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## FCC rule preempts local authority to regulate wireless facilities and mandates discounted fees for use of rights-of-way



On September 26, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), voted 3 to 1 to issue an [order](#) to limit local land use authority for the siting and appearance of small wireless facilities. The FCC definition of “small wireless facility” is any support structure 50 feet or less in height with attached antennas where individual antennas occupy no more than 3 cubic feet of volume. It also includes an additional 28 cubic feet in volume per each antenna attached to a structure.

Additionally, the new rule effectively gives away the market value of publicly-owned assets (rights-of-way) by severely limiting the annual rents that may be charged for each structure.

This National Association of Counties [blog](#) provides a summary of the 99-page FCC order’s effect on state and local government authority. It is important to note that the order explicitly supersedes state laws, and therefore grants further concessions to the wireless industry than were enacted by the Virginia General Assembly during the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

Here’s what Virginia Counties need to know:

- Legal challenges to the order will be filed;
- The new rule places additional restrictions on what counties may charge for the review of applications;
- FCC limits on application review times are reduced to 60 days for antenna attachments to existing facilities and 90 days for new structures;
- The preemption of state law means that any existing requirements for undergrounding of wireless facilities, per approved comprehensive plans, will no longer be enforceable;
- VDOT will now only be allowed to charge \$270 per year for a 50-foot structure. This preempts current Virginia law that prescribes a \$1,000 per year “right-of-way use fee” that is allocated to highway maintenance funding;
- Boards of Supervisors will be prevented from negotiating the fair market value of county-owned real estate within the VDOT secondary road system; and
- While the stated purpose of the rule is to accelerate broadband deployment for 5G (5<sup>th</sup> generation) wireless technology, Virginia’s Chief Broadband Advisor recently testified before the Virginia House Appropriations Committee that 5G “is not going to solve the rural broadband problem” and “it is not even going to solve the suburban broadband problem.” He also stated that cellular service, while related, is not broadband, and that 5G will be limited only to areas where you already have good service for people who can afford to “pay for pretty expensive transmission equipment reflected in their bills.”

The order becomes effective 90 days after publication in the Federal Register. VACo will continue to provide updates on legal challenges that may result in any delays or suspension of the FCC action.

VACo Contact: [Joe Lerch, AICP](#)

**1207 to the 95 Blog****School Safety in Virginia****Part 2. Virginia's policies, methods, and protocols**

Over the last several years, Virginians, along with the rest of the nation, have expressed a renewed interest in school safety. Understanding the importance of safe learning environments to all community members, VACo will address this issue with a *1207 to the 95* series that will examine key components of the school safety discussion.

As always, keep in mind that VACo is not endorsing the content or opinion linked here, but simply sharing information and resources. Today's post will review the origins of the current school safety debate and discuss federal efforts to address the issue.

**VACo Contact:** [Angela Inglett](#)

Read 1207 to the 95 Blog

# Body-Worn Camera Workgroup Begins Discussions



A workgroup convened by the Compensation Board held its first meeting last week to begin discussions about the effects of body-worn camera deployment on Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. Language in the 2018 Appropriations Act directed the workgroup to "investigate how body-worn cameras have or may continue to impact the workloads experienced by Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices...and to develop recommended budgetary and legislative actions for consideration during the 2019 Session of the General Assembly." This directive was an alternative proposal to language included in the Senate budget that would have mandated that localities fund new Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys positions at a prescribed ratio based on the number of cameras in use by patrol officers. Local governments expressed significant opposition to the proposed staffing mandate during the session, and the language directing the study was adopted as a compromise.

Local governments have several representatives on the workgroup, which also includes Commonwealth's Attorneys, a member of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, the Ethics Counsel for the Virginia State Bar, and representatives of Sheriffs' offices, local police departments, and the Virginia State Police. At the first meeting, Commonwealth's Attorneys described what they view as a significant increase in workload generated by prosecutors' duty to review all footage from body-worn cameras that may be introduced as evidence or may be exculpatory for the defense. In their view, a case, such as a short traffic stop, that in the past may have generated a short written police report, may now require the prosecutor to watch several hours' worth of footage, if several officers wearing cameras all responded to the scene. Prosecutors also discussed new rules regarding criminal discovery that have been promulgated by the Supreme Court of Virginia that are expected to affect workloads in their offices; these rules have been delayed until July 1, 2019, to allow the body-worn camera working group to complete its report and the General Assembly to consider the financial implications of both issues.

Local government representatives explained that the proposed staffing mandate in the Senate budget was a one-size-fits-all solution that did not take into account the considerable local financial contributions already made to Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, or the collaboration already taking place between many localities and their prosecutors' offices in the decision to implement body-worn cameras. The state has not fully funded staffing in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices in accordance with the Compensation Board's staffing standards in approximately 10 years, leaving localities to provide funding for supplemental positions, in addition to compensation supplements provided by localities to make salaries more competitive. Local government representatives pointed out that communities are increasingly expecting that law enforcement will be using cameras, a view that was echoed by law enforcement representatives.

Future meetings are expected to feature more discussion about how the additional workload for prosecutors can be quantified, as well as best practices on use of the cameras (such as when cameras are turned on and off). Prosecutors requested that the Compensation Board provide data on the potential effects of including misdemeanor cases in staffing standard calculations (currently, staffing standards are based on felony prosecutions, but some offices prosecute both types of offenses). The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, with a final meeting scheduled for November 2 and a report due to the "money committee" chairs by December 1.



## Go Green Awards Deadline Extended to October 12

Given the high level of participation and submissions, as well as the number of questions we've received, the deadline for VACo members to submit their scores for the 2018 Green Government Challenge has been extended by one week to October 12, 2018. The Challenge is a friendly competition designed to encourage implementation of specific policies and practical actions to protect the environment and promote conservation and energy efficiency by local governments and the broader communities they serve.

The 2018 Go Green Challenge has 97 categories for which applicants can earn points, the highest level ever and up from 73 categories last year. Localities who earn 100 points or more will earn a 2018 Go Green Award and will be honored at the 84<sup>th</sup> VACo Annual Conference, this year held November 11-13 at the Omni Homestead in Bath County, Virginia.

Last year, VACo awarded seven counties with Go Green Awards: Albemarle County, Arlington County, Chesterfield County, Henrico County, James City County, Louisa County, and Prince George County.

A full list of winning localities can be found below:

- Albemarle County (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Arlington County (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Chesterfield County (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Clarke County (2011)
- Culpeper County (2011)
- Fairfax County (2009, 2010)
- Franklin County (2009)
- Frederick County (2011, 2013)
- Gloucester County (2010)
- Hanover County (2009, 2010, 2011)
- Henrico County (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017)
- James City County (2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Loudoun County (2009, 2010, 2012)
- Louisa County (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Prince George County (2016, 2017)
- Prince William County (2009, 2012)
- Roanoke County (2009, 2010, 2011)
- York County (2009, 2013, 2014, 2016)



For more information and to register for the challenge, please visit [www.gogreenva.org](http://www.gogreenva.org). If you have any questions, please contact Chris McDonald, VACo's Director of Government Relations, at [cmcdonald@vaco.org](mailto:cmcdonald@vaco.org).

### **Proposed Children's Services Act Policy Open for Public Comment**

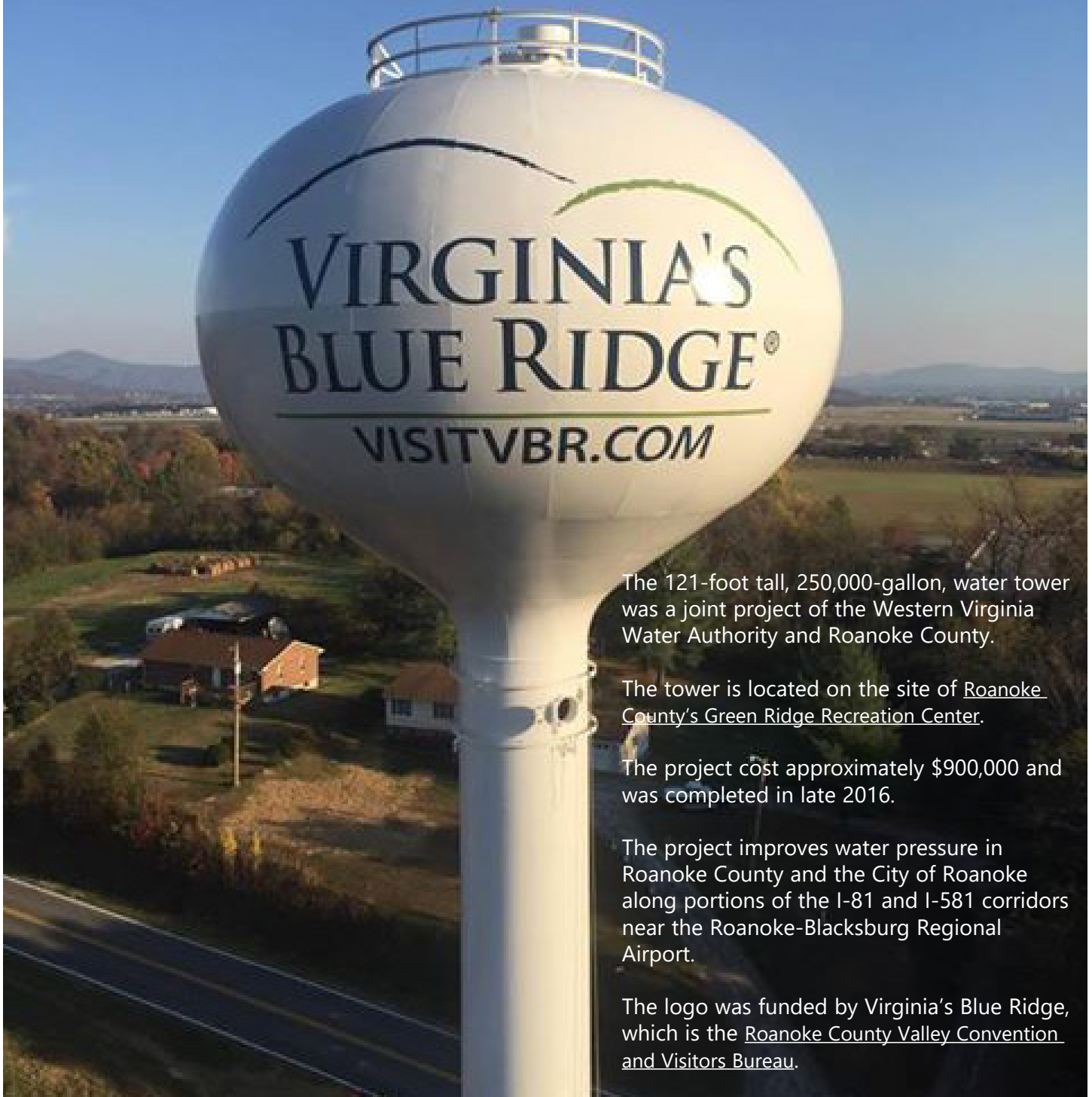
On September 20, the State Executive Council approved a 60-day public comment period on a [proposed consolidated policy](#) regarding the use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS), which is the designated uniform assessment instrument required to be administered in order for a child to be eligible for Children's Services Act-funded services. Details regarding the use of CANS are currently provided in guidance documents; the proposal would consolidate this guidance into a policy.

The 60-day public comment period began on Monday, September 24, and closes on Friday, November 26, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Comments will be accepted through the Policy Public Comments Form on the CSA website ([csa.virginia.gov](http://csa.virginia.gov), under "Applications"), via e-mail to [csa.office@csa.virginia.gov](mailto:csa.office@csa.virginia.gov) (please use the subject line "Policy 3.6 Public Comment"), or via U.S. mail or alternate courier service to: Office of Children's Services, 1604 Santa Rosa Rd, Suite 137, Richmond, VA 23229, ATTN: Policy 3.6 Public Comment.

**VACo Contact:** [Katie Boyle](#)

# Visit Roanoke County and the Virginia's Blue Ridge Water Tower



The 121-foot tall, 250,000-gallon, water tower was a joint project of the Western Virginia Water Authority and Roanoke County.

The tower is located on the site of Roanoke County's Green Ridge Recreation Center.

The project cost approximately \$900,000 and was completed in late 2016.

The project improves water pressure in Roanoke County and the City of Roanoke along portions of the I-81 and I-581 corridors near the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport.

The logo was funded by Virginia's Blue Ridge, which is the Roanoke County Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau.



## Mark Your Calendars



# VACo's 84TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

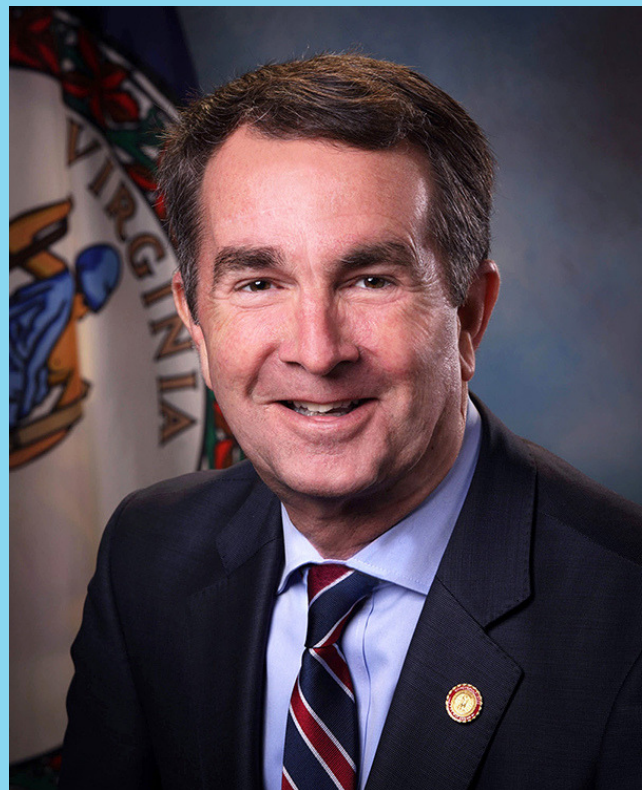
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TODAY**

November 11-13 | The Omni Homestead | Bath County

## Governor Ralph Northam confirmed as speaker

VACo has also confirmed numerous high-profile government officials to speak at the Annual Conference. Political Analyst Bob Holsworth joins the all-star cast to give his take on the federal elections.

Senator Creigh Deeds  
Senator Barbara Favola  
Senator Emmett Hanger  
Senator Frank Ruff  
Delegate David Bulova  
Delegate Terry Kilgore  
Delegate Steven Landes  
Delegate Bob Thomas  
Delegate Lee Ware  
Secretary Bettina Ring  
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[Annual Conference Preliminary Agenda](#)

# VACo and Enterprise Fleet Management enter new sponsorship

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October 5, 2018

Dear County Administrator,

We are excited to announce a new VACo sponsorship with Enterprise Fleet Management. In working with Enterprise, we are seeking to provide counties with solutions as you strive to deliver first-rate community services with increasingly scarce resources. County leaders are challenged to find creative ways to do more with less, while maintaining high standards of quality. This is where Enterprise Fleet Management can step in and assist.

Enterprise Fleet Management partners with hundreds of local government agencies across the country to improve fleet performance while reducing costs. As a result, those cost savings can be used to better serve the citizens you represent locally. Additionally, Enterprise Fleet Management helps government agencies improve fuel efficiency, increase productivity and reduce overall fleet size by identifying and minimizing fleet surpluses.

Enterprise Fleet Management is a privately-held, full-service fleet management business for companies, government agencies and organizations operating medium-sized fleets of 20 or more vehicles, as well as those seeking an alternative to employee reimbursement programs. With more than 50 fully staffed offices in the United States and Canada (including a local office in Virginia), the Enterprise Fleet Management team's expertise covers the full spectrum of a vehicle's lifecycle, including acquisition, registration, maintenance, use reporting, fuel card programs and remarketing, as well as fleet analysis and optimization.

We welcome the opportunity to work with Enterprise Fleet Management on behalf of Virginia's counties as each county budget and county fleet needs are different. For more information, contact Eddy Simon, Enterprise Fleet Management Account Executive, at [Eddy.R.Simon@efleets.com](mailto:Eddy.R.Simon@efleets.com).

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## Aetna's Guardian Angel opioids program reaching members at critical time



Health care should be personal, and it should help us during our most vulnerable, difficult times. There are few instances when this type of support is more necessary than when people end up in the emergency room because of a problem they can't control any more.

Unfortunately, we are seeing this scene play out more and more frequently across the country. Emergency department visits for opioid overdoses rose 30 percent in all parts of the United States from July 2016 to September 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In order to address one of the biggest public health issues of this generation, we don't just need to do more – we need to think differently about how to solve this problem. We have to connect with people during the times that they are most receptive to help, such as after an overdose.

Aetna recently launched the **Guardian Angel** program, which is intended to reach our members during this critical time. As soon as we learn that a member has had an opioid-related overdose, a specially-trained case manager – a registered nurse that used to work in an addiction unit and is a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor – reaches out to educate that person on treatment options in their area. While our nurse case manager can refer the member to a local health care provider, they can also provide access to nearby social support services. More than anything else, they can serve as a lifeline for members and their families.

We are hearing stories of people starting on a road to recovery. Some examples:

- A 22-year-old woman from Colorado who had two overdoses on fentanyl-laced heroin, now attending group therapy five times a week.
- A 63-year-old woman from Ohio who has battled a painkiller addiction for more than a decade, agreeing to start treatment and connect with local health care specialists.
- A 38-year-old man from Missouri – a single father with a nine-year-old daughter – who asked our nurse case manager about starting on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) immediately.

While these stories are encouraging, we understand that they are just a small step, and that we need to work with all parts of the health care system to address this epidemic.

**Article Written by Mark T. Bertolini | Chairman and CEO | Aetna**





**Please join us in Charlottesville as the Virginia Cavaliers take on the Miami Hurricanes!**

Please review the information before you RSVP:

- Each family is limited to four tickets, on a first come, first serve basis
- Please include the name of the person picking up the tickets
- Tickets will be distributed at the East Will Call
- RSVP will end Tuesday, October 9 at 5 p.m.

**When:** Saturday, October 13  
Kickoff Time: 7 p.m.

**Where:** Aetna Hospitality Tent located at the AFC Patio across from stadium  
Specific direction & parking detail will be provided with ticket confirmation  
Food and beverages provided at Aetna Hospitality Tent

If you have any questions, please contact Jenni Kim at 410-596-0391 or [KimJ5@aetna.com](mailto:KimJ5@aetna.com).

**[RSVP here](#)**

# 2018 Presidential Initiative: Healthy Virginia Counties in Action



By Sherrin Alsop | VACo President

## Spotlight on Economic Health

Throughout our explorations of various elements of community health – nutrition, physical activity, mental health, early childhood – financial well-being has been an ever-present factor, underlying questions of access to nutritious food, safe areas to exercise, mental health treatment, and high-quality pre-kindergarten programs. A maxim entering common circulation in the public health field is that your ZIP code may be a better predictor of your health outcomes than your genetic code, and of course there is considerable variation in wealth among ZIP codes, for many complex reasons. Poverty is a complicated issue and this column will only be able to scratch the surface, but my hope is that it provides some baseline information about poverty in Virginia. In my next column, I'll be sharing some success stories from counties that are working to create economically vibrant communities.

### **How is poverty defined?**

The Census Bureau uses [a set of thresholds](#) to define poverty based on money income before taxes, such as wages, Social Security payments, pensions, or public assistance (but excluding non-cash assistance such as Medicaid or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Payment benefits). This threshold varies by the age of the householder (younger or older than 65) and the number of children in the household. For example, the poverty threshold for a household of three, including one child under 18, would be \$19,730. The poverty threshold for one person younger than 65 would be \$12,752. These thresholds are updated annually to reflect inflation based on the Consumer Price Index, but are not tailored to reflect geographical variations in cost of living. In fact, the Census Bureau cautions that the thresholds are “intended for use as a statistical yardstick, not as a complete description of what people and families need to live.”

### **How is Virginia doing?**

Virginia is generally considered to be a relatively wealthy state; the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission's annual publication, [Virginia Compared to the Other States](#), most recently [ranked](#) Virginia 12<sup>th</sup> in per capita personal income. Virginia's unemployment rate is low at 3 percent, [as recently announced by Governor Northam](#). Recent Census Bureau statistics [showed](#) Virginia's 2017 poverty rate at 10.6 percent, the 11<sup>th</sup>-lowest rate among states. However, this overall

strong showing masks variation within the state geographically, with some localities' poverty rates much lower and others much higher. Similarly, poverty rates within the state vary among demographic categories; the poverty rate among white Virginians is 8.5 percent, while the rate is 17.9 percent for African-American Virginians and 13.7 percent for Virginians of Hispanic or Latino origin. The same set of statistics reports an overall child poverty rate of 14 percent in Virginia. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation breaks this measure down by locality and then by demographic within each locality; 2016 breakdowns are available at [this link](#).

As the Census Bureau noted, the federal poverty thresholds do not tell the entire story of financial health for families. The [United Way's ALICE Project](#) is an attempt to quantify the number of "working poor" households in communities; ALICE stands for "Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed," and represents households earning income above the federal poverty threshold, but not enough to cover basic necessities such as housing, child care, and health care. The [Virginia ALICE report](#) concludes that 28 percent of Virginia households fell into this category in 2015, in addition to the 11 percent whose incomes fell below the traditional federal measure of poverty. The researchers generated these figures by developing a "Household Survival Budget" for each locality that estimates costs for housing, child care, food, transportation, and health care, and determining how many households earn incomes below that threshold (both for households headed by someone younger than 65 and for someone 65 or older).

The Virginia Department of Health's [Plan for Well-Being](#) places economic health at the top of its list of goals for the state. "Virginia's families maintain economic stability" is the first goal under the broad aim of "Healthy, Connected Communities," and this goal is to be measured in four ways: an increase in the percentage of high school graduates enrolled in an institution of higher education within 16 months after graduation; a decrease in the percentage of cost-burdened households (those spending more than 30 percent of monthly income on housing); an increase in the Consumer Opportunity Profile (a measure of housing and transportation affordability, education, and access to food and other material needs) and an increase in the Economic Opportunity Profile (which measures employment levels and income inequality). The [most recent update on this goal](#) indicated that Virginia has met its targets for increases in the Consumer and Economic Opportunity Profiles, held steady from 2017 to 2018 on higher education enrollment, and backslid slightly on housing cost burdens.

#### **What is the state doing to improve economic stability for Virginians?**

Economic development is a top priority for each Administration, and state leadership is constantly working to recruit new businesses and encourage existing businesses to expand. Counties are key partners in these efforts, as businesses are often seeking quality-of-life elements, such as top-flight K-12 systems and safe neighborhoods, to which localities are major contributors. Counties also seek out new businesses, help to support existing industries, promote tourism, and encourage entrepreneurship through support of business incubators and other efforts.

Income support programs, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), help families meet basic needs. Most of these programs are funded through federal dollars, though some require a state match or a maintenance of effort, and the state contributes administrative funds for program staff. Eligibility determinations are generally performed at local departments of social services, and local governments supply a match for program staff. Many localities also make contributions above and beyond the required match.

Another critical aspect of combatting poverty is equipping workers with the skills they need to secure a job that pays a living wage. State and local leaders have increasingly recognized the importance of family-supporting jobs that do not require a bachelor's degree, but do require some form of post-secondary education. Legislation that passed in 2016 created the New Economy Workforce Credential Grant Program, which helps to pay for students to earn workforce credentials, such as certifications or licenses, without the need for them to enroll in credit-bearing courses. The program, implemented as "[Fast Forward Virginia](#)," recently [marked the awarding of its 10,000<sup>th</sup> credential](#), with the recipient moving from work as a laborer in a scrap metal yard to a 40 percent increase in pay in an advanced manufacturing job. VACo supported the creation of this program in 2016, and is excited to host a session on workforce development, including Fast Forward Virginia, at the upcoming Annual Conference.

Counties across Virginia are rising to the challenge of building economically resilient communities, and I look forward to showcasing some of these efforts later this month.



# GRAYSON COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



## Broadband Network Project

Grayson County, Virginia ("County") seeks a qualified private partner ("Vendor") to construct, deploy, maintain, own and operate a "fee-for-service" broadband network to provide Internet Service to underserved areas throughout the County with the goal to serve as many as possible of the more than 5,222 unserved/underserved homes and businesses.

Grayson County, through The Wired Road, will assist with funding, permitting and infrastructure. The deadline for receipt of response is December 1, 2018, at 5pm. A complete copy of the RFP may be obtained from Linda Osborne at [losborne@graysoncountyva.gov](mailto:losborne@graysoncountyva.gov).

Grayson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Voting credentials for the November 2018 VACo Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for 9 a.m. on November 13, have been sent to each county.

Please return these at your earliest convenience. You may email the credentials form back to VACo or fax it to 804.788.0083.

If you have questions or need a copy, please contact Vicky Steinruck ([vsteinruck@vaco.org](mailto:vsteinruck@vaco.org)) or Valerie Russell ([vrussell@vaco.org](mailto:vrussell@vaco.org)).

# The Homestead 2018 Annual Conference Message



## Valued Homestead Guest,

We look forward to welcoming you back to The Homestead for the annual VACo conference!

To ensure a smooth and efficient arrival and departure for you, we would like to confirm a few details of your reservation.

- A. Cancellations and changes need to be made prior to November 1 to avoid cancellation fees or loss of your deposit. Please check the details of your confirmation to ensure your stay is set, based on your needs. Changes to your reservation after November 1 (shortening your stay, not arriving on your scheduled arrival day, departing early, or full cancel) will result in loss of your deposit.
- B. Split billing requests should be requested prior to arrival. (IE. If you have more than one guest in the room and require the bill to be split between personal/county charges. Split billing is not required if all guests in the room can have the full VACo package rate charged to the same credit card)
- C. Pre-authorization of payment (Utilizing your county card for payment, without having it on property)

If you need to make any changes to your existing reservation or have special billing requirements, please contact Cheryl Walton as soon as possible at 1.540.839.3735. Having this information in advance will expedite both your arrival and departure experience, not only for yourself, but also for all VACo attendees.

If you will not have the card with you to provide at check in, you will need to complete a pre-authorizing form, by following this link - <https://ssl.omnihotels.com/Omni?pagedst=CCAuth1>. **Please have this form submitted no later than October 22.**

Please note that effective September 1, we had an increase to our occupancy tax. The full tax rate on your reservation is now 14.3 percent.

Again, we look forward to welcoming you to The Homestead.



# VACo Presents Achievement Awards at Board of Supervisors Meetings



Congratulations to Isle of Wight County (top left), York County (top right), Henrico County (center), Hanover County (bottom left), and Albemarle County.





## Henrico officials, governor announce major expansion of Facebook data center



Story and Photo from  
Henrico County

**Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoulkas lauds Facebook's announcement of plans to expand its Henrico Data Center. "We're here to celebrate the advancement of a project that has been many months in the making," he said. "For Henrico, it's an affirmation of the community we've created and a challenge to become even stronger and more responsive."**

Henrico County officials recently joined Gov. Ralph Northam and representatives from Facebook to announce the company's plans to add three buildings to the Henrico Data Center currently under construction in White Oak Technology Park.

With the additional buildings, the data center will expand to five buildings totaling more than 2.4 million square feet, officials said. The project will support approximately 1,500 construction jobs. The Henrico Data Center will support more than 200 full-time positions once completed.

"Henrico County is thrilled to share the news that our friends at Facebook continue to see value and opportunity in our community," said Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District supervisor and vice chairman of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. "This expansion is affirmation that Facebook made the right choice last year when it selected Henrico's White Oak Technology Park as the site for its new data center. The infrastructure is here and so is the talent to support it."

Designed for high-tech operations like data centers and advanced manufacturing, White Oak's infrastructure includes high-speed fiber optic cable from multiple providers, high-capacity electric power designed for large-volume loads and water service with a capacity of 10 million gallons per day. Other tenants include Hewlett-Packard and QTS, which currently operates a data center in White Oak. The Facebook site covers about 330 acres in the 2,270-acre industrial park.

"Virginia and Henrico County have been great partners from the beginning, and we are thrilled to be building on the partnership that we established nearly one year ago," said Matt VanderZanden, director of site selection for Facebook. "We are committed to investing in the economic vitality of the communities that host us. This expansion will bring additional investment, jobs and renewable energy resources to the area."

VanderZanden added that he expects the expansion "will keep construction crews busy through at least 2020."

The expansion comes in addition to Facebook's \$750 million investment in 2017. That investment launched construction of the data center's 970,000-square-foot, two-building first phase last year. The first phase is on schedule to open in the first half of 2019, officials said. Facebook's initial investment for the project totaled \$1 billion, including \$250 million for the construction of solar power facilities throughout the state to supply the data center exclusively with renewable energy.

Work on the expansion will begin next month, officials said. The three new buildings each will be 500,000 square feet. When completed, the data center will become Henrico's largest water customer and one of its largest taxpayers, officials said.

County Manager John A. Vithoulkas noted the continuing benefit of tax-rate changes, approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2017, that significantly reduced Henrico's business property tax rate for data centers. He also applauded the efforts of more than 60 county staff members — from Building Construction and Inspections, Planning, Public Utilities, Public Works and the Economic Development Authority — for helping get the massive project off the ground.

"This is truly an exciting time for Henrico," Vithoulkas said. "A year ago, we told our friends at Facebook that we would be with them throughout the course of this project. That commitment is stronger than ever as the company moves ahead with this expansion. Henrico appreciates the vote of confidence from Facebook today and looks forward to continuing this partnership in the years ahead."

FOOTAGE OF THE HENRICO DATA CENTER (taken September 25): <https://youtu.be/4hoWxjUAlgA>

# Barn Quilt Trail

## Welcome to Craig County's Barn Quilt Trail



PHOTOS AND INFORMATION FROM [Visit Craig County](#).

Since 2014, Barn Quilt squares have been added to buildings around Craig County. The money raised by the sale of the Barn Quilts helps raise money for the Craig County Public Library. If you would like more information or are interested in having a Barn Quilt Square for your property, visit <https://www.barnquiltsforbooks.com/>. Also check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Barn-Quilts-for-Books-454328731413505/>.

To download a copy of the Barn Quilt Trail Map, click this link - [2017 BQ TRAIL MAP](#)

[TV story](#) about the Craig County barn quilts.



## Upcoming broadband conference focus on increasing internet access



On October 30, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's [BroadbandUSA Program](#), in partnership with Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology, will host the [Virginia Broadband Summit in Roanoke](#) at the [South County Library](#). The purpose of the Summit is to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, and support local priorities. The Summit will provide information on topics including local broadband planning, funding and engagement with service providers. Speakers and attendees from Virginia, federal agencies and across the country will come together to explore ways to facilitate the expansion of broadband capacity, access and utilization. The Virginia Broadband Summit is open to the public. [Pre-registration](#) is required and space is limited. Registration information, meeting updates, including changes in the agenda, and relevant documents will be available on NTIA's website at [Virginia Broadband Summit – Partnerships for Connecting the Commonwealth](#). For more information, contact: [BroadbandUSAevents@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:BroadbandUSAevents@ntia.doc.gov).

VACo Members will have a prominent role at the Virginia Broadband Summit. The following are scheduled to speak -

**Jeff Stoke** | Prince George County Deputy County Administrator

**Eric Workman** | Bland County Administrator

**Bryan David** | Orange County Administrator

**Carl Boggess** | Bedford County Administrator

VACo General Counsel Phyllis Errico will moderate a breakout discussion.

[Click here to see the Virginia Broadband Summit Agenda.](#)

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**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2018 GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON RURAL PROSPERITY**

The Summit room block at the Stonewall Jackson has **SOLD OUT**. Additional accommodations are available at the Blackburn Inn | 301 Greenville Avenue, Staunton, VA, 24401 | 540.712.0601 | <https://www.blackburn-inn.com/>

Please join Governor Ralph Northam, Administration Officials and members of the Virginia General Assembly for the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity, hosted by the Virginia Rural Center. The summit will occur in Staunton, Virginia at the Stonewall Jackson Inn. This event will bring together local, state and private sector representatives from across Virginia to discuss innovative initiatives occurring in rural communities.

**Sunday, October 21, 2018:** Evening "Welcome Reception"

**Monday, October 22, 2018:** Rural Summit: All Day Event! Kicking off the event with "Breakfast with the Governor".

Registration fees are per individual attendee. Guests attending sessions should register at the regular fee which includes meals.

Fees: Online registration closes October 12. Full Conference Registration - \$200. Spouse Full Conference Registration - \$150.

Exhibit Booth - \$1,500 (includes (1) Summit attendee admittance)

Please make checks payable to: Center for Rural Virginia  
Mail to VCOM/Blacksburg, Attn: Dave Showalter | 2265 Kraft Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060

If you have questions about lodging or Summit logistics, email the Summit Coordinator, [Nannette Thompson](mailto:Nannette.Thompson@cfv.org).

Visit [www.cfrv.org](http://www.cfrv.org) for more information.



	Save the Date for the
	<b>RURAL RESILIENCY FORUM!</b>
	<b>OCTOBER 23, 2018 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b> <b>FRONTIER CULTURE MUSEUM • STAUNTON, VIRGINIA</b>
	<b>THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learn about the benefits of resiliency plans for rural communities</li> <li>- Share information on what your farm, business, or local government is currently doing to help make your community more resilient</li> <li>- Take away valuable resources, new ideas, and beneficial contacts.</li> </ul>
<b>REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE.</b> CONTACT ANNETTE OSSO, RESILIENT VIRGINIA AT <a href="mailto:OSSO@RESILIENTVIRGINIA.ORG">OSSO@RESILIENTVIRGINIA.ORG</a> .	

## Save the Date for the Rural Resiliency Forum!

**October 23, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Frontier Culture Museum**  
**Staunton, Virginia**

The Resilient Virginia Rural Resiliency Forum's goal is to bring together public, private, and university stakeholders who are interested in improving the resiliency and prosperity of rural areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### Anticipated outcomes of the forum include:

- Improved collaboration and program coordination by community leaders, state and federal administrators, businesses, private landowners and the public,
- Immediate actions to implement resiliency activities in rural communities, supported by existing resources, state or federal programs and funding, and
- Policy recommendations at the state level.

### This forum will focus on the interconnection of four broad resiliency areas:

1. Resilient Agriculture and Forestry
2. The Role of Green and Blue Infrastructure
3. Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness
4. Incorporating a Resiliency Approach to Planning

### As an attendee this is your opportunity to:

- Learn about the benefits of resiliency plans for rural communities,
- Find out about existing state and federal resiliency-related programs and funding that your community can utilize immediately,
- Share information on what your farm, business, or local government is currently doing to help make your community more resilient,
- Provide your suggestions for how the state, university, and private programs could be more helpful,
- Take away valuable resources, new ideas, and beneficial contacts.
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### Who should attend:

State and local elected officials, Planning district commission staff, Local government planning and economic development staff, Public and private groups working in environmental and sustainability areas, Regional and local emergency management representatives, Farm and forest owners and related business organizations, University students and professors working in resiliency-related areas.

***Register today at [www.resilientvirginia.org](http://www.resilientvirginia.org).***





**REGISTRATION | PROGRAM | LOCATION AND LODGING**



The Hotel Roanoke and  
Conference Center

You are invited to join Governor Ralph Northam at the statewide Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia. The conference is designed to bring together government and private sector professionals in discussions that will help facilitate the planning and delivery of much-needed capital improvement projects across Virginia. The conference is being hosted by Governor Ralph Northam and the Virginia Resources Authority.

The conference will highlight state funding resources available for capital improvement projects focusing on the health and safety of communities. Particular emphasis will be given to funding resources aimed at promoting economic development and job-creation opportunities for Virginians, including tourism. Informative sessions highlighting various sources of funding, including private financing of public infrastructure, public-private partnerships, state and federal loans and grants, bank loans, etc. will be provided as well as the very basics of planning capital projects and developing financial policies that support capital improvement needs. Participants will have the opportunity to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits as well.

In addition to attracting local and state elected and appointed officials, the Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference may also attract public finance professionals such as bankers, financial advisors, accountants, and attorneys, as well as engineers, builders, consultants, and other professionals who assist local communities in planning and implementing capital improvement projects. This will allow attendees an opportunity to network with professionals who may be able to help with their infrastructure financing needs.

We hope that you will be a part of this exciting event.

For more information, please contact

**Jean Bass** | Virginia Resources Authority | 804.616.3441 | [JBass@VirginiaResources.org](mailto:JBass@VirginiaResources.org)





# Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

## 2018 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) “RECORDS” TRAINING

October 10 | November 7 | November 14

The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Freedom of Information Advisory Council will conduct its 2018 FOIA “Records” training in Richmond starting July 25. The training sessions will be held at the Pocahontas Building located at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, near the Virginia State Capitol.

Citizens, media representatives, public officials, and public employees with an interest in learning more about access to public records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are invited to register for this free training presentation. The presentation will provide an overview of the legal requirements regarding access to public records under FOIA, including what is a public record, how to make a public records request, how to respond to records requests, information on exemptions from mandatory disclosure, and the remedies available should a violation occur.

The training sessions are scheduled for October 10, November 7, and November 14. Each session will provide 1.5 hours of continuing legal education credit for attorneys, and will also count as the required annual training for FOIA officers.

For registration information, check the FOIA Council’s website at <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/foiacouncil.htm> OR contact the FOIA Council directly at 866.448.4100.

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12**

The Westin Richmond | 6631 W. Broad Street | Richmond, VA 23230  
10:30am - 3pm

The first-ever Virginia Local Government Investment Conference will bring together Treasurers, investment officers, and other local leaders to hear the latest on fixed income and long-term investing strategies for Virginia localities and authorities. The one-day event is sponsored by the **Virginia Investment Pool (VIP)**, the **Virginia Pooled OPEB Trust**, and **VML/VACo Finance**. Updates will be presented on the VIP and OPEB Trust portfolios – *a combined \$2.5 billion in invested assets* – along with presentations from industry experts.

**[Click here to RSVP by September 28.](#)** For more information, call Timothy Bunch at 804.648.0635 or email [tbunch@valocalfinance.org](mailto:tbunch@valocalfinance.org).

# 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).



**ENGINEER I OR II** |

**Augusta County Service Authority** |  
Posted October 1



**MANAGEMENT ANALYST/**

**BUDGET** | Loudoun County | Posted  
September 28



**DIRECTOR STORMWATER  
AND RESOURCE PROTECTION**

**DIVISION** | James City County | Posted  
September 28



**SMALL ENGINE**

**MECHANIC** | James City County |  
Posted September 28



**PRETRIAL AND**

**PROBATION OFFICER I/II** | James  
City County | Posted September 28



**PROGRAM SERVICES**

**ASSISTANT** | James City County |  
Posted September 28



**BROADBAND RFP** |

**Grayson County** | Posted September  
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**FAMILY SERVICES**

**SUPERVISOR** | Brunswick County |  
Posted September 27



**BUILDING OFFICIAL** |

**Sussex County** | Posted September 27



**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** |

**Lancaster County** | Posted September  
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**FINANCE OFFICER (PART-**

**TIME)** | Lancaster County | Posted  
September 27



**BUILDING INSPECTOR** |

**Lancaster County** | Posted September  
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**ENGINEERING PROJECT**

**MANAGER** | Western Virginia Water  
Authority | Posted September 27



**BUILDING OFFICIAL** |

**Campbell County** | Posted September  
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**INSTRUMENTATION AND**

**CONTROL SPECIALIST** | James City  
County | Posted September 25



**MAINTENANCE**

**SPECIALIST** | James City County |  
Posted September 25



**SENIOR**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNER** |  
Central Shenandoah Planning  
District | Posted September 25



**PLANNER** | Chesterfield

County | Posted September 24



**CSA FISCAL ANALYST**

| Chesterfield County | Posted  
September 24





**PROCUREMENT  
COORDINATOR** | Orange County |  
Posted September 24



**FINANCE MANAGER** |  
Orange County | Posted September 24



**CLINICAL ASSISTANT**  
| James City County | James City  
County | Posted September 21



**INSTRUCTOR I/II/III  
(OUTDOOR/SPORTS)** | James City  
County | Posted September 21



**LIBRARIAN II  
(ADULT SERVICES COLLECTION  
DEVELOPMENT)** | James City County  
| Posted September 21



**FIREFIGHTER I/II/III/  
IV (CERTIFIED)** | James City County |  
Posted September 21



**SENIOR ASSISTANT  
COUNTY ATTORNEY** | Albemarle  
County | Posted September 21



**CHIEF ENGINEER OF  
DESIGN CONSTRUCTION** | Western  
Virginia Water Authority | Posted  
September 18



**DIVISION DIRECTOR -  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES** |  
Hanover County | Posted September  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES JOB FAIR** | Fauquier  
County | Posted September 18



**JOB FAIR**  
| Fauquier County Public Schools |  
Posted September 18



**DIRECTOR OF  
TRANSPORTATION** | Richmond  
Regional Planning District  
Commission | Posted September 17



**SAFETY  
& SECURITY SPECIALIST** | Fauquier  
County | Posted September 17



**DEPUTY I** | Frederick  
County | Posted September 17



**FIRE PROTECTION  
CODE INSPECTOR I/II/III** | City of  
Alexandria | Posted September 17



**COMMUNICATIONS  
OFFICER** | New River Valley Regional  
Authority | Posted September 14



**RECREATION PROGRAM  
SUPERVISOR II (ATHLETICS)**  
| Montgomery County | Posted  
September 14



**IT PROJECT MANAGER  
- GIS** | Hanover County | Posted  
September 14



**ADMINISTRATIVE  
PROGRAM ASSISTANT I** | New Kent  
County | Posted September 14



**EQUIPMENT OPERATOR**  
| Shenandoah County | Posted  
September 13



**DEPUTY COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE** | Fairfax County | Posted  
September 13



**DIRECTOR OF  
ELECTIONS/GENERAL REGISTRAR**  
| Westmoreland County | Posted  
September 13



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