

Virginia Association of Counties

2018 Annual Conference Agenda



Saturday, November 10

11 a.m. VACo Annual Golf Tournament | Old Golf Course
(Ticketed Event)

Beverage Cart Sponsored by AP Group and Aflac

WELCOME: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and
Supervisor, King and Queen County

**Portable Outdoor Heater at Golf Tournament
Opening Remarks Sponsored by Southeast VAL6**

5 p.m. Budget Committee | Wilson

5 p.m. VACORP Board of Directors | Lexington

Sunday, November 11

7:30 a.m. Nondenominational Worship Service | Chesapeake

- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Exhibitor Setup | Grand Ballroom and Colonnade
- 9 a.m.** VACo Board of Directors | Dominion
- 10 a.m.** VACORP Business Meeting | Crystal and Empire
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.** Annual Conference Registration | Mount Vernon Foyer
Lanyards and WIFI Sponsored by Aetna
- 1 – 4:15 p.m.** Sunday Afternoon Coffee Break | MV/ST Rotunda |
Sponsored by the Virginia Housing Development Authority
- 1 – 2:30 p.m.** Steering Committee Meetings
- Economic Development and Planning | Piedmont
 - Education | Mount Vernon and Stratford
 - Environment and Agriculture | Blue Ridge
 - Health and Human Resources | Mount Vernon
- 2 – 5 p.m.** Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments | Exhibit Hall | **Sponsored by Moseley Architects**
- 2 – 5:30 p.m.** Exhibit Hall Opens | Grand Ballroom and Colonnade
- 2:45 – 4:15 p.m.** Steering Committee Meetings
- Finance | Mount Vernon
 - General Government | Blue Ridge
 - Transportation | Stratford
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on VACo Board of Directors
- Region 1 | Blue Ridge
 - Region 3 | Wilson
 - Region 5 | Mount Vernon
 - Region 6 | Appalachian

- Region 7 | Stratford
- Region 8 | Tower Suite
- Region 11 | Madison
- Region 12 | Piedmont

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Opening Reception | Crystal and Empire | **Sponsored by Dominion Energy**

6:30 p.m. VACo Annual Banquet | Regency Ballroom
(Must present Banquet ticket to attend)

PRESIDING: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and
Supervisor, King and Queen County

WELCOME: **Ashton N. Harrison**, County
Administrator, Bath County

INVOCATION: The Honorable **Judy Lyttle**,
Supervisor, Surry County

PRESENTATION: Top 3 Achievement Awards to
Pittsylvania County, Chesterfield County, and Isle
of Wight County

8:30 p.m. VACo Dessert Social | Commonwealth Room |
**Sponsored by the Virginia Housing Development
Authority**

9 p.m. Sponsor Hospitality | Downtime | **Sponsored by Cypress
Creek Renewables**

Monday, November 12

7:15 a.m. Resolutions Committee | Dominion

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Annual Conference Registration | Mount Vernon Foyer

8:15 a.m. Monday Morning Coffee Break | Exhibit Hall |
Sponsored by Aqua Virginia

8:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens | Grand Ballroom and Colonnade

8:30 a.m. **OPENING GENERAL SESSION** | Regency Ballroom

PRESIDING: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and
Supervisor, King and Queen County

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: Police
Department Color Guard, Roanoke County

• **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** •

The Honorable **Ralph Northam**, Governor,
Commonwealth of Virginia

Steven J. Combs, Deputy Commissioner,
Department of Veterans Services,
Commonwealth of Virginia

10 – 11:15 a.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

STATE BUDGET PREVIEW | Stratford

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Ashley Chriscoe**,
Vice-Chair, Gloucester County

SPEAKER: James J. Regimbal, Jr., Principal, Fiscal
Analytics

Key policy issues before the 2019 General
Assembly will have major effects on state and

local budgets, from school capital needs and economic development to foster care and mental health. This session offers analysis of where the state budget is now and a preview of where it may be headed next year.

STATE AND LOCAL ASSETS IN TRANSPORTATION |

Mount Vernon

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Wayne T. Hazzard**, Supervisor, Hanover County

SPEAKER: The Honorable **Shannon R. Valentine**, Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia

Virginia's roads, rails, shipping and airways play a critical role moving commerce and people. This session will provide an overview of how these valuable assets are funded, constructed and maintained and how counties can partner with state agencies to build a successful transportation network.

GOVERNOR'S PLAN FOR BROADBAND |

Piedmont

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Charles A. Stacy**, Supervisor, Tazewell County

SPEAKER: **Evan Feinman**, Executive Director, Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, and Chief Broadband Advisor, Commonwealth of Virginia

The Northam administration has launched an initiative to provide high speed internet

access to all Virginia households and businesses within 10 years or sooner. This session will provide an update on these efforts and the role that counties will play in partnering with state agencies and the private sector to reach this goal.

TAX COMPETITIVENESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | Blue Ridge

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Paul D. Trampe**, Vice-Chairperson, Spotsylvania County

SPEAKER: Stephen Moret, President and CEO, Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Telling Virginia's story is critically important in recruiting new prospects and encouraging additional investments by existing businesses. Join a key economic development leader for a discussion about how Virginia can succeed in a competitive global economy.

SMART TECHNOLOGIES ON VIRGINIA'S POWER GRID | Appalachian | **Sponsored by Dominion Energy**

SPEAKER: Joe Woomer, Vice President Grid and Technical Solutions, Dominion Energy

With the passage of the Grid Transformation & Security Act during the 2018 General Assembly, Dominion Energy is set to invest approximately \$450 million installing more than 2 million smart meters in homes and businesses. This session will explore how this new technology will result in a more energy efficient

and reliable electric grid that will integrate distributed renewable energy sources and electric vehicle charging stations.

11:30 a.m. -
12:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SCHOOL SECURITY | Stratford

MODERATOR AND SPEAKER: The Honorable **Meg Bohmke**, Chairman, Stafford County

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **R. Steven Landes**, 25th House District; The Honorable **Sharon S. Bulova**, Chairman, Fairfax County

Protecting Virginia's students from harm and promoting a positive, caring school atmosphere are major goals for state and local leaders. This session will provide information on policy discussions at the state level as well as local efforts to ensure that children are safe at school and cultivate a supportive learning environment.

2019 TAX POLICY ISSUES: TOWARD A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD? | Mount Vernon

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Jeffrey C. McKay**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.**, 24th Senate District; The Honorable **R. Lee Ware**, 65th House District

How will Virginia respond to changes in federal tax policy? How will the Supreme Court's ruling on collection of sales and use taxes from

remote sellers affect state and local budgets? How can the state's tax structure be modernized to enable all local governments to generate necessary revenues? This session is a chance to hear from legislative leaders on important tax policy questions facing the 2019 General Assembly.

UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR – LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS | Piedmont

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Susan B. Seward**, Chairman, Sussex County

SPEAKERS: **Darren K. Coffey**, CEO, Berkley Group; **Tyson Utt**, Vice President of Development, Apex Clean Energy

Utility-scale solar energy (USSE) projects are growing in size and number across the Commonwealth. Unlike a traditional electric generating facility, they are land intensive, measuring in the thousands of acres and even square miles. This session will explore the potential land use impacts and local revenue implications of this emerging energy production market on Virginia's counties.

SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS | Appalachian

MODERATOR: **Dr. Sheryl Bailey**, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated

SPEAKERS: **Mark Moore**, Director of Parks and Recreation, Pittsylvania County; **Debbie Dugger**,

Director, Chesterfield County Adolescent Reporting Program, and **Shenika Carlos**, Senior Mental Health Clinician, Chesterfield County Detention; **Tory L. Rowland**, Capital Projects Engineer, Isle of Wight County; **Darren Jones**, GIS Analyst I, Roanoke County

An important objective of the VACo Achievement Awards Program is to celebrate innovative and smart solutions to challenges in our counties. This session shares the creative work from county leadership and staff as Achievement Award winners tell their stories on how they overcame challenges.

LINE OF DUTY ACT CHANGES AND STRATEGIES FOR LONG-TERM COST SAVINGS | Blue Ridge |
Sponsored by VACORP

SPEAKERS: **Chris Carey**, Administrator, VACORP; and **David Brooks**, Deputy Administrator, VACORP

As the largest provider of Workers' Compensation and Line of Duty Act coverage for Virginia counties, VACORP has the knowledge and analytics to help counties reduce LODA risks, which will save your county money over time. This session will review recent changes to the Act, offer best practices strategies to provide appropriate guidance and coverage for your volunteers, and present long-term cost saving information while positioning your county to be prepared for LODA claims.

12:45 p.m.

Deli Lunch | Exhibit Hall
Sponsored by SunTrust

WELCOME: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and
Supervisor, King and Queen County

12:45 p.m. VLGMA Luncheon | Crystal and Empire
(Must have ticket to attend)

MODERATOR: Joseph P. Casey, VLGMA President,
and County Administrator, Chesterfield County

SPEAKER: Bill T. Bolling, Senior Fellow in Residence
for Public Service, James Madison University, and
former Lieutenant Governor, Commonwealth of
Virginia

The VLGMA Luncheon is a ticketed event
for county managers and key members of their
management teams. You can sign up for this \$55
event on VACo's online system or fill out the
registration form.

1 p.m. Credentials Committee | Monroe

1:45 p.m. VACo Mini Drawing | Exhibit Hall

2 p.m. Commonwealth of Opportunities: Preparing Counties
for the Future | Free Time in the Exhibit Hall
Exhibit Hall Lounge Sponsored by AP Group and Aflac

Take this opportunity to network and speak with
our exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall.

2 p.m. Monday Afternoon Break | Exhibit Hall | **Sponsored by
the Virginia Housing Development Authority**

2:30 p.m. Exhibitor Drawing | Exhibit Hall

WELCOME: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**,
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and
Supervisor, King and Queen County

2:45 - 4 p.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**ELECTED OFFICIAL TO ELECTED OFFICIAL: HOW
TO ADVOCATE** | Stratford

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, 1st
House District; The Honorable **Robert M. Thomas**,
28th House District

The state-local partnership is vitally
important for the success of all counties. Join
legislative leaders for a conversation about how
you can make the best case for your county with
members of the General Assembly.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: SKILLS FOR
TOMORROW** | Mount Vernon

MODERATOR: The Honorable **K. Adam Kidd**,
Chairman, Bland County

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **Frank M. Ruff, Jr.**, 15th
Senate District; The Honorable **David L. Bulova**,
37th House District; **Dr. Craig Herndon**, Vice
Chancellor for Workforce Development, Virginia's
Community Colleges

Virginia's economy needs a workforce
trained to compete in the industries of today.
Yet, while many workers in the Commonwealth
are willing to fill empty positions, they do not
always possess the skills and certifications
necessary for success. This session will discuss how

new programs are allowing Virginians to gain the training they need to meet current market demands and raise their income level.

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE: INNOVATION AND GROWTH | Piedmont

MODERATOR: The Honorable **William B. Kyger**, Supervisor, Rockingham County

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **Bettina K. Ring**, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Commonwealth of Virginia; **Susan Sink**, Owner and Operator, Sinkland Farms, Montgomery County

Agriculture is Virginia's largest private sector industry, providing over 334,000 jobs and \$70 billion to the Commonwealth. All of Virginia, therefore, should be invested in the success of this industry. This session will explore the future of Virginia's agriculture industry, discuss examples of innovation and creativity, and review new opportunities for growth.

CURRENT ISSUES IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES | Blue Ridge

MODERATOR: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, King and Queen County

SPEAKERS: The Honorable **R. Creigh Deeds**, 25th Senate District; The Honorable **Barbara A. Favola**, 31st Senate District

New funding structures, a new understanding of the developing brain, and a new emphasis on trauma-informed care are all under discussion as policymakers examine Virginia's human services systems. This session is an opportunity to learn from legislators who have worked extensively on human services issues, including services for youth and major changes to the state's behavioral health system.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY WELLNESS MODEL |
Chesapeake | **Sponsored by Aetna**

SPEAKER: Dr. Sunil Budhrani, MD, MPH, MBA, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Informatics Officer, Aetna | Innovation Health

Aetna's Multi-Disciplinary Wellness Model utilizes 360° approach to wellness emphasizing the importance of clinical coordination, population health and risk management to benefit members and employers. Find out how you can implement these tools in your community to create a healthier and happier county!

2:45 - 3:55 p.m. SPECIAL SESSION

COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS: HOW CHANGE IMPACTS PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

| Dominion

SPEAKERS: Dr. Mike Chandler, Professor Emeritus, Virginia Tech University; **Dr. Martha A. Walker**, Extension Community Viability Specialist, Virginia Cooperative Extension

This session will examine the multiple impacts change produces in a community and whether the change can be assessed as positive, negative, or neutral. The session will also explore ways local leaders can position their county to prepare for change and forecast the impact the change will have on their community's well-being. This session will be interactive and it will highlight localities who have successfully mixed local leadership with prudent planning and citizen engagement resulting in a positive community transition.

- 4 p.m.** High Growth Coalition | Dominion
- 4 p.m.** Rural Caucus | Stratford
- 4 p.m.** Nominating Committee | Appalachian
- 5:45 – 7 p.m.** President's Reception | Crystal and Empire |
Sponsored by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates

Tuesday, November 13

- 8:45 a.m.** Tuesday Morning Coffee Break | Regency Ballroom Foyer |
Sponsored by the Virginia Housing Development Authority
- 9 a.m.** **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** | Regency Ballroom

PRESIDING: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, King and Queen County

Adoption of Legislative Program

Election of New VACo President and Officers

10:30 a.m. CLOSING GENERAL SESSION | Regency Ballroom

• GO GREEN AWARDS CEREMONY •

VACo recognizes counties that have achieved "Green Government" certification in 2018

• VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' GRADUATION •

VACo will honor graduates who have completed the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program

• KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

Dr. Robert Holsworth, DecideSmart, LLC

Important federal elections will be decided before VACo's Annual Conference. Dr. Holsworth will give his smart and stylish analysis on their implications to Virginia.

NOON

ADJOURNMENT/CHECK OUT