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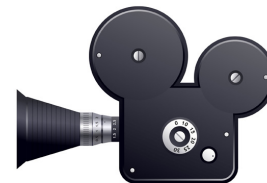


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VACo Video

With Sine Die a few days away, VACo had the opportunity to talk with Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Barbara Favola about the General Assembly Session.



Watch VACo Videos at <https://www.youtube.com/user/VACounties>

February 20, 2017

Delegate Terry Kilgore discusses the 2017 General Assembly Session, Southwest Virginia, rural issues and the retirement announcement of Speaker Bill Howell.

[Click here to watch video](#)



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Senator Barbara Favola talks education, equal taxing authority and her work on Virginia's Commission on Youth.

[Click here to watch video](#)

Register for the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program today



Check out Page 6 for more information on the **Managing While Leading** course held on March 17 and May 12.

County Board members are community leaders who are charged with advancing their county into the future. The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program is designed to provide Virginia's county supervisors with the opportunity to do just that. This five-course program takes roughly two years to complete. Each course begins with an opening session, followed by six to seven weeks of home study, then ends with a closing session. Students who complete all five courses graduate in a ceremony before their peers during the VACo Annual Conference in November.

New and seasoned supervisors are welcome to attend. Three courses will be offered in 2017.

Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities | March 17, 2017 – May 12, 2017.
Location: Albemarle County Office Building

Funding Public Services in the 21st Century: The Role of Budgeting | June 2, 2017 – July 28, 2017. Location: Albemarle County Office Building

Making a Governance Difference: The Role of Purpose Driven Policy, Deliberation and Decision Making | September 2017 – November 11, 2017. Location: TBD and The Omni Homestead

Click [here](#) for more information on the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program, or contact [Amy Sales](#) at 804.788.6652.

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ENTER THE 2017 VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dear VACo Members

It's almost time for the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Be on the lookout for the entry form coming March 1. The entry form will be posted on www.vaco.org and emailed to VACo Members.

Submissions will be due by June 2.

VACo processed a record 91 entries and selected 29 winners from 21 counties in last year's competition. VACo presented awards at 18 Board of Supervisors Meetings and recognized winners at the Annual Conference and in a news release sent to statewide media.

VACo encourages all counties - big and small - to enter the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact gcharter@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

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**King William County Announces
Appointment of County Administrator**

News Release
For Immediate Release
February 13, 2017

Contact: Tori Rowsey
Public Information
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King William, VA – The King William County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mark K. Reeter as County Administrator as of March 1, 2017. Mr. Reeter comes to King William with nearly 30 years of local government experience, most recently as County Administrator for Bedford County, Virginia where he served on numerous boards and commissions, and previously as County Administrator for Washington County, Virginia for 17 years.

Mr. Reeter holds a Bachelor Degree from University of Tennessee, where he graduated with honors in Political Science. He also holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Reeter has said "I am honored to have been selected by the King William Board of Supervisors to serve in this capacity and look forward to working with the Board, County government and the King William community as its next chief administrative official".

Travis Moskalski, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors stated: "The Board of Supervisors is pleased to be bringing Mr. Reeter to King William. We're confident that his strong background in local government management in the Commonwealth will help the Board achieve its goal of providing the best possible government for the citizens of the County. We would also like to thank all of our outstanding staff for continuing to provide excellent service during the interim period under the guidance of the Interim County Administrator Mr. Sanford B. Wanner".

Mr. Reeter will begin his duties on March 1, 2017.

Further information on this announcement can be obtained by contacting the King William County Administrator's office at 769-4927.

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'Best in the World' Prince William County Crossing Guard Receives Award



Prince William County Police Department Crossing Guard Roger Talley has been working the intersection of Darbydale and Eastlawn Avenues for more than 15 years; and he is one of six crossing guards from across the state to be named Outstanding Crossing Guard for 2016-2017 by the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Safe Routes to School Program.

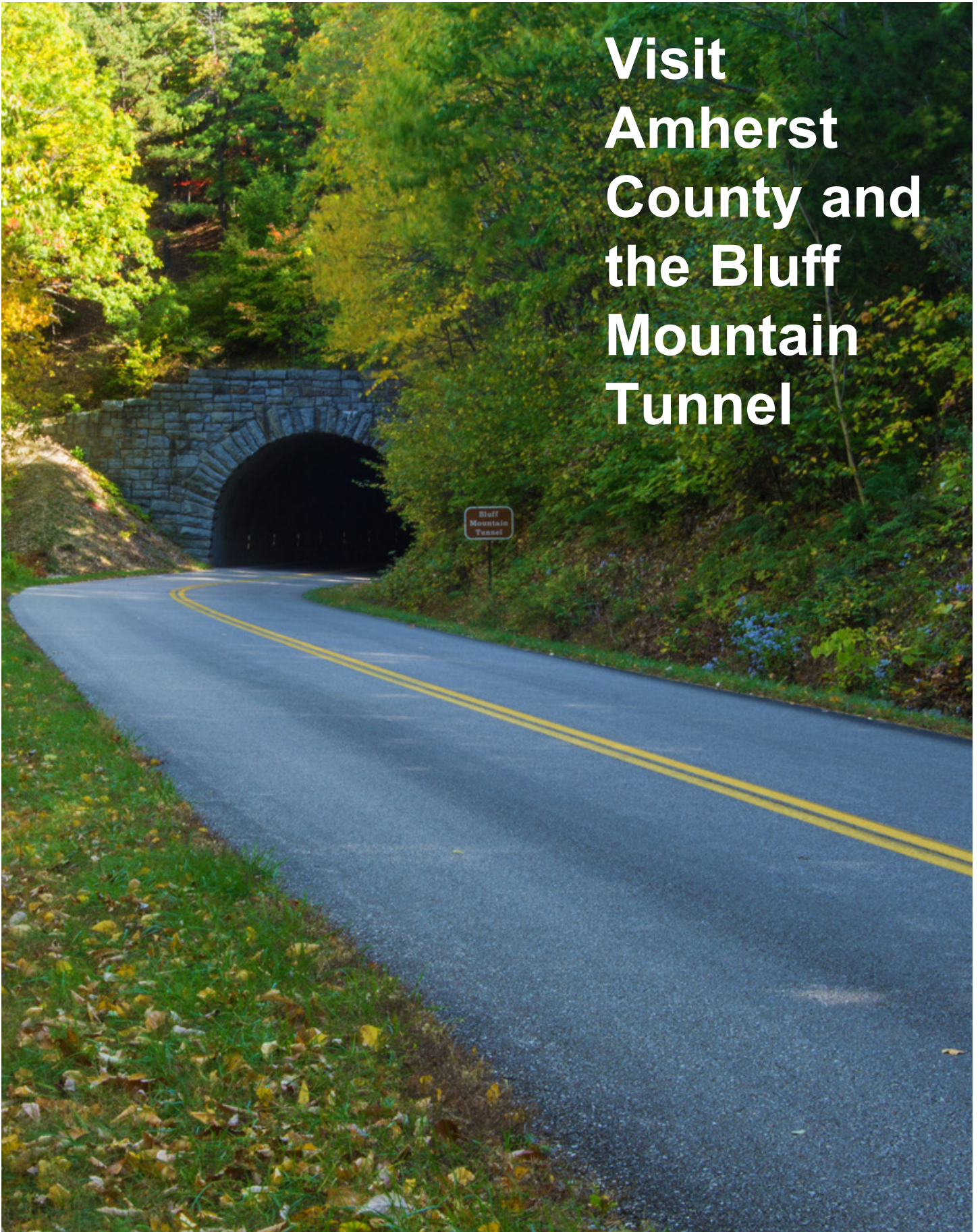
Talley, who retired from Arlington County after 35 years of laying asphalt, landscaping, building bus shelters and removing graffiti, seems to take the job as seriously as he appears to enjoy it. "I love the job. I love the kids. When these kids come across here, they're mine. They're my kids. Their safety is my priority."

In a letter announcing Talley's accomplishment, Robert J. Williams, VDOT's Safe Routes to Schools Program coordinator, wrote that Talley received 39 nominations that came mostly from students. "It is obvious that Mr. Talley is a role model and an outstanding crossing guard for Hampton Middle School. His commanding yet welcoming voice and pleasant personality play a big role at Hampton Middle School. Mr. Talley comes in at the beginning of each school year to talk to students about the importance of following the safety rules when walking to school. He greets every student that crosses towards school, and even other pedestrians, such as those heading to the public bus. He encourages and entertains the students in his brief daily contacts."

Williams went on to write that students described him as, "probably the best crossing guard any school in the county can have" and "the best crossing guard in the world."

Lt. Marie Snyder, Prince William Police Crossing Guard Bureau, said 71 crossing guards were nominated statewide. "We're delighted he won."

Visit Amherst County and the Bluff Mountain Tunnel





Mark Your Calendars



VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PROGRAM

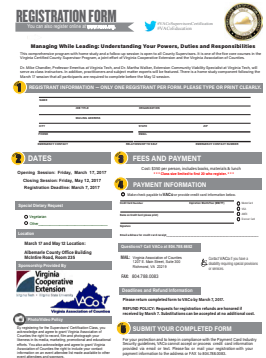
Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

Opening Session: March 17, 2017 | Closing Session: May 12, 2017

Location: Albemarle County

Cost: \$350 | Registration Deadline: March 7, 2017

[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online Supervisor Certification Webpage](#)



Are leadership, management, and governance symbiotic or separate? Boards of Supervisors are elected to serve specific roles and guide county functions as defined by the Code of Virginia. This course reviews the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the local Supervisor in addition to identifying the skill set needed to establish a governance policy body that is consequential. Avoiding poor performance and learning how to blend leadership with strategic thinking is a course outcome.

April 1- 7 is Local Government Education Week: Let's partner with K-12 students to learn what we are about!

Let's celebrate and share the Virginia local government story with students and the greater community in April. Participating communities are eligible to win a great elementary school level book on local government services and further education on the importance of public service at the same time.

The 2012 General Assembly adopted House Joint Resolution #93 proclaiming the **first week of April as Local Government Education week** in honor of the founding of the Council-Manager form of government in Staunton, Virginia, in 1908.



The Civic Engagement Committee of the Virginia Local Government Management Association has developed tools for students -- our future leaders -- regarding good community building work, the services provided at the local level, and to increase awareness of career opportunities in local government. This will help us strengthen knowledge of local government management/public service as a vital part of our democracy, and possibly as a career path.

As part of this effort **VLGMA asks each locality's governing body to adopt a proclamation** honoring this week. A template is available on the Civic Engagement webpage on the VLGMA website (http://icma.org/en/va/resources/civic_education).

Adopting a proclamation is a good first step, but there are many other activities to engage with the local school district and the young people of our community. We encourage **each locality to develop an engagement plan** that meets your local need. The Civic Engagement Committee has pulled together numerous resources that are posted on the website that include great elementary school level books, a high school teachers' resource guide with lesson plans, and a report of various civic engagement best practices used by VLGMA members. Activities are not restricted to the first week of April but can occur throughout the year and be highlighted in April.

Check out this website link (http://icma.org/en/va/resources/civic_education) for additional great resources. [Click here](#) to download the Local Government Education Proclamation Template.



ANNOUNCING THE COUNTIES FUTURES LAB

The National Association of Counties (NACo) Counties Futures Lab brings together leading national experts to examine and forecast the trends, innovations and promises of county government with an eye toward positioning America’s county leaders for success.

Focusing primarily on pressing county governance and management issues — and grounded in analytics, data and knowledge sharing — the Lab builds on the NACo Research Department’s existing products and delivers research studies, reports and other actionable intelligence to a variety of venues in collaboration with corporate, academic and philanthropic thought leaders to promote the county government of the future.

Check out the video below, [read the article](#) by NACo President Bryan Desloge in *County News* and explore the Lab today.



Virginia Local Government Investment Webinars



The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) encourages you and your colleagues to watch an informative, two-part investment series hosted by Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. (MBS). These free, 30-minute webinars were created specifically as a resource for Virginia public funds officers of all experience levels and are built around applicable Virginia statutes.

The Program

Part I. Public Funds Investment Policy

Learn how to develop and manage a compliant investment policy and investment program. Our discussion will center on the statutes that govern local investments in the Commonwealth, including the Investment of Public Funds Act and the Security for Public Deposits Act.

[Watch the Local Government Investment Webinar Part 1](#)

Part II. Investing in High-Quality Fixed-Income Securities

This session will review and apply the principles covered in Part I. Learn about proven strategies public investors use to simplify their investment programs and maximize safety, liquidity and yield. We will also introduce the Multi-Bank Securities Institute and Public Funds Investor Guide, a free educational resource available to municipal investors of all experience levels.

[Watch the Local Government Investment Webinar Part 2](#)

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We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the Governor's Data Analytic Summit. This year's summit will feature a lineup of distinguished and insightful speakers and panelists who will discuss how to unlock the value of data with the use of analytics to support an agency's mission, solve challenges, and answer burning questions. Attendees will obtain practical knowledge about identifying and scoping challenges to solve with data analytics, how to get data analytic projects off the ground to completion, and where to get resources. **Registration is open only to State and local government employees. We have had strong interest and seating is limited, so register early!**

You can earn up to five and a half hours of continuing education credits by registering for the Governor's Data Analytics Summit and attending the scheduled sessions.

To register for the summit, visit <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1535/16-uva/index.aspx?sid=1535&gid=16&pgid=15316&cid=26573&fid=26573&gfid=22640>

To learn more about the summit, visit <http://Data.virginia.gov/gdas/>

If you have questions about the summit, please send an email to DataAnalyticsSummit@governor.virginia.gov

House Speaker Bill Howell announces retirement



Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) announced on February 20 that he will not seek re-election. Howell's full remarks, as prepared for delivery, are below.

Since the House has returned to the Morning Hour, I ask the members to indulge me a moment while I take this opportunity to share some news.

Serving in this esteemed body which is the Virginia House of Delegates for the last 30 years has been a distinct privilege. Likewise, serving as the Speaker of the House for 15 years now truly has been the greatest professional honor of my life.

While I obviously will miss all of you and while I will always look back with only fondness at every day I served here, I have decided that I will not be seeking re-election to the House.

Cessie and I are so grateful for the opportunity that we have had to serve. There truly are no words to fully describe the joy and fulfillment we have received from this incredible opportunity for public service. But, we also know there is much more joy and fulfillment to come, albeit differently and beyond Capitol Square and this body. We are blessed to have two good sons and seven energetic grandkids. We have our youth! And, we cannot wait to take some time together to travel, spend more time with our family and, frankly, just to relax together.

The House of Delegates truly is an historic institution. I love it dearly. I believe it represents the hope, enduring strength and resiliency of our exciting and ongoing experiment in representative self-government.

If America is a shining city on a hill, then our Virginia House of Delegates is the brightest light atop the highest tower.

As a Delegate and as Speaker, I always have tried to serve in a manner worthy of that stature.

I believe the Office of Speaker rises above partisan politics. This is an institutional role, with constitutional and other attendant obligations that transcend the fractured moments that often drive our politics.

I also always have tried to be open, accessible and, most of all, fair.

When I became Speaker in 2003, I pledged to lead this historic chamber with the honor and integrity it deserves and to faithfully uphold the dignity of this constitutional office.

Throughout my tenure, when faced with difficult decisions that go along with this Office, I have strived to reflect those enduring values. And, in practice, I always sought to put what's good for the whole institution, and all that it represents, ahead of any other interest.

I pray you will judge my time as Speaker on that more than anything.

When I accepted the Speaker's gavel, I reminded myself and others that what kind of people we are, and how we treat one another, is as important as the bills we pass and the laws we make. May we never lose sight of this worthy aspiration.

Like you, I understand that our mission is so much larger than ourselves. Ultimately, our purpose is continuing to fulfill the four-century-old mission of Virginia – preserving human freedom and advancing opportunities for all.

So today, I hope you join me in taking pride in everything that this body – Republicans and Democrats working together more often than not – has accomplished over the last 15 years. The House of Delegates has been a stable and consistent factor in reforming and improving state government for the past decade. Our shared enterprises, through difficult and good times alike, has made our Commonwealth stronger and more prosperous. And together, I believe we have enhanced the lives and livelihoods of our fellow citizens we are so privileged to represent and serve.

Now and always, I am optimistic that this House – the oldest continuous representative law-making body in the New World – will continue to inspire and fulfill the enormous potential of Virginia's bright future.

So, I will close by saying from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

I am so grateful for the trust and faith you placed in me 15 years ago. And, I appreciate that you have continued to maintain that trust in me. The many friendships that have made here over almost 30 years are worth more than any bill I have ever championed or passed. I am proud to know you all and honored to serve with each of you.

All of you are very talented individuals and highly capable leaders. You are valuable parts of something much bigger than any one of us. So, it is easier for me to make this announcement now and to leave next year knowing that this institution will continue to thrive.

Thank you. May God Bless you. May God Bless our great country and wonderful Commonwealth. And, may God continue to Bless this historic House of Delegates.

SOURCE: www.williamjhowell.org/statement-by-speaker-william-j-howell/ | [Watch Speaker Howell's Retirement Speech](#)

employment opportunities



The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. Please include information for applying, and a link to other important information. Please do not fax your employment ad. VACo members are not charged for placing an employment ad. The cost is \$50 per ad for non-VACo members. VACo publishes the ad on its website and mobile app as well as the upcoming County Connections issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Valerie Russell](mailto:Valerie.Russell@vacounty.org).

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