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2022 NACo Annual Conference Resolutions



IT'S TIME TO HIT THE ROAD FOR THE... VACO 2022 REGIONAL MEETINGS

IN-PERSON MEETING

REGIONS 2&3 - MAY 23 | HENRICO REGIONS 6&9 - JUNE 9 | AUGUSTA REGIONS 5&7 - JULY 12 | FLUVANNA REGIONS 1&4 - JULY 21 | DINWIDDIE REGIONS 12&13 - AUGUST 23 | RUSSELL REGIONS 10&11 - SEPTEMBER 22 | FRANKLIN

VIRTUAL MEETING

REGIONS 6&7&8 - TBA



The <u>Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250)</u> was created by the General Assembly for the purpose of commemorating the 250th anniversary of Virginia's participation in American independence. The Commission is composed of legislative leaders, tourism and economic development officials, historians, and experts across a wide spectrum.

The 250th anniversary of American independence holds tremendous educational, economic, and tourism opportunities for the Commonwealth. Not only was Virginia a central focus of the American Revolution in the 1770's and 1780's, but it is still at the center, in terms of what visitors can see and experience today.

There are hundreds of related sites throughout Virginia that serve to better educate people as to the pivotal role the Commonwealth held in independence. That geographic dispersal means visitors do not have to travel to a specific place to experience the history. Further, the Commission is resolved to plan a statewide commemoration that is **multi-faceted and inclusive** of the diverse individuals, histories, sites, stories, and communities that define Virginia.

To position Virginia as a key leader in this national commemoration, the Commission requests that each locality form a Local VA250 Committee to join in the planning for this large-scale commemoration. Further, we ask localities to designate a liaison to work and communicate with the Commission.

Localities that form official Local VA250 Committees by **passing a resolution of support**, **designating a local contact, and forming a Local VA250 Committee**, the state commission will provide **grant funding opportunities** for commemorative events and make available programs to include traveling exhibitions and teacher resources.

To provide a local contact or to receive more information, contact Cheryl Wilson (804) 205-0788 or at <u>cheryl.wilson@jyf.virginia.gov</u>, or Elizabeth Mancano (757) 837-7228 or at <u>elizabeth.mancano@jyf.virginia.gov</u> or visit <u>www.VA250.org</u>.

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Dean Lynch speaks at the VA Rural Leadership Institute



Photo and text from the Virginia Rural Center

We are grateful to Tappahannock for welcoming the VA Rural Leadership Institute into town last week. With the tragic fire, we are all inspired by the community's resilience and ability to come together. Tappahannock Main Street is a special and unique town.

Thanks to all of the local partners who helped create a truly memorable experience. The #VRLI cohort loved sampling all of the local flavors with meals from Java Jacks Cafe, NN Burger, Berry's Catering and wine from Wind Vineyards at Laurel Grove.

The fire brought power outages to Tappahannock which led #VRLI to pivot our agenda. Without electricity, we continued in-person sessions on Friday afternoon with **Dean Lynch**, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties, who presented on "Engaging with Elected Officials & Government" and Staci Martin with Virginia is for Lovers who spoke about "Rural Tourism."

After sending Cohort members home a day earlier than planned, we held Saturday's session virtually! We appreciated Chief Frank Adams with The Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe sharing his experience with "Building a Tribal Government" and Morgan Dean, Community Development Director at Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, sharing her expertise on housing. Stephanie Heinatz with Consociate Media closed out our session discussing the importance of "Communication and Listening."

TOURISM



Visit Botetourt County and the Botetourt County Courthouse

Location: 1 West Main Street / Roanoke Street Built: 1972 – 1974 Style: Modern Colonial Architect: Hinnant, Addison and Hinnant of Lexington Contractor: Montgomery Construction Company

Description: The building faces south and is a two story red colored brick and concrete structure. The building is located on landscaped grounds in the center of Fincastle. The south front has a large portico with four white colored columns rising to a pediment at the roof line. There are east and west wings. On the center of the roof is a square white colored cupola with a clock ad spite at the top. In the interior, the courtroom is located on the second story. The building houses the County Circuit Court of the 25th Judicial Circuit. On the west side of the courthouse are the Old Jail, Old District Courts Building and Extension Building.

SOURCE: <u>American Courthouses | Courthouses.co</u>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Let's meet in person at the VACo County Officials' Summit

AUGUST 18, 2022 | <u>REGISTRATION FORM</u> | <u>REGISTER ONLINE</u> <u>DRAFT AGENDA</u>

The 2022 VACo County Officials' Summit hits the road this summer as we travel to Roanoke County. We're excited to invite members of the Youngkin Administration to speak about developing relationships with local governments and to share their vision for the future. We've also invited several cabinet members to talk about the issues and legislation for the 2023 General Assembly Session.

<u>Register today</u> to join your peers in Roanoke County on Thursday, August 18, 2022, for the VACo County Officials' Summit. Breakfast and lunch are provided with event registration.

Two time blocks of VACo Steering Committee Meetings will follow lunch on August 18. VACo's Board of Directors Meeting will take place at 9am on Friday, August 19.

Contact Valerie Russell at <u>vrussell@vaco.org</u> to book a hotel room. We looking forward to seeing you at the County Officials' Summit on August 18!

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2022 VACo Achievement Awards

FUN FACT

The most entries received in a single year was 106 in 2018. Submissions have surpassed the 100-entry mark three times.

The most counties represented in a single year is 31, which occurred this year.

Here's a <u>complete list</u> of the number of submissions and counties each year of the Achievement Awards program.



VACo is excited to begin the selection process for 2022 Achievement Awards. This year is the program's 20th anniversary. Thank you for your continued support of the VACo Achievement Awards and for all your innovative programs that help improve Virginia's communities.

Number of Submissions: 100 Number of Counties Represented: 31

Winners will be announced around the first week of August. If you did not receive a submission confirmation email - please contact <u>gharter@vaco.org</u>.

Regions 5 and 7 Discuss Housing, Solar, Workforce, and More in Fluvanna County



Fluvanna County hosted representatives of VACo Regions 5 and 7 on July 12 for a robust discussion of regional priorities, including updates from Delegate Sally Hudson and Delegate Tara Durant on top issues in the General Assembly and opportunities to collaborate with local governments. Fluvanna County Vice Chair Tony O'Brien welcomed attendees, and VACo President Meg Bohmke extended a special welcome to newly-elected Supervisors, noting VACo's work to build relationships with the new Administration and its long tradition of nonpartisan work on behalf of counties.

During a roundtable discussion, county representatives shared issues of concern in their communities. Issues raised included the continued need for infrastructure investment, such as funding for broadband, water, and sewer projects; challenges associated with the Children's Services Act and limitations on using CSA funds to serve children in the public school setting; the need for a stronger partnership with the state in funding K-12 education; and the importance of restoring the distribution of recordation tax revenues to localities outside of Northern Virginia that existed prior to 2020.

Delegate Sally Hudson and Delegate Tara Durant discussed priority issues they are pursuing in advance of the next legislative session; addressing the shortage of school bus drivers is a shared concern. Delegate Hudson expressed her interest in providing localities with additional flexibility to address housing affordability, as well as in improving data collection on power outages. Delegate Durant discussed recent regional discussions on affordable housing, and noted that she is examining models from other states in addressing learning loss resulting from the pandemic.

Discussion ensued among attendees and the legislators, including further conversation regarding bus driver shortages and broader workforce needs and affordable housing. Attendees discussed the intersection of housing affordability and local revenue options and its connection with state funding and mandates on local government, and the need for workforce housing and walkable communities to meet residents' quality of life concerns.

Joe Lerch concluded the meeting with a brief presentation on issues related to solar and related alternative energy sources. Legislation introduced at VACo's request and passed in 2022 requires the State Corporation Commission to examine the life cycle of solar and wind energy devices, including battery storage. Another bill requires the Virginia Cooperative Extension to map prime agricultural soils and forestlands in order to assist with siting large solar installations. Virginia Cooperative Extension has also been directed to work with utilities to review capacity within the electric grid.

VACo thanks the county representatives, legislators, and business partners who participated in the meeting, and extends its special appreciation to Fluvanna County and to Cunningham Creek Winery for hosting the event.

VACo Contact: Katie Boyle

Dinwiddie County Hosts Regions 1 and 4 for Discussion of Economic Development, School Capital Needs, and More



Dinwiddie County hosted representatives of VACo Regions 1 and 4 and three members of the area's General Assembly delegation on July 21 for VACo's fourth regional meeting of the year. Dinwiddie County Chairman and former VACo President Harrison Moody set the stage for a collaborative conversation by offering a warm welcome to the County.

Representatives of the 11 counties who participated in the meeting shared their major challenges and priorities for legislative action as part of a roundtable discussion. Issues raised included a strong interest among several attendees in additional options to raise revenues for school capital projects, through continued state appropriations as well as by allowing interested localities to impose a 1 percent sales tax for school capital projects if approved by referendum (authority that has been granted to nine localities). Several county representatives highlighted the strain on local law enforcement imposed by overcrowding at state hospitals, which has resulted in lengthy waits in emergency rooms with individuals subject to temporary detention orders. Other common themes included the challenges in recruiting and retaining volunteer fire and EMS personnel in rural areas; the need for transportation

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improvements on major corridors as well as the need to address overdue road maintenance (such as ditch cleaning); the need for full state funding of Constitutional offices; economic development (to include the infrastructure needed to support growth); and workforce challenges in the public sector, including public safety staff and teachers. Several county representatives expressed their interest in encouraging young people to remain in the area.

Delegate Emily Brewer provided updates on major actions taken by the 2022 General Assembly and her priorities for the upcoming 2023 session and responded to items raised by counties during the roundtable discussion. She echoed the importance of encouraging younger residents to remain in rural communities, noting her efforts to refine the G3 workforce development program to target the needs of particular regions, and encouraging members to participate in the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity, which will be held October 12 and 13. She highlighted several successes



VACo members also toured Dinwiddie County's Virginia Motorsports Park. Pictured left to right are Greensville County Supervisor James Brown, Greensville County Chair Tony Conwell, and VACo's Joe Lerch

in the recently-adopted state budget, including additional funding for law enforcement and a large infusion to the Virginia Retirement System to improve the funded status of the plans. A priority for the upcoming session is ensuring that rural communities can benefit from the Smart Scale program, as well as continued work on behavioral health. Delegate Kim Taylor underscored the importance of economic development for the region, and indicated her particular interest in working to improve opportunities in agriculture. Delegate Otto Wachsmann noted that TDOs have been cited as a top priority issue in his meetings with sheriffs. He applauded the work of electric co-ops in the deployment of rural broadband.

Kevin Massengill, Dinwiddie County Administrator, and Tammie Collins, Deputy County Administrator, Planning and Community Development, made a brief presentation about economic development in the County, in particular the County's efforts to develop a home-grown workforce for local businesses. The County's Youth Workforce Development Initiative exposes students to job opportunities in the community, in partnership with the school system, community college, and local businesses. Students are paid for their work through a combination of seed money appropriated by the Board of Supervisors, support from local businesses, and a grant from the regional community action agency. Mr. Massengill provided an overview of the County's relationship with the Virginia Motorsports Park, which is the largest tourist attraction in the area and generates revenue for the County through an admissions tax charged on each ticket.

VACo is grateful to Dinwiddie County for hosting a robust discussion and to Virginia Motorsports Park for allowing attendees to visit this important part of the region's economy. County representatives and legislators provided critical information that will help VACo develop its draft legislative program, and VACo appreciates their participation.

VACo Contact: Katie Boyle

COUNTY NEWS

Fire and Rescue System Chief announces retirement after 40 years of service to Prince William County



Fire and Rescue System Chief Timothy L. Keen announced his retirement after 40 years of service to Prince William County. His retirement date is effective Sept. 1, 2022.

Chief Keen began his career in Prince William County as a volunteer in January of 1982. He has led the Fire and Rescue System as chief for the past three years.

"We appreciate Chief Keen's 40 years of service with the county," said Board of County Supervisors Chair Ann Wheeler. "He provided leadership to the second largest Fire and Rescue System in the Commonwealth during some challenging and dynamic times, not the least of those being the COVID-19 pandemic. We commend his passion for public service and commitment to our community."

"Chief Keen has dedicated his entire adult life and professional career to serving the citizens of Prince William County," said Acting County Executive Elijah Johnson. "We are grateful for his stewardship of the department and his efforts to continue the development of our world-class Fire and Rescue System."

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Prince William County for 40 years and to lead the Fire and Rescue System over the past three years," said Keen. "I am grateful for the amazing performance of all the members in our system and proud of the work we have done to improve our services to the Prince William community."

Chief Keen's last day in the office will be Aug. 31, 2022. The Acting County Executive and Board of County Supervisors will discuss the next steps regarding the transition in leadership and the future selection process for the Fire and Rescue System Chief position.

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Panayiotis "Yoti" Jabri Named Director of Economic Development For Prince George County



Prince George, VA - Prince George County Administrator, Mr. Jeffrey D. Stoke, has announced that Panayiotis "Yoti" Jabri, has been appointed Director of Economic Development for Prince George County, Virginia.

Mr. Jabri will assume the responsibilities August 1. He is currently the Director of Economic Development for Surry County, Virginia. He returns to Prince George County Government where he previously held the position of Economic Development Specialist.

Mr. Jabri received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Longwood University, and his Master of Arts in Economics/Public Administration from Virginia State University. He is a lifelong resident of Prince George County, graduating from Prince George High School, and stills calls Prince George County home.

"We are very pleased to be able to appoint Mr. Jabri to this very important County position," stated Jeff Stoke, County Administrator. "He has worked on several major economic development initiatives over the years and is very familiar with our community. We expect continued growth and success for Prince George County."

Linda K. Staton Named Director of Finance and Human Resources



County Administrator Candice McGarry announced on July 25 the appointment of Linda K. Staton as Director of Finance and Human Resources for Nelson County. Staton officially begins her new role on August 1.

Linda Staton has 24 years of governmental finance and human resources experience and since 2016 has served as Finance Technician II, Payroll and Human Resources. In this role, she served as the Employee Benefits Administrator for all County health insurance, Virginia Retirement System, Deferred Compensation plans and supplemental insurance programs, as well as payroll processing and analysis. Staton attended Liberty University for two years and later Central Virginia Community College, graduating with an AA&S degree in Business Administration.

"We are excited to promote from within the department," McGarry said, adding, "Linda stood out from a list of qualified applicants. Her extensive experience in all aspects of the functions of the County's Finance and HR Department as well as her familiarity with Nelson County, makes her a valuable asset in her new capacity. We are very fortunate to have her many years of Nelson County finance and HR institutional knowledge carry forward into a greater role within our organization. The County has prided itself in obtaining top talent – particularly talent that will further enhance our reputation as a wellmanaged and fiscally responsible locality."

"It's such an honor to be selected as the next Director of Finance and Human Resources for Nelson County," Staton said. "It's a full circle moment to be chosen as the next leader of this outstanding group of professionals. I look forward to continuing the excellent financial stewardship of County resources and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of Nelson County in my new role," she added. **STATE NEWS**

I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Continues Progress



Members of the I-81 Advisory Committee from across the Commonwealth gathered in Roanoke on July 7 to discuss the status of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan. The role of the <u>Committee</u> is to advise or make any recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board regarding the Plan. The meeting was positive in that updates to Interstate-81, and other related modes of transportations along the corridor, are being completed on time and the projects have the necessary funding.

Regarding general business of the I-81 Advisory Committee, the meeting in Roanoke was attended by Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sheppard "Shep" Miller III, and his staff. Delegate Terry Austin (District 19) was elected the Chair of the committee while Delegate Tony Wilt (District 26) was elected Vice-Chair. Phil North, Chair of the VACo Transportation Steering Committee, also attended the meeting as a member of the I-81 Advisory Committee and Chair of the Roanoke Valley/Alleghany PDC. The committee will meet later this year at an undetermined date.

The success of Interstate-81 is critical to the success of western Virginia. I-81 is the

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main artery of transportation through this area and sees \$312 billion in goods while also accounting for 42% of Virginia's interstate truck vehicle miles traveled. To date, there have been 23 completed projects while there are currently 15 projects underway. The 15 projects currently being worked on include:

- Road widening (2 projects, scheduled completion date 2026)
- Acceleration and deceleration lane extensions (11 projects, 7 will be completed in 2022 while 4 more are to be finished in 2023)
- Additional truck climbing lane (1 to be completed in 2024)
- Auxiliary lane (1 to be completed in 2022)

In total there are, as of now, 26 remaining projects for the Plan and these are anticipated to be completed by 2033. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) staff relayed to the Committee that operational improvements such as 30 digital messaging signs, 51 additional traffic cameras, extended safety services patrols, detour route improvements and improved incident clearance have all been completed in the VDOT system and that the locality systems should be completed in 2025. The full presentation on the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program Status may be accessed <u>here.</u>

The next topic of discussion was the I-81 Multimodal Improvement Plan which highlighted updates and information regarding <u>Virginia Breeze</u>. Virginia Breeze is the Statesponsored intercity bus service that runs 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It currently services two routes that use Interstate-81, the Blacksburg to Washington, D.C. route (Valley Flyer) and the Bristol to Washington, D.C. route (Highlands Rhythm). The Virginia Breeze is a low-cost mode of transportation to connect rural communities to other parts of the Commonwealth. Staff from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) stated that the Virginia Breeze service performs very well. The Service has an 85% on time performance rate and a farebox recovery rate (% of cost covered by fares) of 52%. In comparison, the national average is somewhere between a 20-30% farebox recovery rate. DRPT staff went on to state that 110,000 rides have been serviced since December 2017 and the allowance of pre-booked tickets forewarns the Department in case they need to accommodate demand with added busses, such as around holidays. The full presentation on Virginia Breeze by DRPT may be found here.

The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) then spoke to the Committee on passenger rail updates. The \$100 million in I-81 funding will be a critical part of the \$300 million in western Virginia rail funding, which is part of the \$3.7 billion rail deal signed in 2021 with CSX and Amtrak. This allows the second Roanoke Amtrak train to operate (The line began July 11th, 2022) and a 2026 extension of passenger rail to the New River Valley (NRV). Ridership on rail in Roanoke hit a record 220,000 passengers in 2019 while to date in 2022, we see similar ridership trends. With the extension of the route to the NRV, the VPRA expects 80,000 new rides a year from the New River Valley to D.C. The extension to the NRV will be through the purchase of 28 miles of track from Norfolk Southern

which was finalized in June 2022. To read more on this and other rail updates, the full presentation can be found <u>here.</u>

The financial overview of the program was next on the agenda. After reviewing some history of the creation of funding opportunities for the Program, the general sense is that the Program is well funded and ahead of time for completion. New projections over the life of the program will cost \$2.7 billion through 2033 which is slightly more than the initial estimate of \$2.87 billion through 2038. All debt that is issued through the life of the Program (municipal bonds and Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act) will be supported by the I-81 Regional Fuels Tax. A breakdown of the program's financial status can be found <u>here</u>.

Lastly, the Office of the Secretary of Transportation gave an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and how it directly helps Virginia and Interstate-81. They made sure to state that the Youngkin Administration is committed to supporting applications for federal funding as they view this large amount of available funding as an opportunity to leverage Virginia's resources. The Administration will provide technical assistance to localities or agencies in drafting competitive applications and provide letters of support for IIJA project applications. Of the \$550 billion in new federal funding, Virginia will directly receive at least \$10.5 billion over the course of FY 22-26, with opportunities for more funding through competitive grants. Interstate-81 will see funding directly from the IIJA for bridge rehabilitation and replacement in Botetourt County (I-81 over Route 640 and Route 670). Furthermore, the IIJA gives around \$114 million in funding through the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program that allows I-81 projects to advance sooner.

VACo staff were in attendance for the meeting and will provide further updates on the I-81 Improvement Plan as they become available. Meeting materials from the July 7th meeting may be found <u>here</u>. The entire recorded meeting and public comment section may be accessed <u>here</u>.

VACo Contacts: James Hutzler and Jeremy R. Bennett

<u>General Fund Revenue Surplus</u>



Governor Youngkin announced last week that the state ended FY 2022 with a \$1.94 billion General Fund (GF) revenue surplus. The Governor will present more detailed information to the "money committees" on August 19, but based on the preliminary figures in the Governor's July 21 announcement, state GF revenue collections far outpaced the forecast of 8.5 percent growth, generating 16.3 percent growth relative to FY 2021. Payroll withholding and sales tax collections, major components of GF revenues, exceeded their forecasts, with payroll withholding growing at 9.5 percent (relative to 9 percent forecast of 6.5 percent.

Language in the recently-adopted biennium budget earmarks the first \$585 million from these surplus revenues that is not required to meet a Constitutionally-mandated deposit to the state Revenue Stabilization Fund or the Water Quality Improvement Fund, as follows:

- \$250 million for a lump sum payment to the Virginia Retirement System to reduce unfunded liabilities
- \$150 million for improvements to Interstate 64 between exit 205 and exit 234
- \$50 million for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program Fund
- \$100 million for capital projects
- \$35.5 million for deposit to the Major Headquarters Workforce Grant Fund

The following day, the Governor announced another piece of positive economic news for the Commonwealth, as Virginia's unemployment rate fell to 2.8 percent in June. According to the Virginia Employment Commission, relative to June 2021, the largest year-over-year job growth was experienced in leisure and hospitality, followed by education and health services. All ten metropolitan areas saw job growth between June 2021 and June 2022, with the largest growth in Northern Virginia, followed by Richmond. The Governor noted in his press release that the state's labor force participation rate remained unchanged at 63.8 percent, and indicated that increasing this metric will be an area of focus for the Administration.

Several important economic indicators will be released this week, including Gross Domestic Product calculations for the second quarter and the Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index, and all eyes are on the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee meeting on July 26 and 27. After the July 13 release of the updated Consumer Price Index, which indicated that the CPI had increased by 9.1 percent for the 12 months ending in June, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending in November 1981, Committee members are expected to announce another interest rate increase to try to tame increasingly worrisome levels of inflation.

VACo Contact: Katie Boyle

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Alternative Custody Workgroup Discusses Challenges and Opportunities at Second Meeting



The workgroup studying options to increase the use of alternative custody arrangements for individuals who are subject to an emergency custody order (ECO) or a temporary detention order (TDO) met for the second time on July 12 and discussed in more depth several topics that were initially raised at the group's first meeting. This workgroup was established by legislation passed during the 2022 General Assembly session (SB 202, Newman) in response to the continuing stresses on law enforcement agencies posed by delayed admissions to inpatient psychiatric care.

Jonathan Green, Director of Magistrate Services with the Supreme Court of Virginia, outlined challenges in the current alternative transportation process (and the recent statutory expansion to authorize the transfer of custody to the alternative transportation provider) from magistrates' perspective. Under current law, an alternative transportation provider must be identified to the magistrate (who may not otherwise be aware of all the resources available in each county he or she serves); the magistrate then evaluates whether the proposed alternative transportation provider is available, willing, and able to safely transport the individual subject to the temporary detention order. While the state's contracted provider, Allied Universal, is one alternative transportation provider, other possibilities are allowed under the law, including friends and relatives of the individual. The statutory changes enacted in 2022 allow an alternative transportation provider to assume custody of the individual, but the magistrate's decision in ordering alternative transportation is made based on factors involving transporting the individual. Given the lengthy wait times in recent months, the period of custody may be far longer than the time it takes to transport the individual to the inpatient facility. As Mr. Green noted, "It is one thing to analyze whether a proposed [alternative transportation provider] can safely transport a respondent to a designated location in the confines of a vehicle. Determining whether a proposed [alternative transportation provider] can safely maintain custody of a person in a hospital ED for 24 or more hours would seem to require a different analysis, yet the current statutory language focuses only on transportation."

Sheriff Jeremy A. Falls of Fauquier County underscored the challenges facing law enforcement under the current ECO/TDO system, but also outlined some promising approaches toward improving the process. While lengthy waits in the emergency department place a strain on the department, which must patrol an area of 651 square miles with six or seven deputies on duty at any given time, the Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC) in neighboring Culpeper has drastically shortened deputies' time required for ECOs. The County's co-responder program, established in partnership with Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services, involves the participation of a therapist who helps to provide resources to individuals in crisis and avert the need for ECOs or TDOs. The County is interested in expanding the hours a therapist is on duty and also in establishing a satellite CITAC to expand capacity.

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Sarah Owen, Legislative Aide to Senator Steve Newman, provided an outline of legislation carried by the Senator in 2022 that seeks to expand auxiliary police officers' ability to execute ECOs and TDOs, with appropriate training. Ms. Owen explained that the legislation is intended to add an option for law enforcement to transfer custody of individuals who may not meet the criteria for alternative transportation, and suggested that the legislature would be open to further changes in the law to refine the ECO/TDO process.

Suzanne Mayo and Gail Paysour of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) presented information on the state's current contract for alternative transportation and how it compares to efforts in other states. The contract, which is up for renewal at the end of the month, currently covers transportation only, and the addition of alternative custody would be a change in its scope. The legislature allocated \$2 million in FY 2023 for alternative custody, which would allow for a pilot program to be established. Ms. Mayo noted that Virginia's commitment laws, with a short ECO period relative to other states paired with a "bed of last resort" law, are unique relative to other states. Other states have implemented psychiatric observation units in emergency departments or psychiatricspecific emergency departments. Allied Universal provides alternative transportation in other states, but on a hospital-by-hospital basis and not statewide. Since Allied Universal is currently only able to meet a relatively small portion of the need for alternative transportation in Virginia, DBHDS is currently funding a pilot program in which it supplies hourly payments for off-duty law enforcement officers to maintain custody of individuals subject to TDOs. This program is intended to provide some relief to law enforcement agencies through the establishment of Memoranda of Understanding with individual agencies, which allows customization based on a locality's needs, but also requires a large number of individual MOUs to be developed.

Workgroup members discussed the potential for alternative custody and transportation to be supplied based on regional contracts, the possibility of revising current statutory eligibility requirements for ECOs and TDOs, and the need to consider providing additional resources to programming that has been shown to work (such as CITACs), among other facets of this complicated issue. The workgroup's next meeting is scheduled for August 9.

VACo Contact: Katie Boyle

JLARC Presents VRS Oversight Report



As part of their July 6 <u>meeting</u>, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) presented an oversight report of the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) as required by the <u>Code of Virginia</u>. The health and well-being of VRS is important to local governments as it administers retirement programs and other benefit programs for state and local government employees, including teachers. VRS receives funds from employer contributions, employee contributions, and investment income.

While information on returns is still being finalized, VRS reported good news that as of March 2022, the annual return was 12.3 percent, and the total VRS Trust fund grew by \$10 billion to exceed a high of \$106.3 billion in assets. Total returns were all above long-term return assumptions, though fiscal year returns are expected to be lower. Investment returns are a key source of income for VRS, and meeting or exceeding VRS investment benchmarks is critical to ensuring that employer contributions meant to amortize long-term unfunded liabilities remain low.

As previously <u>reported</u>, the health of the VRS Teachers plan was sufficient enough for the VRS Board of Trustees to recommend lowered employer contribution rates for the FY 2023 and FY 2024 biennium. However, the General Assembly opted to maintain the existing contribution rate from the previous biennium. They additionally opted to deposit \$750 million in FY 2022 into the VRS trust fund and earmark \$250 million of undesignated FY 2022 surplus revenues for an additional deposit to VRS. VACo has traditionally supported and encouraged such actions by the General Assembly as a prudent use of General Funds that yields long-term benefits to both state and local governments. The higher Teachers plan rates are estimated to yield \$500 million in savings over the next 15 years while the deposits of general funds could result in an additional estimated savings of \$2 billion over the next 20 years.

The VRS Board of Trustees also recently appointed Andrew H. Junkin as Chief Investment Officer (CIO). Mr. Junkin is the current CIO for Rhode Island's retirement programs and previous president of Wilshire Consulting. Mr. Junkin will begin serving in September 2022 and the current CIO will remain at VRS through 2022 to facilitate transition.

VRS serves more than 751,000 actives and retired members. Based on assets, VRS is the 17th largest public and private pension systems in the United States, and 46th largest in the world. VRS was created on July 1, 1942, and is celebrating 80 years of service this year. The full actuarial report and slides from meeting can be found <u>here</u>.

VACo Contact: Jeremy R. Bennett

VACo 88th Annual Conference

November 13-15, 2022

Greater Richmond Convention Center



As VACo's biggest event of the year, the Annual Conference is a must for every Virginia County Supervisor and county staff member. Drawing in hundreds of officials, dozens of speakers, and a host of vendors and exhibitors, VACo's Annual Conference provides opportunities to learn from others, grow in knowledge, and improve skills.

The Annual Conference includes:

- General Sessions featuring elected officials, local leaders and policy/government experts discussing and analyzing issues
- Breakout Sessions designed to educate and enlighten
- Exhibit Hall featuring companies and organizations showcasing products and services unique to the needs of county government
- Hands-on workshops
- VACo's Annual Business Meeting where the Legislative Program is adopted and the Board of Directors is elected for the upcoming year
- Steering Committee Meetings
- Multiple team-building and networking opportunities
- And Much More

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VIRGINIA RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK THROUGH TWO SURVEYS

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) are encouraging residents throughout the Commonwealth to respond to survey requests seeking input on travel preferences and opinions.

The results from these surveys will help officials and planners determine where and how to make transportation investments for improvements such as bridges and roads, as well as cycling, walking and other transit projects. Any information provided on either survey will be confidential.

Randomly selected Virginia residents may receive requests for the following surveys, via mail:

The National Household Travel Survey

The National Household Travel Survey is conducted every five to seven years by the Federal Highway Administration to collect data about trends in personal and household travel.

Respondents receive access to a secure website where they will be asked to answer questions regarding their household, vehicles and daily travel. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Respondents who complete the survey will receive a \$10 check to the address provided at the end of the survey. Depending on the responses provided, follow up questions may be asked with additional compensation. The \$2 bill attached to the letter is an initial thank you.

The National Household Travel Survey began January 2022 and will run until January 2023. To learn more about the National Household Travel Survey, visit <u>nhts.ornl.gov</u>. Contact Ipsos Research at 888-521-2520 with questions.

VTrans Biennial Transportation Survey

The Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, in partnership with WBA Research, is conducting a survey to support the <u>Virginia Transportation Plan</u> (VTrans), which guides the development of transportation goals and objectives, as well as the selection of transportation projects.

For this survey, respondents will use a unique six-character password to access a secure website, where they will complete the 20-minute survey. Respondents who complete the survey will receive a \$10 e-gift card from WBA Research.

If you receive the survey and prefer to answer the survey over the phone, you may call 833-397-4141 to schedule an interview at your convenience.

The VTrans Biennial Transportation Survey is scheduled to begin July 8 and run until October 2022. To learn more about the VTrans Biennial Transportation Survey visit vtrans.org/vision/opinion-survey or for answers to frequently asked questions, call WBA Research toll-free at 833-397-4141.

Upcoming FOIA Training

Dear Interested Parties:

The Virginia FOIA Advisory Council is hosting the following live webinar FOIA trainings starting this month. The webinars are free to attend and are approved for DCJS or CLE credit, as appropriate. Links to register can be found below and on our <u>website</u>. If you are interested in receiving DCJS or CLE credit, you will need to individually register and attend the webinar so that we can confirm your attendance.

Law Enforcement Records

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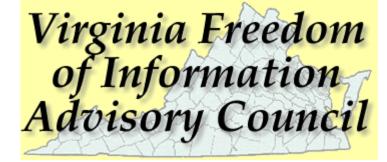
- July 21, 2022 at 2 pm
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- \circ September 13, 2022 at 2 pm
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- September 15, 2022 at 2 pm
- October 14, 2022 at 9 am



ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants: Fourth Round & Monitoring Updates



Virginia Child Care Providers,

The Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and the Virginia Department of Education will host an informational webinar **"ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants: Fourth Round & Monitoring Updates"** on **Thursday, August 4, 2022 from 1:30 – 3 p.m.**

Join us to learn about the fourth (final) round of ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants, including

- anticipated award amounts
- expected timelines for delivery
- next steps for providers.

We'll review reminders about allowable expenses and explore tools for documenting grant spending. In addition, we'll share updates regarding the monitoring process, including

- how it will work
- what to expect
- how to be prepared.

We'll suggest free resources to help your business thrive and to help you streamline administrative tasks in your program. Be part of the conversation as we continue to build our early childhood care and education community together!

Please click <u>here</u> to register for the webinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. **Note, capacity is limited; only the first 1,000 attendees to join the session will be able to participate.** The session will be recorded, and we'll make the recording available widely.

As a reminder, to support providers in decision-making and planning, especially related to the ARPA Child Care Stabilization Grants, you can find written guides, video tutorials, and links to register for coaching sessions on <u>VECF's ARPA webpage</u>.

STATE NEWS

VITA Incident Reporting Information Sessions



VIRGINIA IT AGENCY

VITA will be hosting two information sessions about the <u>new</u> <u>incident reporting legislation</u> and reporting page, <u>reportcyber</u>. <u>virginia.gov</u>, which went into effect on July 1, 2022. The virtual sessions will be held on:

- Thursday, July 28, 10 a.m.
- Monday, August 1, 2 p.m.

These 30-minute information sessions will cover the legislation and reporting form. Representatives from VITA and VSP will be on the webinar to answer questions. Please share this information with anyone you think would benefit.



VIRGINIA OUTDOORS FOUNDATION \$2 million available in latest grant round for open space projects

The Virginia Outdoors Foundation is making \$1.8 million available from its Preservation Trust Fund program and \$200,000 from its Get Outdoors Fund for grants that protect open space for public use and other public benefits.

Preservation Trust Fund grants for the fall 2022 grant round will prioritize projects that result in significant public access, but may also be used for projects that protect exceptional conservation values such as water quality, historic and cultural resources, wildlife habitat, and high-quality farmland and forestland. A real estate interest must either be acquired by a local government or conveyed to VOF to be eligible for funding, and protection must meet the requirements of Virginia's Open-Space Land Act. There is no minimum or maximum on Preservation Trust Fund grants, but historically they have averaged approximately \$150,000.

Get Outdoors Fund grants may be used to fund projects that create, protect, expand, or enhance access to open space in underserved communities. Proposals up to \$25,000 may be considered.

The Get Outdoors Fund requires pre-applications to be submitted through <u>VOF's online grants</u> <u>portal</u> by August 10, 2022. Invitations to submit a full application will be issued within one week of pre-application receipt. No more than 25 applicants will be invited to submit a full application. If an organization has been awarded more than \$5,000 in a past grant round, the previous project must be completed before an applicant may reapply. Past applicants must submit new preapplications. A resubmitted pre-application without significant revision will not be considered. In addition, applicants may not apply more than twice with the same concept.

Full applications for both programs must be submitted online using our <u>grants application</u> <u>portal</u>. Full applications must be submitted by August 22, 2022. Grant awards will be announced sometime in October. Eligibility requirements, sample applications, and other materials may be found online at <u>https://vof.org/ptf</u> and <u>https://vof.org/go</u>. VOF encourages potential applicants to contact staff prior to applying to discuss eligibility and seek guidance on producing a successful application. Contact <u>grants@vof.org</u> or 434.282.7054 with questions or for information on how to apply. <u>Click here for more information</u>.



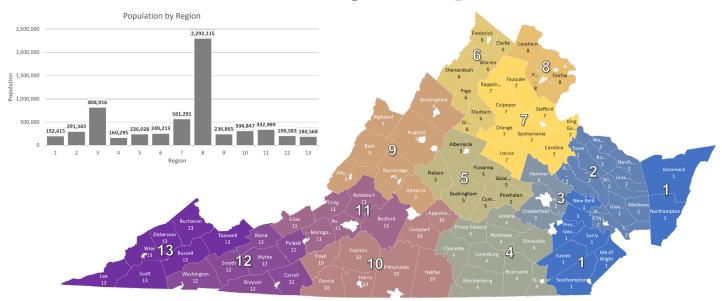
Maximizing Your Cash In a Rising Rate Environment

Right now, short-term interest rates are on the rise with the Fed signaling a willingness to keep increases inching upward in attempts to stabilize inflation. In a rising-rate environment, all cash should be seen as a valuable asset in the marketplace.



VACo NEWS

New VACo Regional Map



Proposed Reapportionment and Bylaw Amendment

The VACo Bylaws provide for reapportionment every ten years beginning in 1991. The VACo President named a reapportionment committee in 2021 and the committee began the process when the census data was available. The committee presented its recommendations to the VACo Board of Directors at its meeting on June 4, 2022. The Board of Directors accepted the recommendation of the committee which would add three seats to the VACo Board of Directors consisting of one rural, one suburban and one urban area seat. The Board also endorsed a proposed Bylaw amendment which would allow the three seats to be added to the Board of Directors. The proposed reapportioned map of regions and the Bylaw proposal are as follows.

The Membership of the association will vote on the proposed Bylaw amendment at its Annual meeting on November 15, 2022.

Article IX entitled *Board of Directors,* shall be amended in Section 2 by adding the words **Regional Directors** and deleting the words **twenty four members** as indicated below.

ARTICLE IX

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Authority and Responsibility. The governing body of this Association shall be the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Association, its committees, and its publications; shall determine its policies or changes therein; and shall actively prosecute its objectives.

Section 2. Composition and Election. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, The President-Elect, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Immediate Past-President, the three next most recent Virginia

Association of Counties past-presidents who currently hold office as elected Virginia county supervisors who may serve only for 3 more years after their term as immediate past president, and **Regional Directors** twenty-four members elected on a "one person - one vote" basis from compact and contiguous Regions into which the State shall be divided for purposes of representation. Such regional directors shall be selected at the annual meeting by the member counties located within the region which the director will represent. The Board of Directors shall designate at least one member of the Board to represent the Association on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties. Any county supervisor who serves on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Counties shall also serve as an ex-officio member of the VACo Board of Directors.

Section 3. Qualification. Only elected county supervisors representing Virginia counties in good standing shall be eligible to stand for election to the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Term. Regional Directors shall be elected for two-year staggered terms with approximately fifty percent of its members elected and installed at each Annual Business Meeting. No Regional Directors shall serve more than four full consecutive terms. Any tenure as an officer of the Association shall not be included as any part of the tenure of the aforementioned four consecutive terms. The Regional Directors elected and installed at the Annual Business Meeting shall assume office immediately after the close of such meeting. Such Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected and installed. No Director shall continue to hold office after formally leaving office as an elected Virginia county supervisor. Past presidents may serve in that capacity for only three more years after their service as Immediate Past President.

Section 5. Reapportionment. Beginning in 1991, and every ten years thereafter, regional representation on the Board of Directors shall be reapportioned.

Section 6. Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold quarterly regular meetings at such time and such place as the Board may prescribe. Notice of all such meetings shall be given to the members not less than thirty days before the meeting is held. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or at the request of any three Directors elected from separate Regions of the Association. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held by conference call or other electronic means and votes may be taken.

Section 7. Quorum. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the members present, and voting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association. Any such business thus transacted shall be valid providing it is affirmatively passed by upon by a majority of those members present and voting.

Section 8. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors between Annual Business Meetings shall be filled by the Board. A Director so elected to fill a vacancy shall serve the unexpired term of the predecessor.

NACo NEWS

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Heritage Project

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County Administration and Management Clark County, Nev. Online Mineral Processing Tool for Air Quality Permitting

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Health Summit County, Ohio Utilizing collaboration and innovation to abate the opioid epidemic

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Risk and Emergency Management Larimer County, Colo. COVID-19 Recovery Outreach Dashboard

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Volunteers Salt Lake County, Utah Hounds Around Town (HAT)

www.naco.org/achievementawards

NACo is pleased to announce the winners for the 2022 Achievement Awards. Explore the Best in Category winners above by <u>clicking this</u> <u>link</u>.

All winners are available in our <u>searchable awards database</u>, where winning programs are searchable by year, category and state dating back to 2009.

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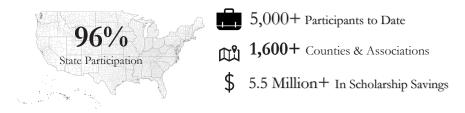


Take Your Leadership Skills to the Next Level Through the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy

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More than 5,000 participants have enrolled from counties across the country since the launch of the program, with incredible feedback and results. In fact, the positive feedback and demand for this NACo program has been truly unprecedented: to the point that NACo now has four scheduled opportunities to attend each year.



The Academy has proven relevant and non-disruptive for self-paced and collaborative learning. Participants have the opportunity to engage with peers from other counties and receive expert guidance from program facilitators throughout the 12 weeks of course materials, all with a flexible 4-5 hour per week time commitment.

The cost per enrollee begins at \$1,645. Additional discounts may apply. Contact us for more details for your state.

To enroll, visit the <u>NACo High Performance Leadership Academy</u> webpage at NACo.org/Skills.

For questions and assistance in enrolling, please contact Treina Smith-Slatt at treinas@pdaleadership.com



"This is a transformational leadership program that has proven to be the most scalable, cost effective, and efficient way to make your leaders better."

- General Colin Powell

Top 10 Participating Counties & Associations:

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Premier Partner Spotlight

Blue Line Solutions



Blue Line Solutions

VACo Premier Partner Blue Line Solutions offers a TrueBlue Highway Safety Program that can be implemented in School Zones and Construction Zones, where data has shown that drivers are unaware that their driving behavior is not in alignment with public safety. A key element of this program - drivers are first educated through several media outlets, that their driving patterns through these zones need to change to keep their communities safe. The education has had a profound and positive effect on driving behavior.

Please contact Greg Hogston for more information: <u>ghogston@bluelinesolutions.org</u> or 276.759.8064 or visit <u>https://bluelinesolutions.org</u>.

Watch the <u>Blue Line Solutions Video Part 1</u> Watch the <u>Blue Line Solutions Video Part 2</u> Watch the <u>Blue Line Solutions Video Part 3</u> Watch the <u>Blue Line Solutions Video Part 4</u>

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11th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia CSA Conference Connections Matter

When: November 1 - 2, 2022 Where: The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center in Roanoke, VA

FREE Pre-Conference Events on the afternoon of October 31, 2022:

Adaptive Leadership - CSA Coordinators Strategic Planning - CPMT Members (Registration required for all pre-conference sessions.)

Register Today

11th Annual Commonwealth of Virginia CSA Conference

We are excited to welcome everyone back to an in-person event of the 11th Commonwealth of Virginia's Annual Children's Services Act Conference, where "Connections Matter." Please join us for two days of impactful training, vendor visits, and activities focused on the resiliency of Virginia's CSA community, the changes in child welfare arising from various initiatives and national trends, and the evidence-based practices that inspire positive outcomes in engaging the youth and families in our work.

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As you plan your budget and build your Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2022-2023, the Berkley Group offers localities the following services:

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#InvestinChildCareVA

We are proud to be a member of the Virginia Promise Partnership, a coalition of 30+ leading organizations committed to quality, affordable child care for all Virginia families.

Please watch and share this video to show your support for child care! <u>#VaPromise</u> <u>#ChildCareIsEssential</u> <u>#MoreChildrenMoreChoices</u> #WeNeedChildCareVA #InvestinChildCareVA



Virginia Promise in Action - Video Campaign Compilation - YouTube

VIRGINIA PROMISE Partnership



"Access to safe and affordable childcare is an essential component to allow local businesses and county economies to thrive."

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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 \$100 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.



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