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Governor presents FY 2012–2014 spending plan

Photo by Michaele White



By Dean Lynch
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Gov. Robert F. McDonnell presented on Dec. 19 his proposed FY 2012–2014 budget before the joint money committees of the Virginia General Assembly. The plans include amendments to the FY 2012 budget and the biennial budget for FY 2013 and 2014.

The budget bill he submitted reflects his core priorities of government and his administration. It recognizes the realities of the unpredictable global economy.

Gov. McDonnell said, “This is not a status quo period in Virginia history, thus, this is not a status quo budget.”

The budget reflects his core values of accountability, responsibility, priorities, efficiency and reform, and he believes it

is a budget that maintains the high fiscal standards of Virginia.

Revenue

The Commonwealth ended FY 2011 with a surplus of \$545 million, a figure that indicates some positive signs of gradual recovery. Job growth has picked up from its sluggish pace over the summer and early fall. Since February 2010, unemployment has fallen from 7.2 percent to 6.4 percent. In the official economic outlook for Virginia, employment is expected to increase 1.2 percent in fiscal year 2012. Wages and salaries are expected to increase 3.3 percent.

The governor indicated that considering global, national and state trends, as well as the Commonwealth's 5.9 percent growth rate in FY 2012 to date, the revised revenue forecast adds \$131.8 million to total revenue

in fiscal year 2012 and raises the projected growth from 3.7 percent to 4.6 percent. Total general fund revenues and transfers are increased by \$84.1 million in fiscal year 2012.

For the FY 2013 and 2014 biennium, general fund revenues are expected to grow 3.3 percent in FY 2013 and 4.5 percent in FY 2014. Adjusted for the accelerated sales tax adjustment and other policy changes, growth is expected to be 3.4 percent in fiscal year 2013.

FY 2012 (Caboose) Bill

Amendments to the FY 2012 Budget Bill focus on changes necessary to accommodate the reforecast of certain service demands and unforeseen costs for the remainder of the current biennium. The governor included appropriations for select items that were reserved from the \$545 million FY 2011 surplus. These include \$67.2 million for transportation, \$30 million for the Federal Action Contingency Trust reserve, \$8.9 million for interest to the federal government on the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, \$7.5 million to meet BRAC commitments at Oceana Naval Air Station and \$7.4 million in supplemental funding for local sheriffs' offices. The governor also added \$50 million to continue the phase out of the accelerated sales tax policy. This action removes 1,407 retailers from paying the accelerated tax in June 2012.

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Governor's FY 2012–2014 Budget Analysis: Education

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Please look for other budget analyses in this edition of County Connections.

This analysis on education funding proposed in the Governor's FY 2013 and 2014 budget is provided by Jim Regimbal,

Fiscal Analytics. The spreadsheet depicts changes from the previous year and estimates the FY 2013 distribution to local school divisions.

The governor's proposal reduces funding by \$130 million in FY 2013 by eliminating (1) non-personal support cost inflation factors, (2) updating the federal deduct to include 59.2 percent of ARRA SFSF and (3) removing support for cost of

competing.

The FY 2013 estimated distribution represents a 3.5 percent change from FY 2012 and is inclusive of the state share of VRS funding, changes to retiree healthcare credit and group life and other changes reflected in the triennial census and rebenchmarking.

This analysis is subject to change. Click here for the spreadsheet.

VACo adds new staff member



VACo is pleased to announce the hiring of Amy Vealey as administrative assistant.

Amy joins the association after a long run of holding multiple part-time jobs in the private sector and nonprofit worlds.

While receiving her undergraduate and graduate certificate degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University, Vealey worked as an office manager for Rick Haynie of Art & Architecture.

During her 10-year period at A&A, she also provided historic register nominations and the subsequent state

and federal tax credit services as a consultant for the Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods.

In addition, Vealey held a finance coordinator position at Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Vealey hopes that her experience juggling multiple jobs will help her during the upcoming General Assembly session.

Vealey is a member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where she enjoys walking the exhibits and her two favorite past-times: people-watching and reading.



It's time to retire the county courthouse photos on the front of www.vaco.org.

We want to replace them with beautiful, unique, spectacular images from Virginia counties.

Please send us photos of your county so we can share them on our website. Photos of people, landmarks, events, nature are desired.

Send photos and a short description to gcharter@vaco.org.

Are you a county board chair or vice chair?

If so, VACo's Chairpersons' Institute is for you. It will be held at the Richmond Marriott between Feb. 9-11. The Institute offers a professional learning experience that is carefully tailored to the needs of county board chairs.

These uncertain times require county leaders who are prepared for every eventuality and balancing a tight budget is only the beginning. To succeed, board chairs must be active leaders who know how to encourage teamwork and manage conflict. They must be confident problem solvers as well as visionary leaders.

The Chairpersons' Institute was developed with the cooperation of an ad-hoc committee of board chairs. This Institute gives chairs a chance to learn practical strategies in critical areas including the duties, powers and responsibilities.

This program provides details on the structure and functions of county government, active leadership, communications, meeting management, decision making, working strategically to achieve important goals, building partnerships with local staff, board colleagues, the media and other governments.

Click [here](#) for a registration form with hotel information, or register online. Click [here](#) for a preliminary agenda.



Fred Crittenden: 41 years of public service

By Larry S. Chowning
Southside Sentinel

Many residents of Middlesex County have never known a time that Fred S. Crittenden of Hardyville wasn't on either the county school board or county board of supervisors.

Forty-one years is a long time—9 years on the school board (1971-79) and 32 on the board of supervisors (1980-2011).

All through those years Crittenden has been known as a staunch conservative, a supporter of keeping the county rural, a man of deep Christian faith, a family man and a huge sports fan.

He also is tough as nails when it comes to politics and negotiating what he thinks is best for Middlesex County. Crittenden, 83, ended his service as Pinetop District supervisor on Dec. 31.

Beginning

Crittenden began his first term on the county school board in 1972, shortly after Middlesex schools were fully integrated. He brought a strong conservative/aggressive element to the school board, always stressing that school administrators must be fiscally accountable to the school board and board of supervisors.

In 1979, he threw his hat into the election ring for one of two seats on the county board of supervisors from Pinetop District. He was the top vote getter among eight candidates and took his seat on the board along with incumbent Pinetop District supervisor Calvin Butler.

He was easily re-elected in 1983, 1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003 and 2007. In November of 2011, he lost his Pinetop District seat to current school board chairman Beth Hurd.

Crittenden followed his father, Tom Crittenden, into Middlesex County politics. Tom Crittenden was county treasurer for 12 years and deputy treasurer for 30 years.

Highlights

Over the years, the school system always has been one of Crittenden's top priorities, and he considers the building of the two new county schools, St. Clare Walker Middle School and Middlesex Elementary School, and remodeling and building the addition at Middlesex High School as important accomplishments in his career as a supervisor.

When the issue of school construction came up, Crittenden was an advocate of

doing it and not having the general public vote on it in a referendum.

"Our schools were old. We needed new schools, and we wouldn't dare hold a referendum on that with so many retired people (without children in the school system) living in the county," Crittenden said.

Crittenden also said that if the county supervisors want to move forward on the proposed Syd Thrift Athletic Complex at Middlesex High School, they shouldn't put that issue on a referendum either. "It's a very controversial matter but our sports facilities are horrible. I hope we can make some improvements in that area," he said.

The establishment and growth of the Deltaville Maritime Museum is another high water mark for the county, noted Crittenden. "When the seafood industry took a beating, if we had not had all those retired people move into the county where would our economy be?" he said. "They brought the intelligence, education and the means to financially support things like the museum and the library."

The construction of the two branches of the Middlesex County Public Library took place while Crittenden was on the board. "I can remember the first WPA (Works Progress Administration) library down here and for years we had to go to Urbanna to get books. Now, we have a wonderful library in Deltaville," he said.

Crittenden said he will continue to work with the local semipro baseball team, the Deltaville Deltas. He has been involved with the Deltas since the 1940s, and his family has been the primary supporter of the team over the years. "I enjoy it, my daddy enjoyed it, and my sons enjoy it," he said. "A lot of nice things happen when we fool around with baseball."

Crittenden's youngest son Jerry is the current Deltas manager, and his oldest son Tommy has played and helped coach the team for over 20 years. Crittenden also will continue to farm with his son Tommy, who owns Heart 17, a farm that grows tomatoes, peppers and cantaloupes.

"I'll have plenty to do with my time," said Crittenden. "I'll miss seeing everyone at the board meetings but I'll keep busy."

"I want to thank all the people who have supported me over the years," said Crittenden.

Former Pinetop District supervisor

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Kenneth W. Williams served 18 years on the board with Crittenden. "Fred has been a good servant of the people and he will be hard to replace," said Williams. "It was a pleasure to serve with Fred all those years. Sometimes we did not agree but we worked hard for our district and the county. Both of us were conservative and agreed on trying to keep the tax rate low."

"Fred looked out for his district and I think it's evident that Pinetop District has shined over the past 20 years and that's largely due to Fred's strong representation," said Williams.

Middlesex County administrator Charles Culley said, "Fred has always looked out for the best interest of the county and Pinetop District. On any issue, he tried to do the best he could for the county and to keep taxes low. 'Don't spend what you don't have to and do everything you can to keep the taxes low,' was his message."

"I'll miss working with him," continued Culley. "He has been very dedicated to the county. He seldom missed a meeting and was very engaged and 'in the know' as far as Middlesex County was concerned."

Businessman Johnny Fleet of Hartfield said, "Fred has been a consistently good watchdog for the taxpayers. He has required folks to be accountable. Consistent is the best way to describe him. He has always been accessible, and he would always take the time to listen."

Alan Wright, Hanover's purchasing director, to retire

Alan Wright, Hanover's longtime Purchasing Director, is retiring Jan. 12 after more than a quarter-century of distinguished service. The Purchasing Division seeks to ensure that contracts, goods and professional services are obtained appropriately.

"We want to achieve the best available prices within our guidelines while meeting the needs of our departments - sometimes it's a balancing act," Wright said.

Wright came to Hanover County in September 1985 and rose to director in 1995. The biggest change in his field has been the advent of computers--previously, the process was very manual with memos passed from desk to desk.

Recently, Wright has led efforts to improve the way that the division sends solicitations to vendors, including the use of the State's electronic procurement portal, saving money on postage and printing costs.

"One of the highlights of my career has been working with Alan," said Kathy Seay, the County's Director of Finance and Management Services, which includes the Purchasing Division. "His retirement is well deserved but we will definitely miss his quick wit, big heart and impeccable professionalism. Alan's dedication to Hanover County is a good example of Hanover County values."



CHIP assists Virginia's families

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Children's Health Investment Project (CHIP) of Virginia is a nonprofit organization responsible for the development, implementation and maintenance of a statewide network of community-based child health and family support programs in Virginia. CHIP serves those facing the hurdles of generational poverty, lack of education, unemployment and more.

CHIP serves 27 localities in all regions of the Commonwealth. Each CHIP team is made up of a registered nurse and an outreach worker who visit the family where they live and work with them for about two years. Last year, CHIP teams served 2,600 families and more than 3,300 children.

The CHIP program model reduces the burden on our healthcare system. CHIP clients learn to raise healthy babies through wellness and preventative healthcare. Families establish medical home for their children, limit their use of emergency room services, reduce preventable diseases through timely vaccinations, and reduce the costly financial and emotional toll of sick children.

CHIP also teaches families how to prepare their young children for school,

which can limit the strain on remedial education programs and dramatically impacts the child's educational success. Parents learn to support early learning and create home environments and experiences that enhance brain development. This reduces the chances of school failure, drop out and criminal behavior.

In FY 2011, CHIP was supported with roughly \$2 million through the Virginia General Assembly - \$1.5 million from the general fund and \$500,000 through Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) funds. CHIP of Virginia and local CHIP programs leveraged another \$7.8 million from local government, foundations, and individual support and managed care contracts. Since 2008, CHIP state funding has been reduced by 25 percent.

Local CHIP programs rely on local government support to transform at-risk families into healthy, educated, working members of local communities. 18 of the 27 local governments highlighted below directly support these programs through investment of local funds.

CHIP is part of local government in:

- Arlington – Department of Human Services*
- Norfolk – Department of Public Health*



CHIP is part of a Community Action Agency in:

- New River Valley – serving City of Radford*, Giles County*, Montgomery County*, Pulaski County*, Floyd County*
- Southwest Virginia - serving City of Bristol, Buchanan County, Dickinson County, Russell County, Washington County

CHIP is within or is a 501(c)3 in:

- Jefferson Area CHIP - serving Charlottesville*, Albemarle*, Louisa*, Fluvanna*
- Chesapeake*/Portsmouth
- Greater Richmond: Richmond*, Henrico, Chesterfield, Petersburg*
- Roanoke Valley: City of Roanoke*, Salem*, Roanoke County*, Botetourt*, Craig

*Local governments/agencies directly investing in CHIP programs in their communities.

Please visit www.chipofvirginia.org to find your local CHIP program.

Visit Lancaster County and the Steamboat Era Museum



History

The influence of steamboats was as important to the Northern Neck and towns along the entire Chesapeake Bay as rail was to any other small town across the country. The steamboats provided an economic lifeline. The cities of Norfolk and, more predominately, Baltimore acted as gateways to the world beyond. The cities provided the markets, the towns provided the goods and the steamboats provided a means to both.

The Steamboat Era Museum was established to preserve their legacy. From its grassroots inception in 1999 to its opening day in 2004, the museum has evolved to become a unique treasure for our local community and our visitors. Though numerous maritime museums exist nationwide, few reflect the steamboat era and none of them is dedicated to the steamboats of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Steamboat Era Museum tells the story that has not been told: the times of the steamboats, and how they altered the lives of everyone along the Chesapeake Bay.

The museum offers a unique look into the human side of the story--the captains, the travelers, the lifestyle. Brought to life with models, artifacts, photos, films and oral histories one steps back into time; a romantic time full of adventure, splendor and prosperity. Also, the museum produces a number of popular annual programs and concerts related to the steamboat era.

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Mark Your Calendars**LEAD VIRGINIA
accepting applications
for Class of 2012****Deadline
January 15**

LEAD VIRGINIA, a statewide leadership forum which celebrated its five-year anniversary in 2010 is accepting applications for its upcoming 2012 class. LEAD VIRGINIA is a non-partisan, nonprofit educational forum, which has been widely recognized for connecting Virginia's proven leaders across the Commonwealth.

Each year LEAD VIRGINIA selects a group of 45 senior executives representing business, government, nonprofit and education sectors from throughout the Commonwealth. The annual program consists of seven informative visits to different regions of the Commonwealth to explore curriculum themes of the economy, education and healthcare.

Participants gain a 360-degree perspective of the Commonwealth, its issues and challenges, and learn through a study of trends and analysis how Virginia can best position itself for future economic vitality and educational and workforce performance at regional and statewide levels.

Class members are exposed to challenges facing seven diverse regions and gain an understanding of the resources, assets and mutual interdependence of the regions. The class program includes a monthly visit to a different region beginning in April and concluding in November.

For an application, 2012 class schedule or more information about LEAD VIRGINIA, please visit www.leadvirginia.org or e-mail Susan Horne, President & CEO at shorne@leadva.org. The deadline for class of 2012 applications is Jan. 15.

**2012 Legislative
Conference****January 17-18
Omni Richmond Hotel**

Join us for the VACSB 2012 Legislative Conference, to be held January 17-18, 2012, at the Omni Richmond Hotel.

- Online conference registration is available here (with follow up payment by check to VACSB)
- Online Omni Hotel reservations for this conference are available here.

Please be reminded of the following:

- January 6, 2012: registration cancellation refund deadline
- December 23, 2011: early bird discount registration deadline
- December 28, 2011: Omni group rate cut-off date. (Additional lodging will be announced if necessary.)
- Parking at the Omni: VACSB negotiated a daily valet rate of \$15 for overnight guests. This rate is also available for day parking if space is available. Mention VACSB to get this rate – it is not automatic.
- Be sure to sign up for membership in the Omni Hotels Exclusive Select Guest Program. Complimentary benefits include Wi-Fi service! www.omnihotels.com.
- The Coalition Rally will be held at 10 a.m. on January 16, 2012, at the Capitol Bell Tower.

Plan to join us! If you have questions or need additional information or assistance, please contact the VACSB office. We look forward to seeing you in January!

**2012 County
Supervisors Forum
January 6-8
Richmond Marriott****About the Forum**

The Virginia Association of Counties will host the County Supervisors Forum on Jan. 6-8. The purpose of the event is to expose new supervisors to critical issues facing counties today: financial responsibilities, schools, economic development, transportation, environmental protection, intergovernmental relations, legal issues and more.

Registration Form
Register Online
Preliminary Agenda

Who will attend

Newly elected and incumbent supervisors, chief county administrative officers and other government managers will learn information they need to steer their locality forward.

Presentations

Will be posted here after the forum is completed.

Governor's FY 2012-2014 Budget Analysis: Compensation Board

By Dean Lynch
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FY 2012 Caboose Bill (HB29/SB29) Budget Amendments

- Reduction of \$1,374,398 based on the delayed openings of Loudoun County and Pittsylvania County Jail expansion projects...
Additional inmate per diem funding of \$4,595,767 based on updated inmate population forecasts.

FY 2013 and 2014 Budget Bill (HB30/SB30) Budget Amendments All Constitutional Officers

- Language is included to limit the Compensation Board's retirement reimbursement cap for constitutional officers...
Additional \$10 million in FY 2013 and \$15 million in FY 2014 is included in Central Appropriations to reduce the Aid to Localities reversion clearing account...



- 2013 and \$45 million in FY 2014.
No additional across-the-board reductions to staff salaries and other expense appropriations are recommended for Constitutional Officers.

Sheriffs and Regional Jails

- Additional funding of \$7,373,722 is included in each year to fully restore appropriation reductions implemented in conjunction with a failed legislative initiative to establish a Public Safety Fund Fee.
Additional funding of \$3,796,361 in FY 2013 and \$4,310,171 in FY 2014 and 120 positions is included to support staffing of the Meherrin River Regional Jail...

- Annualized funding for partially-funded jail construction projects opened in the current biennium, including \$5,497 in each year for Patrick County Jail, \$135,868 in the first year and \$142,114 in the second year for Pittsylvania County Jail, and \$1.65 million in FY 2013 and \$1.78 million in FY 2014 for Blue Ridge Regional Jail (this is a technical funding item);

Jails

- No program specific changes were included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations related to per diem funding for FY 2013 and FY 2014.

Commonwealth's Attorneys

- No program specific changes were included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations.

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Governor's FY 2012-2014 Budget Analysis: Natural Resources

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- Under state law 10 percent of the projected end-of-year budget surplus must be deposited into the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF). For FY 13, 90 percent of the WQIF (\$45.3 million) will be designated for financial assistance (in the form of grants) for the upgrade of wastewater treatment plants to meet water quality standards driven by Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements established under the federal Clean Water Act. This amount falls short of the \$104 million to close the shortfall in funds needed for DEQ to meet existing obligations under already signed grant agreements with local wastewater treatment plants. (366 D.1.)
The remaining 10 percent of WQIF (\$5 million) is allocated to the Department of Conservation and Recreation to address non-point source water pollution problems from urban and agricultural runoff. (360 K.1.)

- In 2012 (FY 2013) the McDonnell Administration will not initiate legislation to authorize any further issuance of VPBA bonds to financially assistance local wastewater treatment plants upgrade their facilities to reduce nutrient pollution to achieve Chesapeake Bay TMDL related nutrient reduction goals. We were told that the rating agencies advised against the authorization of any more bonds. We were told the Administration hopes the Commonwealth might be in a better position to authorize additional bonds for wastewater plant upgrades in FY 2014.
For the first time, revenues for the 50 cent tax we have paid since about 1989 for discarded tires will not be used for cleaning up tire piles. The revenues from the tax (\$2.3 million for each year of the biennium) will be transferred to VDOT and deposited Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund (HMOF). (447 E)



not be used to capitalize the Litter Control and Recycling Fund. Monies from this Fund have been distributed to localities in the form of grants for litter prevention and recycling. The transfers resulting from this action would be \$191,250 in FY2013 and \$127,500 in FY2014. (Items 366 B and 3-1.01 GG)

Governor’s FY 2012–2014 Budget Analysis: HHR

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Watch Beau’s video message on important HHR information for localities.

On Dec. 19, Gov. Robert F. McDonnell unveiled his two-year budget for FY 2013 and FY 2014 to the Joint Money Committees.

The following Health and Human Resource budget items are important for localities to be familiar with heading into the 2012 General Assembly Session. Particularly, these items will be of interest to local departments of social services.

- Under the Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS), \$10.8 million in general fund dollars is provided to complete the modernization of the Commonwealth’s Social Services eligibility systems. These funds will match \$52.8 million in federal funds over the 2012-2014 biennium. This reflects a 90 percent federal cost share.
- Under DSS, one-time funding is provided to spread out the issuance of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Program (SNAP) benefits over seven calendar days with payments occurring every three days (on the 1st, 4th, and 7th days of each month).

- Also under DSS, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) appropriation is updated to properly account for the anticipated cost of providing mandated TANF benefits. The amendment balances the 2012-2014 TANF plan by accounting reducing support for:
 - Healthy Families of Virginia (-\$380,000 in TANF funds)
 - Community Action Agencies (-\$500,000 in TANF funds)
 - Local domestic violence grants (domestic violence funding is replaced with general fund in a separate amendment).
- For Comprehensive Services Act (CSA), \$500,000 is provide in FY 2013 for a comprehensive audit for CSA program.
- Under CSA, wrap around services in public schools are shifted from the mandated pool to the non-mandated pool. Particularly, this moves special education from a mandated service to



non-madated service. The extension of these services was made by State Executive Council policy and is not required by code. Funding of \$700,000 is added to the non-mandated pool to offset a portion of the loss of funds.

These are some of the Health and Human Resource highlights in the Governor’s biennial budget.

As a reminder, the 2012 General Assembly session convenes on Jan. 11. General Assembly member budget amendments are due on Jan. 13 by 5 pm.

Governor’s FY 2012–2014 Budget Analysis: Transportation

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The details associated with the Governor’s 2012 transportation funding initiative will be incorporated in legislation that has not yet been introduced.

Here are major highlights of his plan as announced at the Governor’s Annual Transportation Conference held last month:

- Over the next eight years, increasing from 0.5 cents to 0.75 cents the share of sales tax revenues dedicated to transportation. For the upcoming biennium, this would result in a 0.01 cent increase that would boost transportation funding by \$110 million.
- Increasing transportation’s share of year-end budget surpluses to 75 percent.
- Authorizing CTB to implement a version of tax-increment financing. For example, when the state funds a major new transportation facility (such as a major highway interchange), a portion of revenues generated from economic development generated from the project would be deposited in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.



- Dedicating the first one percent in revenue growth over five percent to transportation.
- Other components of the Governor’s plan for funding transportation:
- Maintenance of the secondary road system: Proposes \$339.6 million in FY 2013 and \$354 million in FY 2014. This continues a serious reduction in maintenance funding that started in FY 2007 when \$404 million was budgeted for maintenance of the secondary road system. (447)
 - Construction on the secondary road system: Proposes \$50.6 million in FY 2013 and \$54.4 million in FY

2014. (For purposes of comparison, it is useful to note that at the end of 2005 Governor Mark Warner’s budget proposed \$207.1 million and \$199 million respectively in FY 2006 and FY 2007 for construction on the secondary road system.) (446)

- Language: “Each year, as part of the six-year financial planning process, the commissioner shall implement a long-term business strategy that considers appropriate staff levels for (VDOT). In addition, the Commissioner shall identify services, programs, or projects that will be evaluated for devolution or outsourcing in the upcoming year. (451 E)

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FY 2013 and 2014 Budget Bill

FACT Fund: The budget also creates a Federal Action Contingency Fund (FACT Fund), a cash reserve that can be used to mitigate a variety of negative impacts on Virginia related to likely future federal actions, which cannot be addressed by the Rainy Day Fund. In this budget, the governor is proposing to increase the FACT Fund total to \$50 million; consisting of the previously announced \$30 million in FY 2012 and an additional \$20 million in FY 2014. This FACT Fund will be used to replace certain losses in direct federal grants; provide incentives to retain or consolidate federal facilities; address federal tax policy changes from conformity; and help businesses impacted by shrinking federal procurement.

VRS: The budget contains funding to systematically reduce the underfunded status of state employees and teachers in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). JLARC projects that funded ratios for state employees' and teachers' plans could reach a low of 63 percent and 61 percent, respectively, in 2013. Also according to JLARC's review, from 2009 to 2011, the gap between the VRS liabilities and assets on hand to pay such liabilities increased 69 percent from \$11.8 billion to \$19.9 billion. The budget calls for an infusion of at least \$850 million in general funding and \$1.2 billion in non-general and local funds into VRS. This will be accomplished by pension reforms adopted in the 2012 General Assembly and increasing the employee share for teacher retirement from 6.33 percent to 11.66 percent in the biennium.

K-12: Gov. McDonnell's plan provides \$438 million in total new state funding for public education for the next biennium.

This funding recognizes the rising costs of certain requirements in the Standards of Quality, and demonstrates his commitment to improve the retirement system for teachers. Beginning with this budget, further measurements of the effectiveness of our investment of education dollars will proceed. All school divisions will report the percentage of spending on instruction versus overhead in furtherance of our goal of getting 65 percent of all K-12 dollars into the classroom. The governor is also initiating funding to begin implementing new performance-based evaluation models for public schools.

Transportation: Gov. McDonnell stated that the Commonwealth's transportation challenge is to properly fund infrastructure maintenance, which has been draining over \$400 million from construction in recent years. He is seeking a legislative remedy by calling for increased transportation funding by upping the transportation's share of year-end surpluses to 75 percent. He is also increasing the dedicated transportation allocation of the sales tax from the current 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent over the next 8 years. For this budget, the dedicated sales tax percentage will rise from 0.50 percent to 0.55 percent of the dedicated sales tax that will generate over \$110 million in new maintenance funding. He will make numerous other transportation proposals during the session.

Economic Development: The budget will continue to increase efforts that say Virginia is open for business, and that our state government is a friend of the free market, small business owners, entrepreneurs, and job creators. Gov. McDonnell reiterated that since the beginning of this administration, over \$5.5 billion in private capital investment has been committed to be added in the Commonwealth and that Virginia has added 62,800 net new jobs. Unemployment has fallen to 6.4 percent, third lowest east

of the Mississippi, and Virginia has been named the best state in America for business by both CNBC and Pollina Corporate. Pollina said in announcing its ranking, "Virginia is the unquestionable brightest star on the American flag when it comes to pro-business.... Virginia is truly in a class by itself." That's not a Republican or Democratic claim. That's a Virginia accomplishment.

Health and Human Services: The governor stated that Medicaid spending from general and non-general funds in our state budget has exploded by a staggering 1,600 percent in the last 27 years. State funding for DMAS/Medicaid has grown 80 percent from 2002 to 2011. Medicaid's share of state General Fund expenditures has grown from 15.8 percent in FY 2002 to 19.5 percent in FY 2011. Much of the increase in the next biennial budget is continual growth in general and non-general support for Medicaid with 2014 being the big year due in part to the implementation of federal healthcare.

In his budget, the governor will provide \$173 million in General Fund dollars in FY 2013 and \$477.5 million in General Fund dollars in FY 2014. That represents forecasted general fund growth of 11.4 percent in FY 2013 and 8 percent in FY 2014. As a result of federal healthcare reform, the demand will be far greater in the years ahead. While Medicaid enrollment is projected to only increase 1.7 percent in FY 2013, it is expected to balloon by more than 40 percent in FY 2014 when the new Medicaid eligibility takes effect.

Aid to Localities: The governor noted that he has heard the call from localities for additional aid to localities and is restoring \$25 million over the biennium of the previous \$60 million annual reduction to localities.

As additional information becomes available, further analysis on the Gov. McDonnell's budget proposals will be forthcoming.

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Circuit Court Clerks

- No program specific changes were included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations.

Treasurers

- No program specific changes were included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations.

Finance Directors

- No program specific changes were

included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations.

Commissioners

- No program specific changes were included in the Governor's Budget Bill recommendations.

Administration

- Reduction of \$141,510 in each year based on an additional 6 percent across-the-board reduction to appropriations, with language allowing for the reversion of year-end and carryover balances in FY 2013

- and permanent savings in FY 2014 based on the conversion of the LIDS mainframe system to LIDS/CORIS;
- Central appropriations adjustments to base appropriations of \$1,093 in FY 2013 and \$1,457 to address changes to rent charges, and reductions of \$76 in FY 2013 and \$53 in FY 2014 based on state employee worker's compensation premium changes.

Detailed analysis provided by: Compensation Board, Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary

**news from our
associate members**

Timmons Group celebrates dedication ceremony for LEED Silver pending elementary school

Timmons Group is excited to celebrate the dedication of the newly completed Douglass Elementary School in Rockingham County, NC.

Located in Eden, the 77,442 square-foot facility was constructed on a 20.7-acre site, adjacent to the previous school site, and accommodates approximately 552 students.

Timmons Group collaborated with Moseley Architects and Barnhill Contracting Company to complete the new elementary school, while keeping the existing Douglass Elementary School in operation at all times during construction.

The new state-of-the-art school includes traditional classrooms, project and computer laboratories, a music classroom, a media center, a multi-purpose room, cafeteria, office space and an outside play area. The existing elementary school consisted of original buildings constructed in 1938, 1954 and 1959, and housed the school until the students and staff could be moved to the new facility. The central area of the 1938 building that contains the auditorium remains in place to serve as a community center.

The school's design targets "Silver" level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) for Schools certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's standards. Sustainable features of the building will include a green roof, insulated windows, a more energy-efficient heating and air conditioning system, drought-resistant plants, a plumbing system that reduces water consumption, a construction plan that called for the diversion of construction waste from landfills, the use of recycled materials in the building's construction, an aggressive stormwater management system and low VOC emitting paints.

For more information, contact Andrew Moriarty at andrew.moriarty@timmons.com.



General Assembly: A first look at new faces

The 2012 General Assembly looks a little younger these days. Members taking their seats for the first time also are more likely to be men and less likely to have been born in Virginia.

That's according to a Virginia Public Access Project analysis of how 20 new legislators have changed the overall demographics of each chamber. Get photos, demographic information for each new Delegate and Senator at vpap.org.

Here are some facts about the 2012 General Assembly:

- There are 115 men and 25 women, down from 27 women in the 2011 General Assembly.
- Incoming legislators average 43 years in age, compared 55 years for the 2011 General Assembly.
- In the Senate, there is a second 20-20 split between native and non-native Virginians. Over in the House, the number of Virginia-born will remain unchanged: 54 native Virginians and 46 members born outside the state.

Visit vpap.org for a closer look at the new faces of the General Assembly.

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Richmond, We Have a Problem: Modernizing Virginia's Outdated Revenue System

The December issue of The Virginia News Letter features an article on Virginia's state government finances written by Sara C. Okos, policy director of the Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis, a Richmond-based think tank.

By adopting a number of key reforms in individual and corporate income taxes, updating sales taxes to reflect an increasingly service-driven economy, and better managing its tax credits and other preferential treatment, Virginia can address not only the massive revenue shortfall in the 2012-14 biennium, but can position the state for a better future, she writes.

[Click here to view the article.](#)

VACo's Supervisor Certification Program

Be on the lookout for information that will soon be coming your way about VACo's Supervisor Certification Program.

This program was initiated seven years ago through a partnership between VACo and Virginia Tech's Cooperative Extension Service. The purpose of this program is to help elected county officials become more effective civic leaders.

Through a series of a core of five courses, home study, assigned reading material and field work, the Supervisor Certification Program provides an opportunity for elected county officials to enhance their knowledge in such important areas as local government finance, community planning, dispute resolution, intergovernmental relations and leadership.

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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.

County Administrator/Madison County

The County operates with a FY 2012 budget of \$31 million and approximately 34 full time equivalent general government employees. To be considered for the position candidates must possess a bachelor's degree in business or business, management, governmental studies, public administration, planning, engineering or a related field; with a master's degree in similar academic areas considered a plus. Please submit a letter of application, detailed résumé with salary history and five (5) work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, Virginia 23228; Fax 804-726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com. Résumés received by Jan. 30 will receive priority consideration. For a complete community/position profile related to the position please visit www.springsted.com.

Assistant Town Manager/Town of Christiansburg

This position will assist the Town Manager in management of Town affairs, primarily in areas of economic development, community and business relations, and special projects. They will serve as Acting Town Manager during their absence. Salary range for the position is \$68,665 to \$95,668/year; with excellent benefits that include vacation, sick leave, fully paid retirement, life insurance, and employee medical insurance (the employee pays a modest portion of medical insurance). A Town of Christiansburg application and a resume are required for this position by 5 p.m. on Jan. 26. Applications are available in the Town Hall, 100 East Main Street or can be downloaded at www.christiansburg.org.

Director/Pasquotank-Camden Central Communications Center

Deadline: Open Until Filled
This is a full-time, exempt, position responsible for public safety communications operations for Pasquotank County, Camden County and the City of Elizabeth City. This position also requires on-call status in the event of an emergency or disaster within Pasquotank and/or Camden Counties. The Communications

Director is required to develop and maintain an annual budget. The Communications Director is also responsible for maintaining staffing levels, overseeing employee scheduling, calculating payroll, providing reports to various agencies along with implementing and overseeing communications center projects. Salary: Negotiable up to \$54,353 plus benefits. Application may be submitted to the following:
Pasquotank County Personnel Office
206 East Main Street
P.O. Box 529
Elizabeth City, NC 27907-0529

**Director of Information Technology/
Gloucester County**

The ideal candidate will have a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Management Information Systems, Public Administration or related field and 6-9 years of progressively responsible management level experience in IT, 5 years of which must have been in a supervisory capacity. Considerable knowledge and experience in computer programming, systems analysis and design is required, preferably in a municipal government environment. Salary Range: \$71,980-\$107,970, DOQ. Visit our website to view job description, application instructions and to apply online. www.gloucesterva.jobs. Deadline: Jan. 23.

Laboratory Services Coordinator/Hanover County

Hanover County seeks an experienced Laboratory Services Coordinator with strong management, technical and team building skills. This is a professional technical position. The incumbent performs complex tasks to oversee and manage laboratory services and related programs for the County's Department of Public Utilities. The Laboratory Services Coordinator reports to the Assistant Chief of Operations & Maintenance and supervises the Laboratory Technician and may oversee the work of Technicians and/or Operators assigned to Laboratory Services. Hiring range is \$46,972 - \$63,402 (mid-point) plus excellent benefits. For more information or to apply for this position, please visit our career site at www.hanovercountyjobs.com. (804) 365-6489, (TDD #365-6140).

**Legal Assistant-Commonwealth Attorney/
Gloucester County**

Gloucester County seeks a self-motivated individual with considerable knowledge of legal terminology, court procedures and

office management to compile, prepare and assist in the preparation of legal documents, reports, files and manuscripts. Schedules court dates and maintains a variety of records and files and appointment and docket calendars. The ideal candidate will possess an Associate degree with major course work in paralegal studies and/or paralegal certification, and 3 to 5 years experience in legal secretarial work, including office management. For additional information and to apply online visit: www.gloucesterva.jobs. Application Deadline: Jan. 8.

**Legal Assistant-Circuit Court Judge/
Gloucester County**

Gloucester County seeks a self-motivated individual with considerable knowledge of legal terminology, court procedures and office management to maintain judge's appointment calendar and court schedules for three Circuit Courts. Compiles, prepares, and assists in the preparation and maintenance of court files, various court orders, correspondence, legal opinions and other legal documents. The ideal candidate will possess an Associate degree with major course work in paralegal studies and/or paralegal certification, and 3 to 5 years experience in legal secretarial work, including office management. For additional information and to apply online visit: www.gloucesterva.jobs. Application Deadline: Jan. 9.

**IT Police Department Specialist/Town of
Culpeper**

Salary Range: \$41,822 - \$63,731
Provides support to the Police Department in the daily oversight of specialized software application systems, including maintenance, modification, process customization, training, and report development; Ongoing operation and in-house support of the Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management Computer System (CAD/RMS) in the Police Department. Requires one or more years combined experience as an IT Specialist, IT Technician, Systems Analyst, or related position in a similar hardware and software environment, plus one or more of the following: Bachelor's degree with extensive class work in data processing; Community college degree in Computer Science or Business; and/or MCSE certification. Additional experience may be substituted

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for education. Applications and position profiles are available at www.culpeperva.gov or at Town Hall, 400 S. Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. Applications should be submitted to the Department of Human Resources or by email at dwise@culpeperva.gov. Open until filled. Priority will be given to applications received before Dec. 30.

County Administrator/Caroline County

The County Administrator reports to a 6-member Board of Supervisors and is responsible for the overall administration of the county government, executing the policies of the Board and the day-to-day operations of local government. The County employs approximately 180 full-time employees with a budget of approximately \$135 million in FY 2011/12. Additional information about the county is available on the county website at www.visitcaroline.com. Salary is negotiable based on the candidate's qualifications and experience and is supplemented by a generous benefits package. Interested candidates should submit a current resume, completed county application, salary history and five (5) work related references to the Caroline County Board of Supervisors, c/o Alan Partin, Interim County Administrator. Applications may be submitted via mail at P.O. Box 447, Bowling Green, Virginia 22427, by e-mail at apartin@co.caroline.va.us or by fax at (804) 633-4970. Applications may be obtained on line at www.visitcaroline.com or by contacting the County Administrator's Office at (804) 633-5380. The closing date for the position is Jan. 27.

Online Communications Specialist/City of Falls Church

This position reports to the Communications Director. Salary & Benefits: \$50,000 to \$70,000, depending on qualification. Comprehensive benefits package included. See www.fallschurchva.gov for additional information. To Apply: Send City application or resume plus one email newsletter you produced and one web site you developed to the City of Falls Church, HR Div, 300 Park Ave, Falls Church, VA 22046 or hr@fallschurchva.gov. Equal Opportunity Employer: The City of Falls Church does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age or disability.

Senior Accountant/Town of Culpeper

Full-Time – Excellent Benefits. Salary Range - \$48,230 - \$73,986. The Town of

Culpeper's Treasurer's Office is seeking qualified applicants for a Senior Accountant. The successful candidate will plan, design, and implement systems of accounts and procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; establish and maintain the implementation of sound internal controls, ensure financial records are reconciled; oversee management of cash and investments; assist auditors with special financial reports; and act as backup to payroll and accounts payable processing. Application and position profile are available at www.culpeperva.gov or at Town Hall, 400 S. Main Street, Culpeper, VA 22701. Applications should be submitted to the Department of Human Resources or by e-mail at dwise@culpeperva.gov. Open until filled, however priority will be given to applicants received before Dec. 30.

Deputy/Isle of Wight County

Candidates must have no felony or misdemeanor convictions involving moral turpitude. Prior law enforcement experience and/or college level course work in Criminal Justice or a related field is preferred. A written examination will be conducted, followed by oral interview sessions. Selected individuals will be required to undergo a comprehensive background investigation. Positions are open until filled. Starting salary DOQ. Interested candidates should submit a County application, Background Investigation forms, and an Authorization for Release of Information form, along with a current DMV driving record (within 30 days) and copies of any additional certifications that are applicable to: HR, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our website at www.iwus.net or call 757-365-6263.

Assistant Director of Utilities/Gloucester County

Gloucester County currently seeks a dynamic team oriented Professional Engineer to assist the Director of Utilities in planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing activities of the Utilities Department. The Assistant Director of Utilities will also assist with the coordination of departmental efforts and initiatives to comply with all Federal and State applicable regulatory and performance standards. Salary Range: \$57,072-\$85,524/yr. DOQ/DOE s plus an excellent benefits package. Visit our website at www.gloucesterva.jobs for complete details and to apply online. Application Deadline: Jan. 2.

Utility Engineer/Gloucester County

Full-time with benefits. Salary Range: \$47,872-\$71,808. Qualifications: Bachelor's

degree in civil engineering or related field, and 3 to 5 years of progressively responsible work experience dealing with municipal water and wastewater operations, maintenance and construction; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities. Requires valid driver's license issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia and Virginia Professional Engineer license or Engineer in Training certification. Visit our website at www.gloucesterva.jobs for complete details and to apply online. Deadline: Jan. 2.

Chief of Technical Services/Hampton Roads Sanitation District

Hampton Roads Sanitation District. Our 700 environmentally focused employees come from many backgrounds but we share one vision: Future generations will inherit clean waterways and be able to keep them clean. We've been reducing human impact on the environment for over 70 years. If you share this vision and want to make a difference, you should be working here! Chief of Technical Services Work Location: 1436 Air Rail Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455. Hiring Salary Range: \$82,932-\$122,183 (depending upon qualifications) Selected candidates must pass pre-employment drug screening and background check. Applicants can apply online and view the complete job description at www.hrsd.com/jobs or call 757-460-7303 for more information.

County Administrator/Mathews County

The current County Administrator is retiring after eleven successful years of service. The ideal candidate is an exceptional leader and proven administrator who is people-oriented with strong professional judgment skills. The candidate will have the ability to successfully manage multiple functions and projects. Salary is negotiable DOQ to a maximum \$95K. Please submit a current resume, salary requirements, salary history, and professional references to O. J. Cole, Jr., P.O. Box 160, Mathews, VA 23109. Electronic copies may be sent to Julie A. Kaylor, Assistant to the County Administrator at jkaylor@co.mathews.va.us. 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, Steve Whiteway, County Administrator at 804-725-7172 or swhiteway@co.mathews.va.us. For more information and a complete job description, please visit the Mathews County website at www.mathewscountyva.gov.



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