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Virginia Association of Counties

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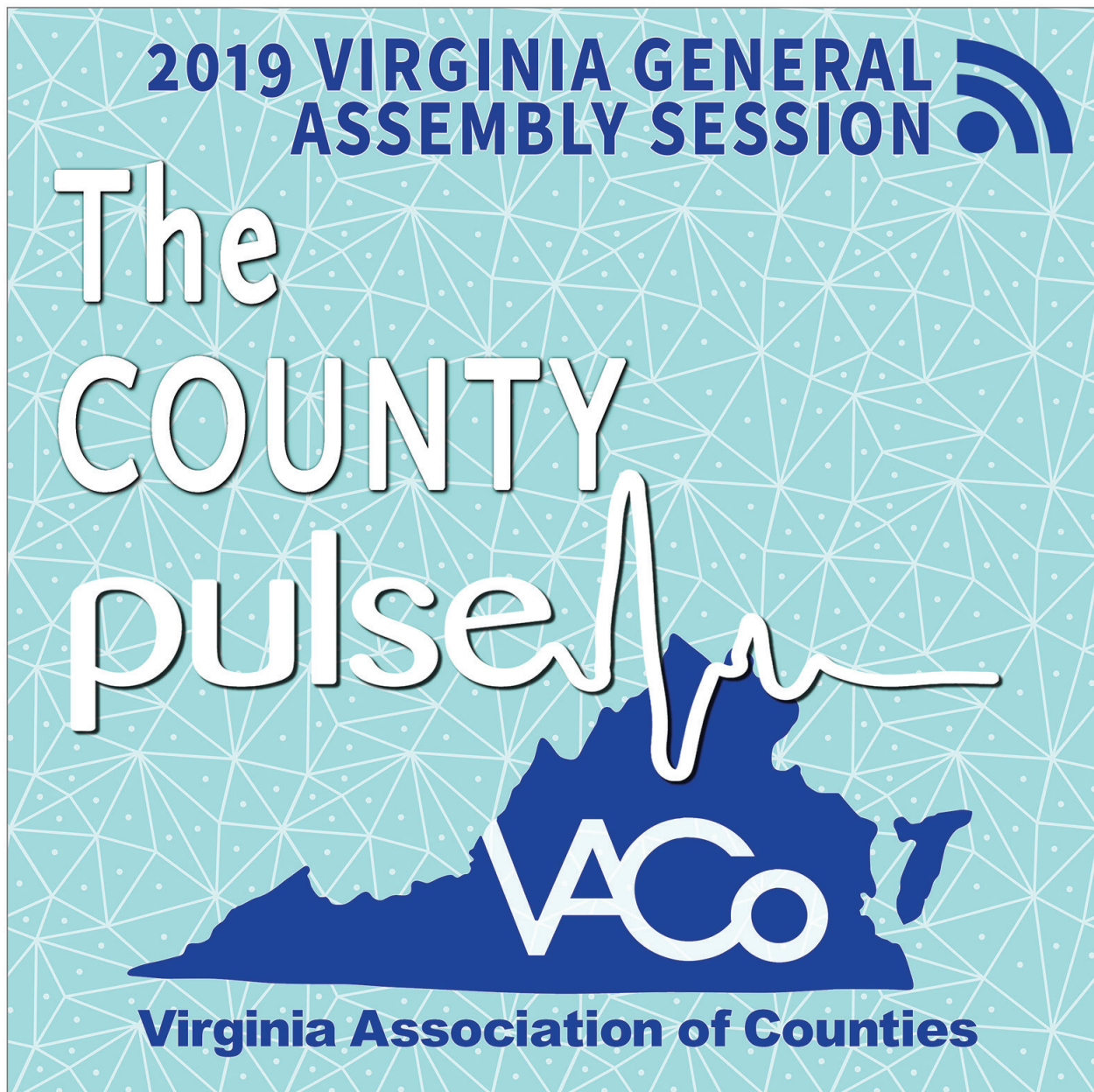
## General Assembly Acts on Governor's Amendments and Vetoes

The General Assembly held its annual reconvened session on April 3 to consider the Governor's amendments to legislation that passed during the regular session, as well as 17 bills vetoed by the Governor. In order for a bill to be amended in accordance with the Governor's recommendation, both the House and the Senate must vote to accept the amendment by a majority of members present. In order to override a gubernatorial veto, both chambers must vote to pass the bill in its enrolled form (as it was passed by the General Assembly) by a supermajority vote of two-thirds of the members present (which must include a majority of members elected), a hurdle that was too high for the General Assembly to clear this week, as all 17 of the Governor's vetoes were sustained. The General Assembly accepted the Governor's amendments to 23 bills and rejected the Governor's amendments, either in whole or in part, to 23 bills; the Governor now has 30 days to take final action on these bills. At this stage of the legislative process, the Governor may sign or veto bills that were returned to him from the reconvened session. Bills upon which the Governor takes no action become law without his signature. The General Assembly accepted 26 of the Governor's 40 amendments to the state budget. The Governor now has 30 days to act on the budget as well; he may sign the budget bill, veto the entire bill (an unlikely outcome this year), or veto specific line items.

### **K-12 Education**

Of particular importance to local governments among the Governor's budget amendments was a proposal to clarify that local school divisions could still qualify for the state share of all or part of the 2% salary increase effective September 1, even if they were unable to provide the three percent salary increase over the course of the biennium which takes effect July 1, 2019. Language in the enrolled budget and guidance provided by the Virginia Department of Education since the adjournment of the regular session had indicated that the 3% salary increase was a prerequisite for receiving any state contribution toward the two percent increase. VACo supported the Governor's amendment, which was accepted by both chambers. The General Assembly rejected Governor's amendments both to the budget and to [HB 2053 \(McQuinn\)](#) that addressed the ratio of guidance counselors to students. The amendments to HB 2053 would have provided for further reductions in the counselor-to-student ratio beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. As a result, if the Governor takes no further action on these items, the staffing ratios for the 2019-2020 school year will remain consistent with the level of funding for the state's share of these positions in the budget (one counselor per 455 students in elementary school, 1:370 in middle school, and 1:325 in high school), and presumably would be lowered in accordance with the provisions of the companion bill to HB 2053, [SB 1406 \(Dance\)](#), in the next biennium, subject to the provision of funds in the budget. SB 1406 would require a ratio of 1:375 in elementary school, 1:325 in middle school, and 1:300 in high school.

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## [VACo County Pulse Podcast](#)

### **Preparing for the 2020 Census | March 29, 2019**

Host Katie Boyle talks with Margaret Nimmo Holland, Executive Director of Voices for Virginia's Children, about the upcoming 2020 Census and efforts to ensure a successful count in Virginia. This episode is sponsored by Avaya — a leading provider of next-generation communications solutions for businesses and government entities worldwide.

[Margaret Nimmo Holland's Column in the Richmond Times-Dispatch](#) | Counting everyone is crucial: Why the 2020 Census matters to Virginia | March 30, 2019

## Shenandoah County names new Administrator



Following the retirement announcement of Ms. Mary T. Price, County Administrator, effective April 2, 2019, the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors has selected Mr. Evan Vass to succeed Ms. Price as the county's administrator.

Vass is currently employed by Shenandoah County as the Assistant County Administrator. He has served in that capacity since joining the county in May 2014.

Vass has served in local government administration for over 15 years, having previously held positions as the Town Manager of New Market and Assistant City Manager of Harrisonburg. He received both his bachelor's and master's degree in public administration from James Madison University. He is a native of Augusta County, Virginia and currently resides in Edinburg.

"I am honored that the Board of Supervisors have entrusted me with this responsibility; it's truly humbling," said Vass.

"Evan is well known to the community. Between his local government experiences, both with Shenandoah County and New Market he has spent over 12 years of his career within our community. We feel he is the right fit for our county," said Dr. Conrad Helsley, Chairman of the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors.

"When asked, I advised the Board that the right person to succeed me already existed within our organization. I'm pleased they've given Evan this opportunity," said Mary T. Price, County Administrator.

For additional information on Shenandoah County, visit [www.ShenandoahCountyVA.us](http://www.ShenandoahCountyVA.us).

## Mental Health Study Commission Kicks off 2019 Work



The Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century met to review the results of legislation and budget initiatives introduced during the 2019 General Assembly session as a result of the Joint Subcommittee's work. The Joint Subcommittee also received briefings on ongoing projects and discussed issues for consideration as part of the Joint Subcommittee's 2019 work plan.

Jeff Lunardi, Director of the new Health and Human Resources Unit at the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC), provided an update on two projects underway. At the request of the Joint Subcommittee, the new JLARC unit has undertaken a study of the current funding structure for Community Services Boards (CSBs), potential alternative models that could be used to allocate funds (whether drawn from other states' systems or other state-local arrangements within Virginia), and the potential effects of changes to the funding structure. Following the briefing, members discussed the possibility of developing a funding model that would take into account localities' ability to contribute to their CSBs; the K-12 funding formula was cited as a possible example, although members also acknowledged the shortcomings of this approach. JLARC is also reviewing the implementation of STEP-VA to determine how successfully the first mandated services have been implemented, and to advise as to whether planning and resources will be in place to implement the remaining required services in time to meet the statutory deadline of July 1, 2021. Senator Creigh Deeds, who chairs the Joint Subcommittee, expressed his willingness to revisit that deadline if it appears that more time will be needed to prepare.

Deputy Secretary of Finance Joe Flores and Department of General Services Director Joe Damico briefed the Joint Subcommittee on the Governor's proposed budget amendments regarding the replacement of Central State Hospital. The introduced budget had included funding for detailed planning for the project, but the General Assembly replaced the funding with a directive to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) to develop a proposal for replacement of the hospital. Discussions continued after adjournment of the regular session, and the Governor's amendments provide for bond funding for detailed design, construction, and the purchase of furniture, fixtures, and equipment for a new hospital; the revised proposal is expected to shorten the construction time and provide for fewer beds for acute care and non-violent forensic patients (with an option to add beds later if needed).

DBHDS Commissioner Dr. Hughes Melton briefed members on the Department's major behavioral health initiatives, including STEP-VA implementation, realignment of the behavioral health system to emphasize prevention services, and monitoring of the impact of Medicaid expansion on CSBs. As part of legislation that was passed during the session, DBHDS staff will lead a workgroup to develop standards for care, including behavioral health care, in local and regional jails, as well as to estimate costs for implementing the new standards (an effort in which VACo will participate). DBHDS also continues work to address census pressures at the state hospitals.

The Joint Subcommittee discussed several potential areas of study for the remainder of 2019, including children's mental health, mandatory outpatient treatment, and permanent supportive housing, as well as continued discussion about the overall structure of the state's behavioral health system.

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



## Visit Highland County, Alleghany County, and Bath County and the Jackson River

The Jackson is an excellent smallmouth bass, rock bass, rainbow trout, and brown trout fishery above Lake Moomaw. Below Gathright Dam, six public areas provide access to 18 miles of legally navigable water to Covington.

Wild rainbow trout, wild brown trout, smallmouth bass, rock bass (redeye), and redbreast sunfish populate the tailwater below the dam. All rainbow trout between 12 and 16 inches and all brown trout less than 20 inches must be released immediately. Four trout (combined rainbow and brown) limit per angler daily, only one of four can be a brown trout. Also, there are no fishing gear restrictions between Gathright Dam and the water treatment plant in Covington.

Large, lake-run rainbow trout can be caught in the Jackson River above Lake Moomaw during the winter and spring. Much of this stretch is privately owned, so be sure you are fishing on National Forest property or have landowner permission. The Jackson River, through Hidden Valley, provides ample trout fishing opportunities, especially a three-mile reach of special regulation water above the Muddy Run swinging bridge.

Jackson River, downstream of in Covington, affords good angling for smallmouth bass, redbreast sunfish, and rock bass. Watercraft launch facilities are being planned at several locations along the lower Jackson River.

**SOURCE:** [Department of Game and Inland Fisheries](#)





# Mark Your Calendars



## 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 in the 21st century by participating in the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program.

Since its inception in 2005, more than 75 supervisors representing more than 40 counties 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.

**Making a Governance Difference:**  
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**Opening Session** | May 31  
 Albemarle County

**Closing Session** | July 26  
 VACo Training Center

**Registration Deadline** | May 21

**Inventing Your County's Future:**  
**The Role of Community Planning**

**Opening Session** | September 6  
 Albemarle County

**Closing Session** | November 1  
 VACo Training Center

**Registration Deadline** | August 27

## Veterans Services in Virginia



**VACo participated in an important meeting on veteran suicide and access to veteran resource officers. Pictured from left to right - Virginia Assistant Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Leslie Frazier; NACo Legislative Associate Austin Igleheart; Delegate Bob Thomas; King George County Supervisor Ruby Brabo; Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins; and VACo Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Jeremy Bennett.**

VACo staff recently attended a meeting with Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins, King George County Supervisor Ruby Brabo, Delegate Bob Thomas, and representatives of the National Association of Counties and National Association of County Veteran Service Officers to discuss veterans' services and suicide prevention in Virginia. The skills, leadership, and experience that veterans carry often benefit the institutions and communities in which they work and reside. Making sure they have access to the benefits and services owed to them is important to ensure quality of life for veterans, their families, and their communities.

According to a [June 2018 Report](#) from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, Virginia's Veteran population exceeded 725,000 individuals distributed across every locality in the Commonwealth. This constitutes approximately 3.6% of the total veteran population in the United States and ranks Virginia as the 8<sup>th</sup> state with the most veterans residing within it. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs expended more than \$5.9 billion in FY 2017 on compensation and pension benefits, education and vocational rehabilitation/employment, and medical care for veterans within the state.

Though most service members successfully readjust to life outside of the military, some individuals may need additional supports to help with this transition or challenges later in life. According to the September 2018 VA National Suicide Data [Report](#) from the Office Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, the suicide rate was 1.5 for times greater for veterans than for non-veterans (adjusting for age and gender). Though Virginia Veteran Suicide [rates](#) are lower than the national and regional veteran suicide rates, they were still significantly higher than the national suicide rate.

One way to possibly reduce veteran suicides would be to increase access to and awareness of services and supports available to veterans through the VA, state, and local government. According to the Suicide Data Report, suicide rates for veterans were halved for individuals receiving care. The Virginia Department of Veterans Services ([DVS](#)) currently employs veterans service representatives (VSR) in [34 regional offices](#) across the State, to assist veterans to understand and apply for any VA [benefits](#) to which they may be entitled and to gather any evidence needed and to submit a Fully Developed Claim on their behalf. Additionally, some of these offices have coordinated with localities in their respective regions to provide mobile office hours, the most recent schedule of which can be found [here](#).

If you're a veteran or service member in crisis or you're concerned about one, the [VA's Veterans Crisis Line](#) is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. More information on mental health support services and data provided through the VA can be found [here](#).

**VACo Contact:** [Jeremy R. Bennett](#)

**Interstate 81**

The General Assembly accepted extensive amendments to [HB 2718 \(Landes\)](#) and [SB 1716 \(Obenshain\)](#) to generate revenue for improvements to I-81, as well as to I-95, I-64, and other interstate corridors. The amendments include the creation of a new registration fee for non-passenger vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds; increases in taxes on diesel fuel; and the imposition of a regional gas tax.

**Other bills of interest to local governments**

- [HB 2686 \(Knight\)](#), as passed by the General Assembly, would change the current procedure by which a Board of Zoning Appeals can overturn a decision of a zoning administrator from a majority vote of the board to a majority of the board membership present and voting. The bill could create a situation in which, for example, if three members of a five-member BZA are present and voting, only two votes would be required to overturn a decision. VACo supported the Governor’s amendments, which would have made this change in voting procedure a local option. The House rejected the amendments.
- [SB 1087 \(Obenshain\)](#), as amended by the Governor, returned to its introduced form, which requires localities to adjust precinct lines after the completion of decennial General Assembly redistricting so that precincts are contained within Congressional or state legislative districts or seek a waiver from the State Board of Elections to administer a split precinct. VACo has historically expressed concerns about the overall feasibility of this approach. The House rejected the Governor’s proposal; the enrolled version of the bill, which would permit the General Assembly to make post-redistricting technical adjustments to district lines in order to address split precincts, now returns to the Governor for final action.
- The General Assembly accepted amendments to [HB 1942 \(Bell, R.B.\)](#) that will require coordination with family members of incarcerated individuals with serious mental illness as part of the discharge planning process required by the bill.
- The General Assembly accepted the Governor’s amendments to [HB 2263 \(Krizek\)/SB 1494 \(Edwards\)](#), which provide that any evidence gathered in an interrogation that violates the provisions of the Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Procedural Guarantee Act shall not be admissible in any case against a firefighter or emergency medical services personnel. The Governor’s amendment substituted the words “administrative hearing” for the word “case,” making it clear that this provision pertains to administrative situations.
- The General Assembly rejected the Governor’s amendments to [HB 2303 \(Leftwich\)/SB 1047 \(Cosgrove\)](#), which deal with registered sex offenders’ presence in emergency shelters. The Governor’s amendments would have required state and local emergency operations plans to set out procedures for sex offenders to notify staff of their status as offenders, as well as plans for the provision of shelter for offenders while protecting other individuals in the shelter.
- The General Assembly accepted the Governor’s amendments to [SB 1554 \(Surovell\)](#), which allows a court to impose a civil penalty upon a public body if a member of the public body voted to certify a closed meeting if the certification violated FOIA, if an attorney representing the public body was present at the time of the certification. The amendments revise the bill to apply in cases where the public body votes to certify the closed meeting, and remove the language regarding the presence of the public body’s attorney. The Governor also adds language providing for the court to consider mitigating factors in determining whether to impose a civil penalty, including reliance upon opinions of the Attorney General, case law, and published opinions of the Freedom of Information Advisory Council.

**Other bills of interest**

- **Firearms ordinances for properties in multiple localities:** [HB 2252 \(Head\)](#) provides that a landowner who owns contiguous parcels that span more than one locality may opt to apply the firearms ordinances of the locality in which the largest portion of the property falls to apply to anyone hunting on any portion of the property. The Governor’s amendments, which add a reenactment clause to the bill, and direct the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to study the issue, were accepted.



- **Criteria for Congressional and General Assembly districts:** [SB 1579 \(Suetterlein\)](#) provides criteria for the establishment of Congressional and General Assembly districts. The Governor's amendments, which were not taken up by the Senate, would forbid districts from being drawn to restrict minority communities' ability to elect candidates of choice and from being drawn to favor a political party or incumbent, among other provisions. The bill now returns to the Governor in its enrolled form.
- **Handheld communications devices in motor vehicles:** [SB 1768 \(Mason\)](#) prohibits a driver from holding a personal communications device while driving in a highway work zone, with certain exceptions. The Governor's amendments would generally prohibit holding personal communications devices while driving, with certain exceptions, and require public outreach on the issue before the bill would take effect on January 1, 2020. A proposed enactment clause directed annual reporting on the citations issued under the new provisions, including demographic information on drivers who are cited. The amendments were accepted in the Senate, but ruled not germane in the House.
- **Criminal responsibility for suppliers of controlled substances:** [HB 2528 \(Hugo\)](#) provides that a person who unlawfully supplies a controlled substance to someone who dies as a result of using the controlled substance is guilty of second-degree murder, even if the death occurred at another time and place than the transfer of the controlled substance. The Governor's amendments would provide that seeking medical attention for the person experiencing the overdose is an affirmative defense to prosecution for the supplier of the controlled substance in certain circumstances. The House rejected the amendments.

**Other budget amendments of interest to local governments**

- **Census outreach:** The Senate rejected the Governor's proposed restoration of \$1.5 million GF in FY 2019 for education and outreach efforts in preparation for the 2020 Census.
- **Housing Trust Fund:** Both chambers accepted the Governor's amendment providing an additional \$4 million GF to the Housing Trust Fund in FY 2019.
- **Balance billing:** Both chambers accepted the Governor's amendment modifying a proposed workgroup that is tasked with addressing the issue of balance billing. The Governor's proposal would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene the workgroup, in collaboration with the Secretary of Administration, Secretary of Finance, and State Corporation Commission, and to evaluate options to prohibit balance billing by out-of-network health care providers for emergency services and to establish "equitable and fair reimbursement for these health care providers."
- **Mental health study:** Both chambers agreed to the Governor's amendment extending the duration of the Joint Subcommittee Studying Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through the end of the biennium.
- **Body-worn cameras:** The House rejected the Governor's amendment stripping language barring state agencies from implementing body-worn cameras. House Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones said that he preferred to wait until the full costs of such systems were known before state agencies deployed additional cameras.
- **Central State Hospital:** Both chambers agreed to the authorization of bond funding to replace Central State Hospital, as well as to language requiring the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to evaluate the possibility of relocating forensic beds to another state-owned property.
- **Amazon HQ2:** The House rejected a proposal by the Governor to remove language capturing the first \$40 million of sales and use taxes collected from online retailers with a physical nexus within the commonwealth, effective July 1, 2020, and setting that funding aside for the new Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund.
- **Sales tax collection by online marketplace facilitators:** Both chambers accepted the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Department of Taxation's ability to grant temporary suspensions or delays of the requirement for marketplace facilitators to collect or report sales and use taxes due.



## CONNECTING THE ..... UNCONNECTED



#CountiesMatter  
#NCGM



National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties to actively promote the services and programs they offer. Counties can schedule activities any time during the month. NCGM is an excellent opportunity for your county to highlight effective county programs and raise public awareness and understanding about the various services provided to the community.

NCGM's 2019 theme is "Connecting the Unconnected," which is consistent with NACo President Greg Cox's initiative and focuses on how counties deliver "people-centered" services to their residents. Read about the initiative here and download NCGM resources below for more information and ideas for how your county can participate in NCGM.

If you have questions about National County Government Month, please contact Brian Namey at [BNamey@NACo.org](mailto:BNamey@NACo.org) or 202.942.4220.



[NACo's Coverage of NCGM](#)



**APRIL 23 | 7-9PM**

**VACo REGION 2 MEETING  
YORK COUNTY**

**THANK YOU YORK COUNTY FOR HOSTING!**

The Virginia Association of Counties invites you to join us at the 2019 VACo Region 2 Meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at The Freight Shed located at [331 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690](http://331 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690).

Attendees will engage in discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing communities in VACo Region 2.

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

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**Dean Lynch | VACo Executive Director**

**EDUCATION**

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Director – Jason Bellows | Lancaster County

Essex County | Gloucester County | James City County | King and Queen County | King William County | Lancaster County | Mathews County | Middlesex County | Northumberland County | Richmond County | Westmoreland County | York County

## STAFFORD HIRES NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Stafford County Administrator Thomas C. Foley is pleased to announce the hiring of Alexandre A. Espinosa as the County's next Chief Financial Officer. Espinosa comes to Stafford from Montgomery County, Maryland, where he is Director of the Department of Finance and has more than 21 years of experience in budgeting and finance, managing an annual budget of \$5 billion.

"Alex has a wide breadth of financial experience in Montgomery County," Foley said. "We are confident his skills will both continue to move our financial operations forward and complement the steps we're taking with our 2040 Strategic Plan for the future."

Staff conducted a national search to fill the position after current Chief Financial Officer Maria Perrotte announced her retirement after more than 35 years of service. Espinosa's first day of service as Chief Financial Officer will begin on April 29, 2019.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to use my skills and experience to help fulfill Stafford's vision for the future," said Espinosa. "Stafford is an outstanding county with its triple-AAA bond ratings, and I look forward to drawing upon my more than 25 years in local government to move Stafford forward as it grows."

In Montgomery County, Alex Espinosa oversaw a Department of Finance with 132 employees. Over the years, in addition to Finance Director, he has served as the Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Operating Budget Coordinator, Budget Manager and Senior Management and Budget Specialist.

Espinosa holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. He also has a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.



## 42nd Annual Virginia Municipal Clerks Association Conference



**The 42nd Annual VMCA Conference will be held  
April 17-19 at the Hotel Roanoke**

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# Cook's Corner Revitalization

A Middlesex County Project

## PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- ◇ 24 Unit Apartment Community. Workforce Housing for County, Schools, Sheriff's Office and other low to moderate income government employees
- ◇ Creation of a Nature and Self-Guided Interpretive African American History Trail
- ◇ Tom Carter Memorial Gymnasium Renovations. (roof, HVAC, windows)
- ◇ County Office window renovations
- ◇ Relocation of School Bus Maintenance Facility
- ◇ Portion of the original St. Clare Walker School relocated and renovated into a Brewpub Restaurant
- ◇ Former Rappahannock Elementary School renovated into a Special Events Center & Commissary Kitchen
- ◇ VDOT road access acceleration and deceleration lanes
- ◇ Public Water Distribution System
- ◇ Public Sewer Collection & Treatment

**Cook's Corner Complex 2840 General Puller Hwy. Saluda, VA 23149**



Middlesex County's innovative Cook's Corner Revitalization project is transformational to our community. It combines federal, state, county and private resources towards one common goal: creating a vibrant and sustainable village.

Partners in this project are Middlesex County, Middlesex Foundation, Cook's Corner Partners, Middlesex Economic Development Authority, Middlesex Water Authority, Middlesex County School Board and Hampton Roads Sanitation Department.

To help fund the project, Middlesex County has been awarded \$2.25 million through the Vibrant Communities Initiative grant and \$480,000 from the Industrial Revitalization Fund through the Department of Housing and Community Development. \$215,000 was awarded from the Community Impact Grant and \$2.2 million in loan financing from Virginia Housing Development Authority and \$100,000 from the Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development grant from Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. USDA-RD funds will be utilized to install a public water system.

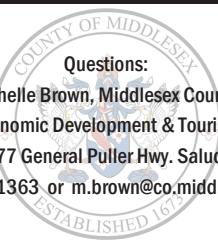
## Community Benefits:

- ◇ 20+ New Jobs
- ◇ Housing incentive for low to moderate government workforce
- ◇ Meals Taxes Revenue
- ◇ Capital Investments
- ◇ Blight Removal
- ◇ Sales Tax Revenue
- ◇ Real Estate Tax Revenue
- ◇ Local Business License Revenue
- ◇ Municipal Water
- ◇ New School Bus Maintenance Facility
- ◇ Public Nature Trail
- ◇ Renovated Parks & Rec Gymnasium
- ◇ Additional Community Restaurant & Events Center
- ◇ African-American Heritage Interpretive Signage on Nature Trail
- ◇ Brewery Tourist Attraction

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# 2019 VACo Achievement Awards

**Dear VACo Members -**

It's time for the 2019 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](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org).

Submissions must be received by June 3, 2019.

Last year we processed a record 106 entries and selected 25 winners from 19 counties. VACo presented awards at 19 Board of Supervisors Meetings, recognized winners at the Annual Conference, sent a news release to statewide media and highlighted winning counties in an Achievement Awards booklet.

The judges for the 2019 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo has received more than 700 entries over the past decade. Last year's Best Achievement winner was Pittsylvania County for its "Park Project" program.

VACo encourages all counties, big and small, to enter the 2019 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact [gcharter@vaco.org](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org) with questions or for more information.

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to September 2019**



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Sponsor one or more of the 2019 VACo Regional Meetings and be part of the event. Participants will include Board Chairs and Vice Chairs, Supervisors, Legislators, Planning District Commissioners, County Administrators and Executive Staff from neighboring counties who face similar regional issues and concerns. The priority issue could be something your company or organization can help with.

Choose from the list below of this year’s regional meetings and return completed form as instructed. Your \$200 sponsorship will provide light refreshments at one meeting and you will receive a place on the agenda to address the membership.

As we continue to schedule meetings, details will be updated on our website at <http://www.vaco.org/legislative/2019-regional-meetings/> or call us at 804.788.6652 for more information.

**Check the meeting(s) you wish to sponsor. VACo Regions are shown on map, Pg. 3.**

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**MEETING SCHEDULE**

_____ VACo REGION 2 MEETING (April 23)	<b>York County</b>
_____ VACo REGIONS 1 & 4 MEETING (April 30)	<b>Nottoway County</b>
_____ VACo REGION 3 & 5 MEETING (May 21)	<b>Powhatan County</b>
_____ VACo REGION 6 MEETING (June 10)	<b>Warren County</b>
_____ VACo REGION 7 MEETING (June)	<b>Orange County</b>
_____ VACo REGION 9 MEETING (July)	<b>Augusta County</b>
_____ VACo REGION 10 MEETING (August)	<b>Henry County</b>
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Tappahannock Region Local Government Forum

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 2:30 - 4:00 PM

Beale Sanctuary

202 South Church Lane, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Beale Annex Conference Room

To RSVP, please fill out the form at the following URL: https://goo.gl/forms/wimR1kfCHPq9gOOQ92

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Lynchburg Region Local Government Forum

Friday, April 12, 2019, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Greater Lynchburg Transit Company

800 Kemper St, Lynchburg, VA 24501

GLTC Meeting Room

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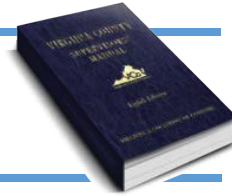


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