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State Budget Discussions Continue



Senators returned to Richmond this week to continue discussions on the state budget. After a floor session that was largely procedural, the Senate Finance Committee met on May 14 and again the following day to receive a report on state revenues and discuss budget amendments offered by Senators, several of which addressed Medicaid expansion, the central sticking point between the House and Senate budgets, in advance of anticipated action on the budget next week. Committee Co-Chairman Thomas K. Norment opened Monday's meeting by addressing concerns about the delay in finalizing the state budget, offering emphatic assurances that the General Assembly will pass a biennial budget before June 30 and describing the alternative as "unacceptable" and "untenable."

Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne provided an update on April state revenues, which turned in a

strong performance, largely driven by growth in individual income tax non-withholding. Overall General Fund revenue collections grew 17.8 percent relative to last April, and increased by 6.7 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, comfortably ahead of the forecast of 3.4 percent growth. Individual income tax withholding has grown 4.4 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis, and sales tax revenues rebounded in April after a disappointing March, growing 5.3 percent in April and now slightly outpacing the forecast of 3 percent growth on a fiscal year-to-date basis. Individual income tax nonwithholding collections were up 39.6 percent relative to last April; however, Secretary Layne cautioned that this level of collections may not be sustainable, as this revenue source has historically been volatile, and significant refunds may be owed to high-income taxpayers who have made estimated payments but not yet filed

tax returns.

Secretary Layne also discussed the importance of Virginia shoring up its cash reserves, which are low relative to other states with AAA bond ratings; a new Revenue Reserve Fund was established through legislation during the 2018 regular session and the Governor has proposed depositing any FY 2018 surplus into that reserve (after any required deposits, such as to the Water Quality Improvement Fund), an action the House incorporated into the budget it passed in April. Secretary Layne also reported on efforts to model the effect of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on state revenues. Secretary Layne's presentation is available [on the Senate Finance Committee website](#).

Senate Finance staff provided a [briefing](#) on differences between the "caboose" and biennium budgets passed by the House in April and the budgets passed by the Senate during the regular session. The Committee

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The Opioid Crisis Part 3: An Overview of Opioid Addiction Treatment



In recent years, American communities have struggled to effectively address the scourge of opioid abuse currently plaguing our nation. Knowing of the catastrophic impact of this addiction crisis, VACo wants to assist its members by providing easy access to helpful resources. We continue to explore research concerning the origins of the epidemic, overdose intervention, treatment options, and more.

Keep in mind that VACo is not endorsing any particular content or opinion, rather we hope that an array of information will aid those deliberating the most appropriate avenue for their community effort. It is important to remember that each resource is just one piece in a much larger puzzle, so weigh all material against other reliable sources.

Click on the link below to engage with material that will help you understand this complex issue.

VACo Contact: [Angela Inglett](#)

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Keith Johnson appointed Loudoun County Combined Fire & Rescue System Chief

Keith Johnson has been selected as the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System Chief, County Administrator Tim Hemstreet announced Wednesday. Johnson has been serving as acting chief of the system since February 2018, following the retirement of W. Keith Brower.

Johnson began his service with Loudoun County in 2014 as Assistant Chief of Operations, shortly after the formation of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, which consists of nearly 700 full-time employees and about 900 administrative and operational volunteer personnel.

As Assistant Chief of Operations, Johnson was primarily responsible for the oversight and management of fire, rescue, EMS and special operations, and worked closely with career and volunteer personnel.

"As Assistant Chief, Keith has played a key role in the success of our combined system and I am confident he will do an excellent job as the new Chief," said Hemstreet, who added that Johnson's selection came after a nationwide recruitment effort which attracted a strong pool of candidates.



Johnson is a fourth generation firefighter who began his fire service career in 1982 as a volunteer in New York state. In 1983, he graduated from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Training Academy and served in the Fairfax Fire and Rescue Department in a variety of positions for 30 years, including as Deputy Chief. Johnson was also a member of the renowned Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team and is the former Fairfax County Task Force Leader of the National Medical Response Team.

In addition to a number of professional certifications, Johnson holds an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science Administration from Northern Virginia Community College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, from the University of Maryland University College, and a Master of Arts degree in Security Studies, Homeland Security, and Defense from the Naval Postgraduate School. Johnson also serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association.

Information about the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the Department of Fire and Rescue is online at www.loudoun.gov/fire.

VACORP celebrates 25 years

VACORP has reached a milestone this year with its 25th anniversary. We thank you for your participation and support. Throughout the 25 years, VACORP and its members have worked together to develop a program with the broadest coverage and service available to political subdivisions in Virginia. Please visit www.vacorp.org to see some new additions:

1. Three video shorts illustrating what inspires us to serve you. These videos showcase the faces behind the names and voices you know.
2. Improved Tenant Users Liability Insurance Program (TULIP), which facilitates insurance for outside use of facilities.
3. Members with increased Cyber Risk limits to secure their own coverage program can access the eRiskHub with resources relating to Cyber related events.



Building on this momentum, VACORP will continue to share with you important information as we grow our coverages, services and internet capabilities in the future. We have been honored to serve you and look forward to many more years partnering with you to meet your risk management needs.

VACo SPOTLIGHT

Gary Larrowe **Botetourt County Administrator**



Q1. You took an unusual path to county administration – prior to being appointed County Administrator in Carroll County, you worked as a Virginia Cooperative Extension agent. How did your background prepare you for your work in local government?

Gary Larrowe: To be honest, I certainly have had a “different” path to becoming a County Administrator than what might be considered normal. However, the Virginia Cooperative Extension was an excellent path in that it allowed me to work on major projects in community development and advance my career in various ways. Extension allowed me to travel the world with USAID projects and supported me as a Kellogg Fellow in International Community Development. In addition, I was able to develop relationships with individuals and agencies across the Commonwealth and nation with whom I work today as a County Administrator. During my Extension days, I developed and managed several million dollars in grant funding for various projects.

Q2. Economic development has been a major focus of your time in Carroll County, where you worked on the creation of a county-run natural gas system to provide energy to a major local employer, and in Botetourt County, where you were involved in projects such as the Ballast Point brewery and tasting room. What are some of your “lessons learned” from successful projects?

GL: I have had the privilege of facing huge community challenges and have been able to work through a logical process for completed projects that have provided opportunities for others. The Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution system development was one of the most challenging in my career as a County Administrator. However, when faced with the loss of 154 jobs (and the affected families) and \$10 million in M&T during 2009, you get motivated and creative. Ballast Point, ELDOR, ALTEC and the Virginia Community College System shared services center have all been great projects in Botetourt and have brought in more than 1,100 jobs since my transition in January 2016. I love working with these community partners and refer to them as the “Botetourt Corporate Family.”

Q3. What advice would you give to individuals contemplating a career in public administration?

GL: Get as much diversified experience as you can. Learn about construction, engineering, finance, human resources, management, legal, federal, state and local government operation and especially understand group dynamics.

Q4. You served for several years on the Governor’s Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review. If you could wave a wand, what one thing would you change to improve the relationship between the state and localities?

GL: I would command the Commonwealth to take financial responsibility for the various mandates that have been forced on localities and work to simplify government operations in general.

Q5. In your view, what are the major challenges and opportunities facing Botetourt County in the next 10 years?

GL: Botetourt is a fabulous place and the people are awesome. This is a community “on the move” and we have to be ready for the massive opportunities coming this way. We need assistance with transportation, housing and additional talent growth, retention and attraction to be able to capitalize the future.

Q6. You’re known for putting in long hours at work. How do you balance work and life?

GL: My wife would say that I do not balance well and I would tend to agree. It is normal for me to respond late/early and to be engaged and available at places and events where a normal County Administrator may not find himself/herself. I love working with the people and have found that they have adopted us into their families. I do “Hit the Wall” at times and sleep for a few days; however the sound of email wakes me up.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



Visit Clarke County and the Burwell-Morgan Mill

Although Millwood is small, it's easy to spend hours in the village of about 200 residents. Explore its antiques shops - The Red Schoolhouse, Malcolm Magruder Antiques and Judy Judy Judy – enjoy fine food and wine from Locke Store and, of course, visit the magnificent Burwell-Morgan Mill, which has been the very heartbeat of Millwood since 1782.

The Burwell-Morgan Mill, with its unique interior wooden water wheel and gears, is a National Register Historical Landmark and one of the oldest, most original operational grist mills in the country.

The mill, located on Millwood Road (Route 723), is maintained and held in trust by the Clarke County Historical Association, continues to grind grains and operates as a working museum. The mill is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from May through November. Freshly ground white, yellow, red, and blue corn as well as buckwheat, hard wheat, soft wheat and rye is available for purchase.

The mill opens and ends its season with a biannual Art at the Mill show. The art shows began in 1990 as a way to raise funds for the ongoing restoration of the mill. Over the decades, the Art at the Mill show has grown in every possible way, including reputation.

Across the road from the mill sits a row of historic properties that are now shops, including Locke Store.

Locke Store, originally Clarke's, then Locke's and later Locke's Modern Country Store, has served the Millwood community for about 200 years. Since 2003, Locke Store has offered house-made sandwiches, soups, baked goods, entrées, salads, sides and a large selection of fine wine and beer. It sells locally grown and raised produce, meat, fish, honey and dairy. Enjoy a meal onsite, at home or at a picnic table in the meadow that surrounds the Burwell-Morgan Mill.

Farther east on Route 723 is the Mill at Carter Hall, which hosts art shows and art classes throughout the year.

Millwood is also the headquarters for Project HOPE (Health Opportunities for People Everywhere), an international health-care organization founded in 1958. Originally a peacetime hospital ship that sailed to developing countries around the world, Project HOPE became a land-based organization in the 1970s. Project HOPE is based at historic Carter Hall.

Plan to visit Millwood and stay a while. Contact the Burwell-Morgan Mill at 540.837.1799 or director@clarkehistory.org. Visit burwellmorganmill.org, lockestore.com, redschoollhouseantiques.net and clarkehistory.org. Find the Mill at Carter Hall on Facebook.

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Mark Your Calendars



ENTER THE 2018 VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Dear VACo Members –

It's time for the 2018 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete so **ENTER NOW!**

All entries are required to be submitted in electronic form. No paper copy submissions are necessary. The electronic copy should be a PDF or WORD file. Email entries to Gage Harter at gcharter@vaco.org. Submissions must be received by June 1.

Last year we processed 79 entries and selected 17 winners from 9 counties. VACo presented awards at 9 Board of Supervisors Meetings and recognized winners at the Annual Conference, in a news release sent to statewide media and in an Achievement Awards booklet.

The judges for the 2018 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo has received nearly 600 entries over the past nine competitions. Last year's Best Achievement winner was York County for its "Home-Based Business Assistance" program.

VACo encourages all counties, big and small, to enter the 2018 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact gcharter@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

[Click here for submission form](#)

[Click here to browse all of the 2017 entries](#)

[Click here to view past Achievement Award winners](#)



Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in Virginia in the 21st Century Kicks Off Work for 2018



The Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century met on May 7 to review progress in improving the state's mental health system and to plan its course for the year ahead. Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Daniel Carey and Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Dr. Hughes Melton discussed the Governor's priorities for behavioral health and substance abuse services and reaffirmed the Administration's commitment to implementing STEP-VA (a plan for provision of a standard menu of services in each Community Services Board) and the plan for financial realignment of the public system toward community-based care and away from reliance on state hospitals. Commissioner Melton expressed his interest in working with the Joint Subcommittee on the issue of local contributions to Community Services Boards (CSBs) as well as state resources for STEP-VA and state hospital capital projects, and encouraged members to continue to look at both public and private providers of behavioral health as part of the overall system of care, as most behavioral health care is provided outside of the public system (CSBs and state hospitals).

The Joint Subcommittee will again be divided into two work groups. The Criminal Justice work group plans to investigate ways to increase Crisis Intervention Team training for first responders and methods of diverting individuals with mental illness away from the criminal justice system, as well as improvements to discharge planning for individuals being released from correctional facilities. This workgroup is also charged with developing realistic goals for the provision of permanent supportive housing.

The System Structure and Finance work group, which held its first meeting the same day, will continue to review the implementation of STEP-VA and financial realignment, and will examine the relationship between localities and the state with respect to how CSBs are structured and funded, as well as ways to enhance accountability for CSBs through their performance contracts with the state. Members also expressed interest in resolving the issue of whether CSBs should be tasked with providing behavioral health services in jails, which was the subject of legislation during the 2018 General Assembly and is currently under review by the Joint Commission on Health Care. During the work group's meeting, there was further discussion of the subset of CSBs that received a waiver from the local match requirement. Members expressed particular interest in how the state could work with localities to establish a baseline level of local support for all CSBs without discouraging localities from supplementing state support with additional local funds.

As the legislative mandate for the Joint Subcommittee is scheduled to expire in December 2019, members began discussions about creating a permanent "home" for legislative oversight of behavioral health issues, whether by making the Joint Subcommittee permanent in some manner or folding its work into the mission of the existing Joint Commission on Health Care. The Joint Subcommittee's next meeting is scheduled for June 5.

Federal Legislation Makes Major Changes to Funding for Foster Care



Significant changes to federal funding for foster care were enacted in February with passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), which was incorporated into the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. FFPSA is the product of several years of discussion in Congress about ways to improve access to services to prevent children from being placed in foster care, rather than supplying federal funds to assist with maintenance of a child only after he or she has been removed from the home. An earlier version of the legislation passed the House in 2016, but stalled in the Senate.

The legislation restructures the current federal foster care program, which is governed by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Title IV-E funds have historically been used to match state expenditures for maintenance costs of children who have been removed from their homes; maintenance costs include expenses such as food, clothing, school supplies, and reasonable travel for children to visit family or attend school. In addition to the requirement that the child has been removed from the home of a specified relative, eligibility for maintenance payments is based on income criteria.

Beginning October 1, 2019, FFPSA expands the use of IV-E funds to prevention services for families of children who would otherwise likely enter foster care, without regard to family income. These services – in-home parent skills-based programs and substance abuse and mental health treatment services -- could be funded for up to 12 months, and would need to meet certain standards of evidence for effectiveness. States are subject to maintenance-of-effort requirements.

FFPSA also makes major changes effective in October 2019 to the use of existing IV-E maintenance funding by imposing a two-week limit on use of IV-E maintenance funds for children placed in congregate care settings, such as group homes, unless the placement meets certain standards (for example, specialized placements for children who are victims of sex trafficking or family-based residential substance abuse treatment). FFPSA allows maintenance payments for children placed in Qualified Residential Treatment Programs meeting certain criteria set out in the legislation.

As a means of funding the additional prevention services, FFPSA delays the planned phase-in of providing federal funding for adoption assistance without regard to income. This provision took effect upon passage of the legislation; states may request a two-year delay of the limitations on use of maintenance funds for congregate care, but such action would also delay a state's access to the additional prevention funds.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to provide guidance to states on FFPSA implementation by October 1, 2018. Federal guidance will be critical to Virginia's implementation process due to Virginia's unique structure for provision of services to children in foster care through the Children's Services Act. The state Department of Social Services and the Office of Children's Services are in the process of assembling a workgroup to prepare to implement the legislation; VACo will be participating, along with other interested parties. VACo will provide updates to members as implementation proceeds.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

Join First Lady of Virginia Pamela Northam and Mayor of Richmond Levar Stoney

for a discussion on how you can help end summer hunger for children in your community

MAY 24 • 2:15-2:45 PM



City and County Officials:

During the summer months, children from low-income families lose access to school breakfast and school lunch. For many Virginia children, summer is the hungriest time of the year.

The Summer Meals Program provides free summer meals to kids. Unfortunately, only 15% of Virginia children who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches are also getting free meals during the summer.

Why is there a gap between the children in need and the children who participate in the summer meals programs?

- **Availability:** Some children do not have a feeding site nearby. Others, although they live near a feeding site, are not able to access the meals due to transportation issues.
- **Awareness:** Many families are not aware that the programs exist. There are also misperceptions about who is eligible to participate. All kids, age 18 and under, are invited to participate regardless of need.

Before you kick off your Memorial Day weekend, join First Lady Northam and Mayor Stoney on **May 24th from 2:15 – 2:45 pm** for a conference call to learn about how you can support the Summer Meals Program in your community.

Please RSVP to Sarah Steely at (570) 854-5023 or sarah.steely@doe.virginia.gov for call-in information.

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also received [a staff presentation on the Medicaid program](#) and the individual health insurance market. The meeting concluded with brief presentations by Senators of newly-proposed budget amendments that were not included in the Senate's budget during the regular session, including a proposal to require a performance and reclamation bond for solar installations in order to qualify for certain tax exemptions and a proposal to redirect some bond proceeds from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund to the Combined Sewer Overflow Matching Fund to assist with a major project in the City of Alexandria.

On May 15, the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee held an informal discussion of member budget amendments that addressed

topics within the Subcommittee's scope, agreeing in concept to several proposals (such as the creation of a workgroup looking at ways to stabilize the individual insurance market and language directing state agencies to emphasize the use of evidence-based, trauma-informed community services through the Children's Services Act) and planning to work through other items in conference. The full Senate is scheduled to return to Richmond again on May 22, and it is expected that the Senate Finance Committee will meet that day as well in order to report a budget bill that would subsequently be taken up by the full Senate. VACo will continue to provide updates to members as the budget process moves forward.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

Financial Facts

GASB issued an Invitation to Comment to seek feedback to assist in developing a revenue and expense recognition model for state and local governments. Two potential models are discussed in the Invitation. The first is an exchange/nonexchange model and the second is a performance obligation/no performance obligation model.

This Invitation to Comment lays out potential paths for establishing comprehensive guidance for revenue and expense transactions. Stakeholder feedback on potential benefits and challenges of the two models will be considered when potential changes to standards for future input. Comments may be emailed to director@gasb.org.

VACo Contact: [Vicky Steinruck, CPA](#)

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission Adopts Workplan for 2018



The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) met on May 14 to approve its plan of studies and schedule of reports for 2018. As approved by its Study Topic Selection Subcommittee last fall, JLARC plans to complete and report on four major studies this year:

- **Review of the Department of Elections.** JLARC will review the Department of Elections to determine whether it provides adequate supervision of election administration at the local level, to include appropriate training for general registrars and local electoral board members, as well as the degree to which the Department ensures accurate voter registration lists. Working with an information technology consultant, JLARC staff will assess the security of the state's electronic election management system (VERIS). A briefing on the study's findings is scheduled for September 2018.
- **Review of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR).** JLARC will review DPOR's credentialing requirements and standards of conduct, as well as DPOR's fee structure, organization and staffing. A briefing is scheduled for October 2018.
- **Study of spending on state inmate health care.** JLARC will examine state spending on inmate health care relative to other states and determine whether savings could be achieved in areas such as prescription drugs. As part of this study, JLARC staff will review the effectiveness of the contracts for inmate health care administered by the Department of Corrections. JLARC staff indicated at the meeting on May 14 that this study will also encompass spending on health care for state-responsible inmates who are housed in local and regional jails. A report on this study is scheduled for November 2018.
- **Review of foster care and adoption services.** JLARC will review changes in foster care caseloads and assess the capacity of local departments of social services to provide appropriate services, as well as the ability of state and local agencies to recruit foster parents and secure permanent placement for children. The study mandate also directs staff to review spending on foster care and adoption services and to determine how Virginia could make the best use of these funds. A briefing is scheduled for December 2018.

JLARC staff will also provide updates on areas of ongoing oversight, including the Virginia Retirement System, state spending on the Standards of Quality, and economic development incentives. The full JLARC workplan, which includes the schedule of briefings for 2018, is available [on the JLARC website](#).

JLARC members also received an update from the Auditor of Public Accounts, Martha Mavredes, on recent work by her office and plans for the year ahead. As part of this report, Ms. Mavredes discussed her office's application of the new Financial Assessment Model score system to identify localities in fiscal distress; the application of this model to localities' FY 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports identified six localities for follow-up, of which one (the City of Bristol) has been referred to the Administration and House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committee Chairs for potential state assistance. Ms. Mavredes noted that she and her staff are considering changes to the model based on her discussions with local governments, perhaps to include broader economic factors such as unemployment rates.

[A full listing of recent reports produced by the APA this year is available here.](#)

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

Four VACo Regional Meetings Scheduled

VACo is excited to visit Westmoreland County and Dinwiddie County in May and Albemarle County and Hanover County in June for Regional Meetings, which are held annually to give local elected officials, county administrators, and legislators an opportunity to discuss challenges and offer solutions.

[Region 2](#) | May 22 | Westmoreland County | [Agenda](#)

[Regions 1 & 4](#) | May 30 | Dinwiddie County | [Agenda](#)

[Region 5](#) | June 14 | Albemarle County | [Agenda](#)

[Region 3](#) | June 26 | Hanover County | [Agenda](#)

VACo greatly values these meetings and offers sponsorship opportunities. [Sponsor one meeting or the entire season.](#)

VACo held 7 Regional Meetings covering 9 Regions during our 2017 season. These meetings offered VACo members, legislators, state agency leaders and staff an opportunity to learn from each other. They helped steer VACo in the development of the legislative program. [Check out our recaps of each 2017 Regional Meeting.](#)

VACo Contact: [Angela Inglett](#)



Nominations sought for VACo Jefferson Cup

VACo seeks nominations for this year's Jefferson Cup Award to be presented at the November 11-13 Annual Conference. Please submit nominations to Dean Lynch at dlynch@vaco.org.

[Click here for a list of Jefferson Cup recipients.](#) Below is a brief history of the Jefferson Cup as well as criteria for award recipients.

On October 25, 1964 at The League of Virginia Counties Executive Board Meeting - The Committee that had been appointed by President Stuart T. DeBell of Fairfax County to study methods and procedures for recognizing outstanding programs, contributions and achievements in local government, reported. The Committee recommended the establishment of an award for outstanding contributions and achievements in local government to be made at the discretion of an Awards Committee in a presentation at the Annual Meeting. The Committee further recommended that the Jefferson Cup suitably engraved to set on a wooden base be adopted as the award. The award was to be called THE JEFFERSON CUP AWARD.

Criteria established for award recipients

1. Any individual who has made an outstanding contribution to local government may be a recipient of the Award.
2. Any local government which has participated in an outstanding local government activity may be a recipient.
3. The Award is to be made at the Annual Meeting of VACo but may not necessarily be made each year.
4. Nominations are to be made to the Awards Committee by August 15 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
5. Any additional rules, regulations, standards can be adopted by the Awards Committee.

VACo's Legislative Summary



The [Legislative Summary](#) details the actions of the 2018 General Assembly and information on legislation of interest to counties. This edition contains links to bills through the General Assembly's Legislative Information System. Also included in the document are studies and statistics of importance to counties. A budget analysis will be provided in a later version of the Legislative Summary when a budget is passed.

GO Virginia Grant Webinar



VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR
**GROWTH &
OPPORTUNITY**
IN EACH REGION



On **July 10 from 9am-11am**, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will host a How-to-Apply Webinar for the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund (GO Virginia) for the per capita and competitive grants. Attendance is open to the public and free.

The webinar will provide an introduction to the GO Virginia program design and the funding priorities for each region. The webinar will also provide a step-by-step overview of the application process, project requirements and best practices. Following the how-to-apply presentation, there will be a Q&A session and an opportunity to discuss prospective projects and collaborations with DHCD staff.

To register, please click this [link](#). For questions regarding registration or the GO Virginia program, contact Jordan Snelling at jordan.snelling@dhcd.virginia.gov or 804.371.7029.

Become a Certified Supervisor



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The Virginia Association of Counties, in partnership with Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension, offers Virginia's county supervisors an opportunity to enhance their capacity to effectively and efficiently lead their respective counties by participating in the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program.

Since its inception in 2005, 70 supervisors representing more than 40 counties spanning from Bath County and Highland County in the west to Stafford County and Richmond County in the east have completed the training program and have earned their credentials as a certified county supervisor. Of greater importance, each supervisor has gained the insight, perspective and confidence needed to address the issues and opportunities that constitute the governance challenge in the 21st century.

The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program, originally designed by a cross-section of county supervisors and appointed officials in 2005 and subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed in 2009, features a five course curriculum. The format used with each course is designed to maximize learning and student engagement. Each course begins with a six-hour classroom session that is topically driven and reflective of the subject matter being covered. Following the classroom session is an eight-week home study session. Each course participant is assigned relevant articles and books, and completes assignments drawn from the readings on a weekly basis. One or more essays are also assigned during this portion of the course. The third and final course component of each course is a concluding six-hour classroom session.

A variety of topics are discussed during the closing session including a review of the books read and the assignments completed by each class member. Each course is designed to provide the participant with a solid understanding of the subject or topic being examined. Faculty from Virginia Tech and Virginia Cooperative Extension, VACo staff and local government practitioners from across the state serve as the program's core faculty. Each course is designed to address fundamental learning objectives which, in turn, challenge traditional thinking while highlighting best practices models that can enhance governance at the local level.

Governance in the 21st Century The Role of Leadership

Managing While Leading

Understanding Your Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities

Opening Session | June 1 | Albemarle County

Opening Session | September 7 | Albemarle County

Closing Session | August 3 | VACo Training Center

Closing Session | November 2 | VACo Training Center

Registration Deadline | May 16

Registration Deadline | August 20

[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#)



Register now! Schedule available for NACo's Annual Conference

The [NACo Annual Conference & Exposition](#), July 13–16, is the largest meeting of county elected officials and staff from across the country. Participants from counties of every size unite to shape NACo's federal policy agenda and exchange proven practices to improve residents' lives, maximize the efficiency of county government and hone leadership skills for the future.

REGISTER TODAY! Early-bird rates expire May 31st.

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**Wednesday, May 23, 2018
Greater Richmond Convention Center**

Networking Registration: 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Program: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Business leaders and policy makers will discuss energy's role
in a competitive Commonwealth.

[VIEW THE AGENDA](#)

REGISTER NOW

Registration Fee: \$125

PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

The Role of Sustainable Infrastructure in Corporate Strategy

Panelists will discuss the current landscape and future trends in corporate sustainability and infrastructure development and how these efforts play a critical role in enhancing economic competitiveness in the Commonwealth.

Diverse Energy Production for Economic Development and Job Growth

Members of Virginia's business community will offer their perspective for incorporation into Virginia's Energy Plan with a focus on areas that will promote job growth, competitive rates, and environmental protection.

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON REMARKS

Cybersecurity and The Energy Grid

Renee Forney, Senior Director of Cyber Assurance, Capital One

Rodney Blevins, Chief Information Officer, Dominion Energy

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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).



**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR** | James City County
| Posted May 17



**COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR** | Charlotte County
| Posted May 15



**LIBRARY BRANCH
MANAGER** | Montgomery - Floyd
Counties | Posted May 15



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
| Greater Williamsburg Partnership
| Posted May 14



**POLICE CHIEF PROFILE
DUTIES** | Town of Warrenton | Posted
May 14



**HUMAN RESOURCES
GENERALIST** | Goochland County |
Posted May 14



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