The House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee met on February 10 and reported their respective amendments to the Governor’s introduced budget. The Wednesday meeting marked a departure from the traditional “Budget Sunday” unveiling of the committee budgets, which was originally scheduled for February 7, but was delayed until later in the week and coincided with the transition to the special session called by the Governor to allow the legislature time to complete its work. The House and Senate started debating the respective committee proposals on February 12.

The following link is an overview of key proposals of interest from the committee budgets.

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Speakers may refer to the VACo Supervisors' Manual, which is strongly encouraged for this meeting. If you need a Supervisors' Manual, please contact Valerie Russell at vrussell@vaco.org with any questions.
Governor Announces Mid-Session Revenue Reforecast

On February 15, Governor Northam notified the chairs of the “money committees” that revenue collections had performed well enough to warrant a mid-session reforecast. General Fund revenues are now expected to increase by $730.2 million over the biennium relative to estimates included in the December introduced budget - $410.1 million in FY 2021 and $320.1 million in FY 2022. The increase is largely attributable to continued strength in sales tax collections, which have grown by 6.5 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis (the December introduced budget had predicted a 2.6 percent decline in FY 2021). Individual income tax withholding, the lion’s share of General Fund revenues, has underperformed thus far in the fiscal year, growing by 0.4 percent (the December budget had assumed growth of 2.7 percent in this revenue source). The reforecast does not adjust estimates for income tax collections, noting that “there are numerous unknowns on taxpayer behavior for filing, when significant rehiring may begin, and non-wage income gains last year.”

The additional revenues will now become part of the budget conference discussions, where they may ease in bridging differences between the two chambers’ respective proposals. However, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Luke Torian sounded a note of caution in his remarks to Committee members on Monday afternoon after a brief presentation on the additional expected resources, pointing out that state budget needs will continue after the enhanced federal support that has been provided to assist in the pandemic recovery comes to an end.

VACo Contact: Katie Boyle
Floyd County hires Dr. Millsaps as County Administrator

Floyd County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce, after an exhaustive search, they have appointed Dr. Linda S. Millsaps as County Administrator, effective March 1, to replace Ms. Terri Morris who retired effective December 31.

Dr. Millsaps has more than 20 years of experience in the public sector with significant management and financial responsibilities. In her most recent position as Executive Director of the George Washington Regional Commission, Dr. Millsaps oversaw regional efforts in economic development and affordable housing. This experience is an ideal fit for Floyd County as the County has received grants and invested local money into multiple economic development and housing projects.

Dr. Millsaps already has ties to Floyd County as she owns property nearby and visits Floyd frequently. In fact, Dr. Millsaps obtained her marriage license at the Floyd County Courthouse almost 25 years ago. “I am so excited to be a part of the Floyd County team! I have many positive memories of our many trips to Floyd and look forward to making this our home. I am hopeful that I will be able to use my experience and abilities to make a wonderful place even better.”

Dr. Millsaps will be the second woman to serve as Floyd County Administrator. Dr. Millsaps has a Bachelor of Science degree from American University with a major in Political Science and History; a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government; and a Ph.D. from West Virginia University in Policy Analysis and Political Science State and Local Government.

According to Chairman Joe Turman, Burks Fork District, “After finding someone who fulfilled our requirements as qualified in Education, Knowledge and Experience, we looked for someone who fit Floyd County. We wanted someone who would carry on our close working relationships with staff, department heads and above all, who would be accepted and respected by the people of Floyd County. We believe Dr. Millsaps fulfills all of this. Her big smile and warm personality fits in well with the County. It is a great honor on behalf of the Board of Supervisors to welcome Dr. Millsaps to Floyd County. We look forward to working with Dr. Millsaps in keeping Floyd County moving forward. I would also like to thank our Attorney, Steve Durbin for his long hours of work and patience in helping us make this appointment possible.”
Visit Grayson County and the historic log cabins at Grayson Highlands State Park

The park is open daily from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. The park office is open weekdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Visitor Center and Country Store are closed for the season.

Be sure to plan in advance for your trip: click here.

The Backpackers Lot is open for overnight parking, but reservations are required. Visit ReserveAmerica.com to make reservations until midnight the day prior to arrival. Parking at Massie Gap is limited to approximately 150 vehicles in designated areas only. Parking in the grass along the road shoulder may result in a fine. If parking is full, visitors can explore other areas of the park.

Overnight facilities are open for reservations

Camping is closed for the season and will reopen on April 30. Interpretive programs are not scheduled to resume at this time. COVID-19 update: Please take a moment to read this important park update. Last Update: Dec. 10, 2020

General Information

Near Mount Rogers and Whitetop Mountain, Virginia’s two highest mountains, Grayson Highlands offers scenic views of alpine-like peaks more than 5,000 feet high. Facilities include a visitor center, campgrounds, and hiking trails leading to waterfalls and overlooks. Scenic horse trails and a horse camping area with electric and water hookups, stables and parking for trailers are available. The park provides year-round access to the Appalachian Trail and the Virginia Highlands Horse Trail.

This page’s recreation section has specific information about hiking the high country.

Hours | 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. | Park Size | 4,502 acres. Various elevation: Entrance - 3,698 feet; Visitor Center - 4,953 feet; Little Pinnacle - 5,089 feet.

SOURCE: Department of Conservation and Recreation
Become a Certified Supervisor

The Virginia Association of Counties offers the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program: an opportunity for county supervisors to learn how to more effectively and efficiently lead in their communities.

Since its inception in 2005, more than 80 supervisors representing more than 40 counties have completed this training program, earning credentials as a certified county supervisor. Of greater importance, each supervisor has gained the insight, perspective, and confidence needed to address the challenges and opportunities of the local governance experience.

The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program features a five-course curriculum, designed to maximize engagement and enhance scholarship. Each course begins with a six-hour topically driven, classroom session, followed by seven weeks of relevant reading assignments and 90-minute virtual sessions to discuss situation-based exercises. The final component of each eight-week course is a concluding six-hour classroom session, which includes a review of the reading and assignment material.

VACo Contact: Karie Walker

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VACo’s Associate Membership Program is the most efficient and cost-effective way to showcase your company to decision makers from Virginia’s 95 counties. This access can play a major role in your marketing efforts, and it benefits counties by identifying potential suppliers in a broad range of services. See how these four VACo Associate Members can help your county.

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Local Government Attorneys of Virginia: Considerations regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for local government employees

Dear Local Government Attorney Colleagues:

The COVID-19 Committee endeavors to assist you on matters large and incremental. The linked memorandum deals with the thorny issue of vaccinations of employees. We hope that it will provide guidance on key legal issues.

Our particular appreciation to Loudoun Senior Deputy County Attorney Milissa Spring and GTP Associate Garrett Autry for their substantive work on this memorandum.

We are almost a year into dealing with this pandemic. The Committee recognizes and thanks you for your respective ongoing efforts, as legal counsel, to support local government during this time.

Stay Healthy,
Sharon E. Pandak
Chair, LGA COVID-19 Committee

Notice: This summary is provided by the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. as general guidance. It is not to be considered legal advice. Officials should seek advice and direction from their county, city or town attorney on any specific questions. Issued 2/2/2022.
PLEASE SHARE YOUR COUNTY DISTRIBUTION PLANS OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE OR A LINK TO YOUR RESPECTIVE PLANS

VACo is collecting information on county plans of distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. If your county has developed a plan to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine, other counties may benefit from the information. Please share your plan, so we can bank the information for other counties. Submissions can be found [here](#).

Please send your plans to Karie Walker at [kwalker@vaco.org](mailto:kwalker@vaco.org)
L. Carol Edmonds Retires as Deputy Montgomery County Administrator; Angela M. Hill named Assistant Montgomery County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer

After serving Montgomery County in several roles for almost three decades, L. “Carol” Edmonds retired from the County as Deputy County Administrator on December 31, 2020. Carol served in the public sector for 42 years and began working for Montgomery County in 1994 as the Director of Financial and Management Services. She served as Interim County Administrator in 2009 and was promoted to Deputy County Administrator in 2012.

“Carol’s strong work ethic, dedication and strategic thinking will be greatly missed,” said County Administrator, Craig Meadows. “However, she has worked extremely hard as a public servant for over four decades and leaves a lasting legacy for both the employees and citizens of Montgomery County. We all congratulate Carol on her retirement, and wish her all the best!”

Angela M. Hill, who most recently served the County as Director of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, has been promoted to Assistant County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer. Angie joined Montgomery County in October 1997 as Director of Financial and Management Services. Prior to joining the county, she worked as an auditor at Brown Edwards & Company, LLP., a regional certified public accounting firm, where she specialized in governmental audits.

“Angie will lead the departments formerly managed by Carol prior to her retirement,” said Meadows. “Angie brings more than two decades of experience in Montgomery County to her new role. I am confident she will continue her excellent work for the County, and will continue Carol’s legacy of fiscal management and planning.”

Lisa Rayne, Assistant Director of Finance, will serve as Interim Financial Services Director, while the County conducts a national recruitment for a new Director of Finance.
The 2021 General Assembly session began in January as legislators deliberated on many issues of critical importance to local government, including the state budget, broadband, education funding, economic development, public safety, taxes and other policy matters.

VACo will continually provide updates during the session through Capitol Contact. VACo Members - To ensure that you are receiving Capitol Contact, please send Gage Harter your best email address.

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- January 26, 2021: [Workers’ compensation presumption legislation for EMS personnel amended, COVID-19 presumption bills advance](#)
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- February 18, 2021: [SOQ Support Position Bill Survives](#)
Mixed Delivery and Preschool Development Grant B-5 Opportunity Announcement

Today we are pleased to share details about how interested communities can express interest and intent to apply for Mixed Delivery Grants (MDG) and/or the Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG).

All interested applicants must complete a Letter of Intent by March 15 at 5pm through VECF’s online grant system. The official grant announcements for MDG and PDG B-5 include details about both opportunities, including important dates.

Additional information and helpful resources for both PDG and MDG can be found on VECF’s “Opportunities Ahead” webpage.

It is important for interested communities to begin thoughtful consideration of both of these early childhood opportunities now.

To receive information and details about the PDG B-5 and/or the MDG opportunities, application requirements, and deadlines, please follow VECF on Facebook (www.facebook.com/SmartBeginnings) or Twitter (@SB_VECF). Visit our website for the most up-to-date information. For comments and questions, please send inquiries to info@vecf.org. Individual questions will not receive responses, but they will inform regularly updated FAQs.

We look forward to supporting community partners in exploring and identifying the most strategic options to deliver school readiness for children and families.
The application period for the 2021 AARP Community Challenge is now open

The application period for the 2021 AARP Community Challenge is now open. The AARP Community Challenge provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. Applications are accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more.

You can find more details about the 2021 Community Challenge or apply on AARP’s website.

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If you are interested in being on the VACo 2021 Conference Planning Committee, please submit your interest to Valerie Russell at vrusell@vaco.org by February 19th.
In a new series of video blogs, our partners at three+one® present their proven methods for turning the tide of economic waves in a changed marketplace since COVID. cashvest® by three+one® offers a comprehensive 6-step plan to navigate these new marketplace realities to provide your county with certainty during uncertain times.

cashvest® by three+one® has developed a comprehensive plan to navigate a changed marketplace since COVID. We previously shared the 1st step in this pathway; today we share Step 2 for getting your public or higher-ed entity on the financial Pathway to Recovery® with our 6-step plan.

Check out the 2nd step video

Check out the 1st step video
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There is no clearer demonstration of this year’s theme – Counties Matter – than the public health emergency and economic crisis we are facing. Now more than ever, our residents are seeing firsthand the essential functions counties perform.

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NACo will highlight the 18 “best of category” winners, as well as feature all winners in NACo materials and online. We also provide a customizable press release for you to share the good news with the media and residents.

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EARLY BIRD APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 8, 2021 (save $25 off the application fee)

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