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Virginia Association of Counties
Annual Business Meeting
Regency Ballroom
The Homestead
Hot Springs, (Bath County) VA
November 12, 2019

—MINUTES—

1. Call to Order

President Timothy Reeves (Wythe County) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Regency Ballroom. This was followed by the invocation, delivered by Ms. Judy Lyttle (Surry) and by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum of at least 38 counties present was declared by President Reeves.

3. Minutes of November 13, 2018 Business Meeting

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. President's Report

President Reeves summarized the accomplishments achieved by VACo during his term as president. He remarked on how quickly the year had passed and thanked the VACo staff, the VACo Executive Committee and the Wythe County Board of Supervisors and administration for their help and support as well as her family. Especially noted the support of his wife, Debbie. He stated that VACo is about relationships and he was especially proud of VACo's educational opportunities and the rejuvenation of the Rural Caucus.

5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Donald Hart (Accomack), Secretary-Treasurer, introduced Mr. Aaron Hawkins (Robinson Farmer & Cox Associates), who gave a brief report of the association's finances for the past year. Upon hearing no questions from the membership, **a motion was made by Mr. Hart and seconded that the audit report be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.**

6. General Counsel's Report

Ms. Phyllis Errico focused on her work as a legal resource to the counties through their county attorneys, amicus briefs and educational seminars. She also noted that with the help of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller PC, the VACo Supervisor's Manual has been updated and is available for distribution. It was moved and seconded that her report be accepted. This passed unanimously.

7. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Dean Lynch reported on the past activities of the association including local election results. Lynch noted that once again, VACo's conference had more than 930 attendees this year from 92 counties. He addressed the culture of VACo and its four core services: advocacy, education, member engagement and business services. He asked that everyone complete an event evaluation form. He also thanked the VACo team for their work.

8. Committee Reports

a) Credentials Committee—Mr. Judy Lytle (Surry), Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that 94 counties had paid their dues and were eligible to vote. 161 out of 171 potential votes were confirmed. **It was moved and seconded to accept this report. This passed unanimously.**

b) Resolutions Committee—Mr. Steve Bowen (Nottoway), presented the Resolutions Committee report. He explained the legislative program draft which had been submitted for approval. This included a statement as to the program's overall priority of equal taxation and several other changes that were included in the amendments to the legislative program. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Resolutions Committee be accepted. This passed unanimously.

9. Nominating Committee Report

Supervisor Penny Gross (Fairfax), chairperson of the Nominating Committee, submitted the following slate of officers and directors for nomination:

2020 VACo OFFICERS (Executive Committee)

President	Steve Bowen (Nottoway)
President Elect	Jeffrey McKay (Fairfax)
1st Vice President	Meg Bohmke (Stafford)
2nd Vice President	Jason Bellows (Lancaster)
Secretary/Treasurer	Donald L. Hart, Jr. (Accomack)
Immediate Past President:	Sherrin C. Alsop (King & Queen)

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Regional Directors Selected from VACo Regions

<u>Region</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Selected Officer</u>	<u>County</u>
Region 2	2021	Ruth Larson	James City
Region 3	2021	Canova Peterson	Hanover
Region 3	2021	Jim Holland	Chesterfield
Region 4	2021	Dan Lee	Dinwiddie
Region 7	2021	Jeff Black	Caroline
Region 8	2021	Victor Angry	Prince William
Region 8	2020	Vacant – (filled by Margaret Angela Franklin, PWC)	
Region 8	2021	Vacant – (filled by James Walkinshaw, Fairfax)	
Region 8	2020	Vacant – (filled by Libby Garvey, Arlington)	
Region 8	2021	Kathy Smith	Fairfax
Region 8	2020	Rodney Lusk	Fairfax
Region 9	2021	James Griffith	Alleghany
Region 10	2021	April DeMotts	Montgomery
Region 10	2021	Jerry Boothe	Floyd
Region 11	2020	Billy Martin	Botetourt
Region 13	2021	Larry Mosley	Lee

Past Presidents: Judy Lyttle (Surry County), Mary Biggs (Montgomery), Penny Gross (Fairfax)

NACo Delegates: Billy Kyger (NACo Board of Director Representative)

President Reeves asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, **a motion was made from the floor that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

10. Election of Officers

It was moved by Ms. Gross that the officers and directors be elected to the Board of Directors by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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11. Installation of Officers and Directors

The newly elected officers and directors were sworn into office by Phyllis Errico, General Counsel.

12. Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Comments by Incoming VACo President

President Bowen gave a short speech in which he said that he had been on the Nottoway board for since 2008 and he welcomed the support of VACo. He summarized his background and stated that he decided to run for supervisor because he felt that people vote without knowledge. He thanked Mr. Reeves for his leadership as well as the Nottoway board and administration.

14. Adjournment

Respectively submitted,

Dean A. Lynch, CAE
Executive Director