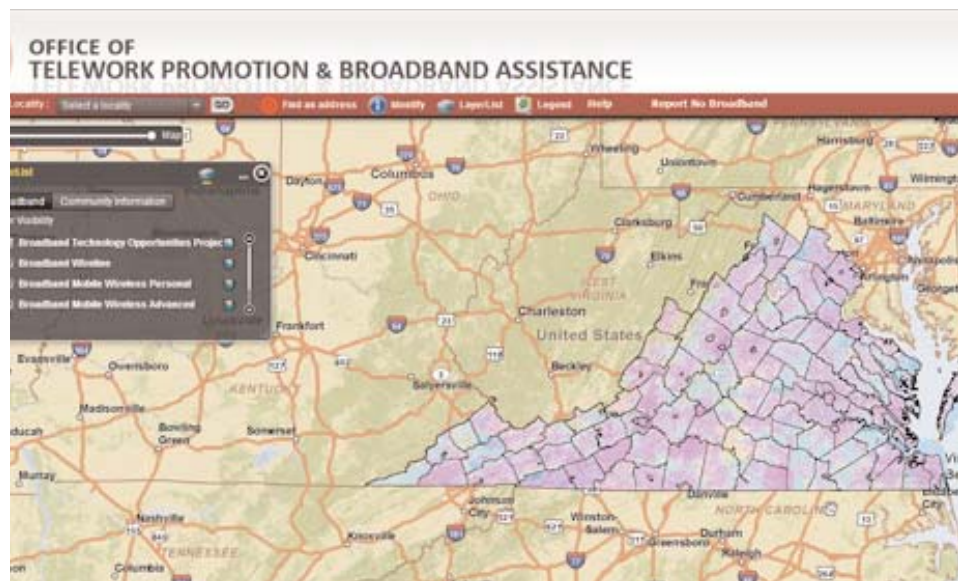
By Phyllis Errico
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The Virginia Secretary of Technology's office recently announced the release of the new broadband availability map for Virginia. This map can be used to identify where broadband services are available as well as identify un-served or underserved areas in the state.

The map was developed from data provided by broadband service providers and other sources and is a collaborative effort of the Center for Innovative Technology, The Virginia Information Technologies Agency's Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), and Virginia Tech's eCorridors Program.

In addition to allowing users to view where different types of services are available, the interactive map also allows users to search by address and view a list of providers who offer services at that location.

According to Secretary Duffy, the maps will assist in identifying and analyzing unserved areas, in order to assist in allocating resources and to help in pur-



suing collaborative efforts between public and private organizations to expand broadband coverage across the Commonwealth.

The mapping project is part of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Mapping Initiative.

This map is a step towards meeting one of VACO's legislative priorities which

is for the Commonwealth to assist communities in their efforts to deploy universal affordable access to high-speed Internet services ("broadband") to residents, businesses, public safety agencies, schools, hospitals, community centers and libraries, particularly in underserved and rural areas.

[Click here to view map.](#)

news from our
associate members

Goodwill Industries® operations in Virginia returned nearly \$320 million in economic impact and fiscal benefits to communities in the Commonwealth in 2010.

That is the finding of a study commissioned by the Virginia Goodwill Network (VGN) and conducted by the Elliot D. Pollack research organization that measures the tax and earnings impact of Goodwill's employment and training programs throughout most of the state of Virginia.

The 6 Goodwill organizations comprising the VGN* were responsible for almost \$10 million in revenue to the state and its localities through sales, use, and employment taxes and for close to 5,700 jobs:

- More than 3,300 people placed in jobs through Goodwill programs
- 2,350 more individuals were full time employees of Goodwill


Government agencies that purchase services from Goodwill programs get a strong return on their investment beyond the value of those services themselves. VGN members were paid 37.7 million public dollars for those services and returned an additional \$8.50 in economic benefit for each dollar government invested. Additional public dollars are saved through Goodwill programs that move people from public assistance to employment- a measurement not included in the Pollack study.

Nursing and residential care; retail; government; administrative; and food service lead the list of some 44 industries that hired Goodwill trained workers in Virginia in 2010. The economic benefit derived from the job placements is based on the IMPLAN system which was created nearly 20 years ago for economic impact modeling at local and regional levels.

VGN Chairman Bruce Phipps points out that "we have long been identified with our operation of the robust Goodwill donated goods retail model. The Pollack statistics reveal that our job training and job placement programs may have an equally as strong impact on the state and the communities we serve."

The study also shows that reflects Goodwill sales subject to Virginia sales tax at \$62.1 million in 2010 while at the same time, diverting at least 65 million pounds of material away from local landfills into its retail stores.



 The Richmond Chapter of the Urban Land Institute recently honored VDOT's Safety Rest Area and Information Center on I-64W in New Kent County as its 2010 Vision Award winner in the Transportation and Infrastructure category for its use of sustainable design features. DJG designed the LEED-NC Gold Rest Area in 2007.

Founded in 1978, DJG, Inc. is an award-winning engineering, architecture and planning firm with federal, local and state clients and is based in Williamsburg.

To learn more about DJG, Inc., please visit our website at www.djginc.com.



Stafford County redesigns website



Stafford County has completely redesigned its website with one that is more user friendly and easier to navigate, and also offers a new modern look and feel designed to enhance citizen engagement.

"The new integrated website makes it easier for residents, businesses and visitors to find the information they need online," said Mark Dudenhefer, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

The website offers a more effective search engine and many new interactive features such as online bill paying, up-to-date news and public notices, videos on demand, a comprehensive events calendar, a rotating spotlight on key issues and social media tools such

as Facebook and Twitter for instant sharing of information.

Visitors can also subscribe to RSS feeds to get news and updates sent directly to their email or mobile phone and send postcards to friends and family of historic sites within the county.

A comprehensive list of new and improved mapping tools is also available.

These tools allow individuals to obtain detailed information about property and available land in Stafford from 1937 to present.

The maps provide aerial photography, with resolutions of 3" in some areas, of properties as well as geographical features of specific pieces

of land. The services are free and maps can be printed or saved to a user's computer. The interactive mapping sites were developed by Stafford's Geographic Information Systems Office.

Stafford County employees worked closely over several months with a citizen focus group and Civic Plus, an award-winning website management company that specializes in web design for local governments.

CivicPlus serves more than 800 cities and counties throughout the county and offers cost-effective website solutions for communities of all sizes.

To visit Stafford County online, go to www.staffordcountyva.gov.

2011 Virginia Local Tax Rates

The Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service recently sent its 2011 local tax survey questionnaire to all cities, counties, and incorporated towns. The findings will be presented in the 30th edition of Virginia Local Tax Rates, a publication valued by local governments, elected officials, businesses, the press, and anyone who wants to understand Virginia local government taxation. Responses can be provided on the web, in a pdf, or hardcopy version of the questionnaire. The target date for replies is Friday, Aug. 5.



The web-based questionnaire is available at econ.ccps.virginia.edu/taxrates. If you need a password or have any questions, contact Steve Kulp at UVA's Cooper Center: (434) 982-5638 or sck7x@virginia.edu.

Roakes wins EMS award

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2011-0026-R

Thanking the Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., for honoring Gary M. Roakes, Director of the Department of Public Safety, by naming him Outstanding Emergency Medical Services Administrator for the region, and reiterating the Board's gratitude for Mr. Roakes's dedicated and committed service to his native County.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST:

I. That the Amherst County Board of Supervisors thanks the Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., for naming Gary M. Roakes, Director of the Department of Public Safety, Outstanding Emergency Medical Services Administrator for the region, and reiterates its gratitude for Mr. Roakes's dedicated and committed service to his native County, as follows:

WHEREAS, Gary M. Roakes is the County's Director of the Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roakes began working in the public safety arena by volunteering for the local rescue squad while studying at Ferrum College from 1983 to 1985; and,

WHEREAS, after graduating from Virginia Tech with a bachelor of science degree in business management in 1988, Mr. Roakes continued his commitment to fire and rescue services in his work with the Lynchburg Fire Department from 1988 to 1989, and his service as Captain of the Monelison Rescue Squad from 1992 to 1997, and again from 2002 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roakes engaged in training at the University of Virginia and thereafter was certified as a paramedic in the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roakes began working as Amherst County's Director of Public Safety on April 4, 2005, bringing to the position not just his knowledge and experience in fire and rescue services, but also extensive experience gained as the Human Resources Administrator for First Brands from 1995 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, as the County's Director of Public Safety, Mr. Roakes instituted numerous innovative strategies to build the County's capacity for delivering fire and rescue services, including cross-training staff in both fire and emergency medical services, recruiting skilled and committed individuals to join the County staff, and implementing new work schedules designed to expand service coverage; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his management activities, Mr. Roakes has throughout his tenure as Public Safety Director maintained a vital presence in the field working rescue and fighting fires side-by-side with his staff; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roakes's efforts have established a sound foundation for delivery of County fire and rescue services, built on a dynamic partnership between the volunteer staff and the County staff; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., sought, for the region including the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell, and the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg, nominees for "Outstanding EMS Administrator"; and

WHEREAS, nominees must have a "demonstrated ability to organize, conduct, manage, problem solve and evaluate within his or her organization and, by exemplary leadership and administrative skills, improve the effectiveness, response and delivery of EMS"; and

WHEREAS, to the County's delight, Mr. Roakes was named on May 19, 2011, Outstanding EMS Administrator for the region, and will be a nominee for the State award.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST:

That the Board expresses its gratitude and pleasure at the honor shown Gary M. Roakes by the Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., and warmly reiterates its appreciation for the dedicated service Mr. Roakes has given his native County over the past two decades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Mr. Roakes as an expression of the Board's appreciation for his generous dedication and commitment to the citizens of Amherst County in their times of great need and vulnerability.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon passage.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2011



Amherst County BOS Chairperson Claudia Tucker presents Gary Roakes, director of public safety, with a resolution honoring him for being awarded Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services EMS Administrator of the Year. Connie Purvis, executive director of Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services is in the background.

Are you interested in receiving Commonwealth funding to support your Virginia-based research and commercialization?

If so, then the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) wants to hear from you!

As many of you may know, during the 2011 General Assembly session, the Commonwealth of Virginia appropriated \$6 million for the FY2012 Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund (CRCF).

In order to gauge the level of interest in and understand the need for future state funding for Virginia-based research and commercialization, as well as assist in financing science and technology facilities used to commercialize research, CIT is issuing a Request for Information (RFI).

The RFI is open to any individuals or groups from Virginia public and private institutions of higher education, the private sector, federal labs, other research institutes, and political subdivisions.

To learn more and to submit your RFI, please visit www.cit.org/programs/cit-rd/crcf/RFI.

Individuals and organizations may submit multiple RFIs. If you have questions or comments, please contact rd@cit.org.

Responses are needed on or before Monday, Aug. 1.

This RFI is independent of the FY2012 CRCF call for proposals. Program areas and qualified research and technologies for that solicitation will be defined in CRCF proposal guidelines and issued in early FY2012.

More information on the CRCF can be found at www.cit.org/programs/cit-rd/crcf.

Thanks for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you!



Virginia's population change

The June 2011 issue of the Virginia News



Letter features an article by Qian Cai, chief demographer at UVA's Cooper Center, on population trends revealed by the 2010 decennial census.

Virginia experienced another decade of steady growth, reaching over 8 million people.

The commonwealth's growth rate (13 percent) outpaced the nation (9.7 percent) and was only slightly lower than the 14.4 percent growth rate of the prior decade.

The state's population continues to concentrate in three large metropolitan areas--Northern Virginia, Richmond and Hampton Roads. Virginia, like the nation as a whole, is experiencing increasing racial diversity with the rapid growth of Hispanic and Asian populations. To access this important article, [click here](#).

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