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# President's Welcome

I am honored to welcome you to VACo's 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. I hope you will make the most of the next few days of educational opportunities and discussions with colleagues from across the state. As our conference theme indicates, we must constantly adapt to changing circumstances in local government – but our network of fellow county officials can help us develop the ideas and solutions that we need to be good stewards of our communities. There is no better time than the annual conference to cultivate these relationships with our peers.



As VACo President, I traveled around the state this year to participate in regional meetings and other events, and I continue to be impressed by your creativity and your commitment to making your communities better places to live, work, and play. Although we have our specific challenges and pressures in each locality, we all share common concerns: how do we ensure our children are prepared to compete in a global economy? How do we care for our most vulnerable residents? And how can we best plan for the future, with all its uncertainties? I know Virginia counties will continue to rise to the challenge of governing, and I look forward to continuing to be part of those discussions at VACo.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the sponsors and exhibitors who are participating in the conference this year. We could not hold this event without them, and I encourage you to spend some time in the Exhibit Hall to learn about what solutions these companies may offer for your county. I am grateful to the VACo team for their hard work over the last several months planning the event, and I would also like to thank VACo Second Vice President William McCarty for his service as Chair of the Conference Planning Committee and the excellent ideas he brought to the planning process.

It has been an honor to serve as VACo President this year, and I thank you for your support and your exemplary work on behalf of the citizens of Virginia.

With best wishes for a great conference,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason D. Bellows".

**Jason D. Bellows**  
VACo President



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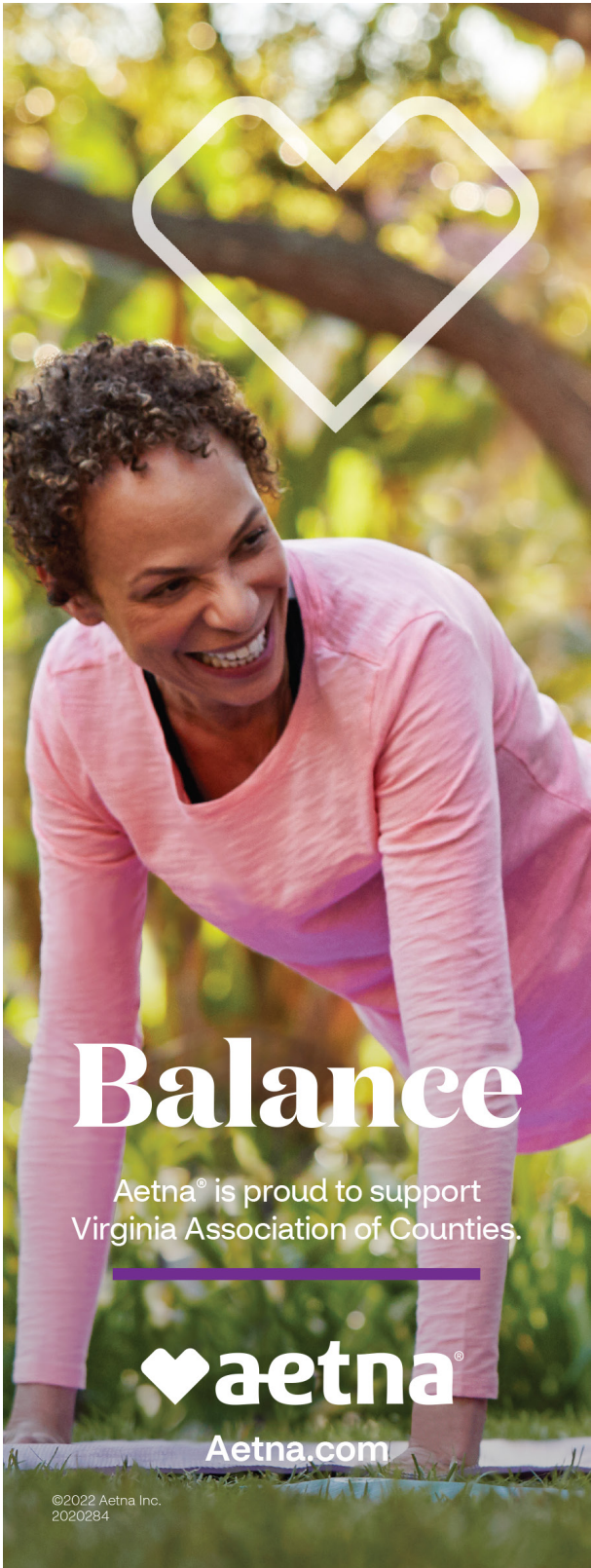


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# Conference Information

## Registration

Everyone attending the conference must register. This includes members, their families, guests, exhibitors, and news media representatives. No one will be admitted to any business or social function without a conference badge.

Registration will take place:

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sunday, November 12
- 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Monday, November 13

VACo staff and volunteers will be at the registration desk during the hours listed above and will be happy to assist you. Notices are posted on a message board at the conference registration desk and in a marquee in the main lobby.

## Legislative Program

VACo's annual legislative program is finalized and adopted during the conference. The eight steering committees meet Sunday afternoon, the Resolutions Committee meets Monday morning, and the membership acts on the 2024 Legislative Program during the annual business meeting on Tuesday morning.

The Preliminary Legislative Program was emailed to VACo members in October. Proposed amendments to the program should be available by Noon on Monday, November 13 at the Registration Desk. Proposals should go through the steering committee process. Additional copies are also available at the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday morning.

# Other Information

## Voting Credentials

Article VI of the VACo bylaws provides that each county is to designate a representative of its Board of Supervisors to vote at the annual business meeting. However, the bylaws allow a county to designate a proxy to vote if a member of the Board of Supervisors cannot be present for this meeting. Counties should have received voting credential forms and proxy forms by mail in September. If you did not return your form to VACo in the mail, you can submit it to the VACo Credentials Committee at its meeting on Monday, November 13 at 1 p.m. in the Monroe room. You can also drop it off at the conference registration desk before the Credentials Committee meeting.

## Election of Officers

The election of VACo Officers and Board members will take place at the annual business meeting Tuesday morning.



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# VACo 2024 Calendar

## **Supervisors' Certification Program (Budget Module)**

January to March | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

February 1 | Richmond Marriott

## **VACo/VML/VAPDC Local Government Day**

February 1 | Richmond Marriott

## **VACo/VML Legislative Reception**

February 1 | Richmond Marriott

## **Board Chairpersons' Institute**

February 2-3 | VACo Headquarters

## **Supervisors' Certification Program (Land Use and Planning Module)**

April to June | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo Regional Meetings**

April to September | TBA

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

May | TBA

## **VACo Supervisors' Forum**

May | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo County Officials' Summit**

August 15 | Richmond Marriott

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

August 16 | Richmond Marriott

## **Supervisors' Certification Program (Leadership Module)**

August to October | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

November 10-12 | The Omni Homestead

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

November 10 | The Omni Homestead

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## Exhibit Hall

The exhibit hall will be open from **1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** on Sunday, November 12 and will reopen at **7:30 a.m.** on Monday, November 13. Please take this opportunity to thank, network, and speak with our knowledgeable exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall.

**There are two drawings this year - A special VACo Drawing is on Sunday at 4:15 p.m. and the Exhibitor Drawing is at 1:45 p.m. on Monday.**

The Sunday Drawing at 4:15 p.m. is a special Business Card Drawing to celebrate being back at the Omni Homestead. As you tour the exhibit hall on Sunday, please place your business card in the fishbowl at the VACo Exhibitor Registration Desk.

To enter the exhibitor drawing at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, have the card in your registration packet marked by each exhibitor and place your completed card in the drum at the back of the Exhibit Hall by 1:30 p.m. on Monday. Immediately following the Exhibitor Drawing, the name of one lucky exhibitor will be drawn for a free booth at the 2024 annual conference. The exhibitor must be present to win.

## WiFi

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# Conference Schedule

## Saturday, November 11

### **VACo Annual Golf Tournament**

- 11 a.m. • Old Golf Course (Ticketed Event)
- Golf Swag and Prizes sponsored by **OneDigital**
- Golf Beverage Cart sponsored by **Virginia American Water**

### **VACo Budget Committee Meeting**

- 4:30 p.m. • Monroe

### **VAcorp Board of Directors Meeting**

- 5 p.m. • Lexington

### **PMA Architecture Hospitality Event**

- 7 p.m. • Tower Suite (Open to All Attendees)

## Sunday, November 12

### **Nondenominational Worship Service**

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

### **Exhibitor Setup**

- 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

### **VACo Board of Directors**

- 9 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

### **VAcorp Annual Business Meeting**

- 10 a.m. • Dominion

### **Welcome Back to the Homestead Gathering!**

- 10 a.m. - Noon • Jefferson Parlor
- Sponsored by **Energix Renewables**

## **Sunday, November 12**

### **Annual Conference Registration**

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

- Conference Tote Bags sponsored by **Moseley Architects**
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- Annual Conference App sponsored by **Schneider Electric**
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### **Sunday Afternoon Refreshment Break**

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • MV/ST Rotunda

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### **Steering committee meetings**

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- **Agriculture and Rural Affairs** • Piedmont
- **Education** • Stratford
- **Environment, Energy, and Land Use** • Blue Ridge
- **Health and Human Resources** • Mount Vernon

### **Exhibit Hall Opens**

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Lounge sponsored by **Nationwide**

### **Professional Headshot and Group Photo Booth**

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Center for Infrastructure and Economic Development**

### **Sunday Afternoon Social & Refreshments**

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Moseley Architects**

## Sunday, November 12

### Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Chesapeake

- 2:15-2:30pm | **Aetna**
- 2:40-2:55pm | **Strata Clean Energy**
- 3-3:15pm | **Verizon**
- 3:20-3:35pm | **OneDigital**
- 3:40-3:55pm | **Moseley Architects**
- 4-4:15pm | **Nationwide**

### Steering committee meetings

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- **Community, Economic, and Workforce Development** • Blue Ridge
- **Finance and Elections** • Mount Vernon
- **General Government** • Stratford
- **Transportation** • Piedmont

### VACo Drawing

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

### Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives to VACo Board of Directors

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Region 2** • Piedmont
- Region 3** • Mount Vernon
- Region 4** • Blue Ridge
- Region 7** • Tower Suite
- Region 8** • Stratford
- Region 9** • Wilson
- Region 10** • Appalachian
- Region 11** • Dominion
- Region 13** • Madison

### Sunday Evening Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

Sponsored by **Dominion Energy**

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# Sunday, November 12

## Banquet

(Must have ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

**WELCOME:** The Honorable **Roy W. Burns**,  
Chairman, Bath County

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable **William M.  
McCarty**, Second Vice President, Virginia  
Association of Counties, and Supervisor, Isle of  
Wight County

## VACo Dessert Social

7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Commonwealth Room

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8:30 p.m.



# Monday, November 13

## **Resolutions Committee**

7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

## **Exhibit Hall Opens**

7:30 a.m. • Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Lounge sponsored by **Nationwide**

## **Professional Headshot and Group Photo Booth**

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Center for Infrastructure and Economic Development**

## **Annual Conference Registration**

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

## **Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase**

7:50 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

- 7:50-8:10am | **Blue Line Solutions**
- 8:15-8:30am | **three+one**

## **Monday Morning Coffee Break**

8 a.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Sparks@Play**

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## **OPENING GENERAL SESSION**

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

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**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

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## • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

**Andrew Edmunds**, Director,  
Virginia Film Office

Andy Edmunds is a Virginia native and an accomplished musician and songwriter.

After studying music at VCU in the mid-80s, Edmunds produced a music video of one of his songs that was broadcasted on MTV. This experience introduced him to the film production industry where he ultimately settled in as a location scout until landing a job at the Virginia Film Office in 1997. "I found myself in a non-traditional area of economic development that seemed to be perfectly suited to my experience and interests. Every day I look forward to continuing to give back to the state I know and love through an enthusiastic approach to attracting clients and delivering creative solutions," says Edmunds.



## THE JEFFERSON CUP PRESENTATION



The Honorable **Penelope A. "Penny" Gross**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

The Honorable **William B. Kyger, Jr.**, Supervisor, Rockingham County



VACo honors Penny Gross and Billy Kyger with the most prestigious award given to lifetime contributors to local governments. Congratulations to Penny and Billy!



**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

10 a.m - 11:15 a.m.

**STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM | Mount**

Vernon

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Jim Icenhour**, Supervisor, James City County

**SPEAKER:** **James J. Regimbal, Jr.**, VACo Economist, and Principal, Fiscal Analytics, Ltd.

The adoption of a new biennium budget – one of the most important tasks facing the 2024 General Assembly – presents critical opportunities for county officials to advocate for local needs. This session provides a preview of key budget pressures and economic trends that will be part of the budget development process.

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR CRISIS CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION | Stratford**

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Pam Carter**, Supervisor, Augusta County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Jeffrey C. McKay**, Chairman, Fairfax County; **Doug Bilski**, Assistant Director, Clinical & Prevention Services, Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services

How can communities meet the needs of individuals in crisis before they interact with the criminal justice system? What solutions are available within the criminal justice system to address behavioral health and substance use disorder needs and avoid unnecessary incarceration? This session will showcase local solutions to these important issues and provide an opportunity for counties to learn from each other.

**FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE | Piedmont**

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **April DeMotts**, Supervisor, Montgomery County

**SPEAKER:** **Evan Feinman**, Director of Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

More than \$42 billion in federal funds will be disbursed to get more Americans fast and reliable internet access through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (also known as BEAD). Virginia's allocation under BEAD is \$1.48 billion and will build upon the work of the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) to reach the remaining unserved, and underserved, regions of the Commonwealth. This session will provide an overview of BEAD and how Virginia counties can partner with internet service providers in applying for BEAD dollars, including using State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program, set up with the American Rescue Plan Act, as part of the required qualifying match.

**STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES | Blue Ridge**

**MODERATOR AND SPEAKER:** The Honorable **Penelope A. "Penny" Gross**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

**SPEAKER:** The Honorable **David Bulova**, House District 37

Virginia is gifted with extraordinary beauty from all corners of our beloved Commonwealth. From the mountains to the Chesapeake Bay, we are never far from a scenic view. We all want to protect and conserve this beautiful scenery while still being able to prosper and grow within

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our communities. This session will explore recent developments, actions and initiatives within the environmental community. As drought, flooding, coastal resilience, and natural disasters are of concern to Virginians, what are the local and state perspectives on how to combat and mitigate these unfortunate occurrences? Join us in hearing from local and state government leaders to discuss what is going on in the environmental policy sphere as well as programs and initiatives that aim to support communities experiencing issues with their natural habitat.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

#### **ISSUES IN K-12 EDUCATION FUNDING AND SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONS** | Mount Vernon

**MODERATOR:** **Jeremy R. Bennett**, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County; The Honorable **Meg Bohmke**, Immediate Past President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, Stafford County; The Honorable **David R. Woodard**, President, Virginia School Boards Association, and Member, Tazewell County School Board

Funding for K-12 education remains the largest funding item of a county government's budget. The recent report from the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) confirms what many in local government already know to be true: the State Standards of Quality (SOQ) formula yields substantially less funding than actual local school division spending and

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benchmarks. Leaders in County Government and the President of the Virginia School Boards Association will share their thoughts on the state of K-12 education, what they think can be done better, and invite audience participation.

### **VIRGINIA'S ENERGY LANDSCAPE** |

Stratford

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Andrea G. Bailey**, Supervisor, Prince William County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, House District 1; The Honorable **Michael R. Turner**, Supervisor, Loudoun County; and **Katharine Bond**, Vice President of Public Policy, State and Local Affairs, Dominion Energy

Changes in how we consume, produce, and deliver ever-increasing demands for electricity to serve Virginia's households, businesses, and industry are having profound impacts on our economy and landscape. Whether it is a utility-scale solar installation, a cloud computing center, or high voltage transmission lines, counties are at the forefront of managing how these pieces are incorporated into comprehensive plans and land use decisions. Opportunities for economic development with these changes are often balanced with needs for protecting farms, forests, adjacent land uses and water resources. This session will explore these changes and challenges and how state and local leaders can prepare to address them.

### **KEY ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION** | Piedmont

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Dan Storck**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **John O'Bannon**, Chairman, State Board of Elections; **Arielle**

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**A. Schneider**, CIPP/US, CISM, Privacy Officer,  
Virginia Department of Elections

Major changes in election law have been put in place in recent years. This session is a chance to hear from leaders in election administration about important policy discussions and opportunities in the field, including an update on the state's security standards for local systems interacting with the state voter registration system and the resources available to assist localities in compliance.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASE LAW UPDATE**

**– WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW** | Blue Ridge

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Mary Biggs**,  
Supervisor, Montgomery County

**SPEAKER:** **Andrew McRoberts**, Shareholder,  
Sands Anderson

This session will include a review and analysis of recent state court decisions on topics affecting local government such as Freedom of Information Act, taxation, land use, and employment, among others, and will include a discussion of practical implications for the local governments.

#### **Deli Luncheon**

12:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Strata Clean Energy**

#### **VLGMA Luncheon**

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire  
(Must have ticket to attend)

**SPEAKER:** **Eric Campbell**, Senior Practitioner  
in Residence, Wilder School of Government,  
Virginia Commonwealth University

# Monday, November 13

## Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

## Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

1 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. • Chesapeake

• 1-1:40pm | **VAcorp**

## Lunch Refreshment Break

1:15 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates**

## Exhibitor Drawing

1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom BC

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45 p.m - 4 p.m.

### **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT |**

Mount Vernon

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **James M. Griffith**,  
Supervisor, Alleghany County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **M. Keith Hodges**,  
House District 98

Rural Virginia faces unique challenges in creating and expanding businesses and jobs. Beyond capital investment in infrastructure such as rail, roads, utilities, and internet access, many communities lack the necessary training and development to supplement the workforce. Additionally, lack of affordable housing and childcare in rural communities creates barriers to building the labor market for existing and prospective employers. This session will explore these challenges and what can be done at the state, regional and local level to address them.

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**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Vivian E. Watts**, House District 39; **Kevin B. Page**, Executive Director, Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission; **Chet Parsons**, Executive Director, Central Virginia Transportation Authority

Whether it is known or not, your local transportation system has a great impact on the lives on citizens in your locality. How people get to work, emergency response times, and access to various goods and services are just a few of the things that rely in part on the various modes and quality of local transportation systems within a locality. Join us to hear elected officials and transportation professionals discuss Virginia’s regional transportation authorities, their impact on transportation in Virginia, and where transportation in the Commonwealth is headed!

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Piedmont

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Ruth Larson**, First Vice President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, James City County; **Michael W. Hatfield**, County Administrator, Wise County; **Douglas P. Stanley**, County Administrator, Prince Edward County; **Dennis Bickmeier**, Executive Director, Henrico County Sports and Entertainment Authority; **J.C. Poma**, Executive



## Monday, November 13

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Visitor spending in the Commonwealth generated \$30.3 billion in 2022, an increase of 20.3% from 2021 and exceeding 2019 levels by 4.4%. Many visitors didn't just come to see the sights but rather experience Virginia and what our beautiful state offers. Virginia's counties are a leading driver of tourism – helping revive the industry by focusing on their natural and manmade assets. Five counties will share their tourism journey, and how these efforts have brought not only revenue opportunities but also pride to their communities.

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Blue Ridge

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Joel C. Acree**, Board Member, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice-Chairman, Isle of Wight County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Walter T. Bailey**, Member, Virginia Fire Services Board, and Supervisor, Charlotte County; **Randy Campbell**, Regional Sales Manager, Blue Line Solutions

Ensuring the safety and security of communities is one of the primary responsibilities of local government. Panelists will discuss insights into potential strategies to recruit and retain top-tier first responders, the findings of the recent statewide study on fire and EMS services, and other pertinent issues such as budget constraints, the integration of new technologies, and the evolving demands placed on first responders.

# Monday, November 13

## Nominations Committee

4 p.m. • Dominion

Chaired by The Honorable **Penelope A. "Penny" Gross**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

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4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Chesapeake

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8 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 14

### Tuesday Morning Coffee Break

8:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

### CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

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### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

10 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
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### OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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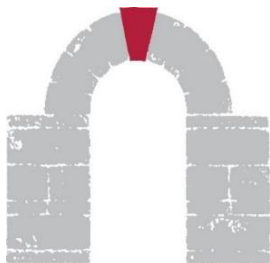
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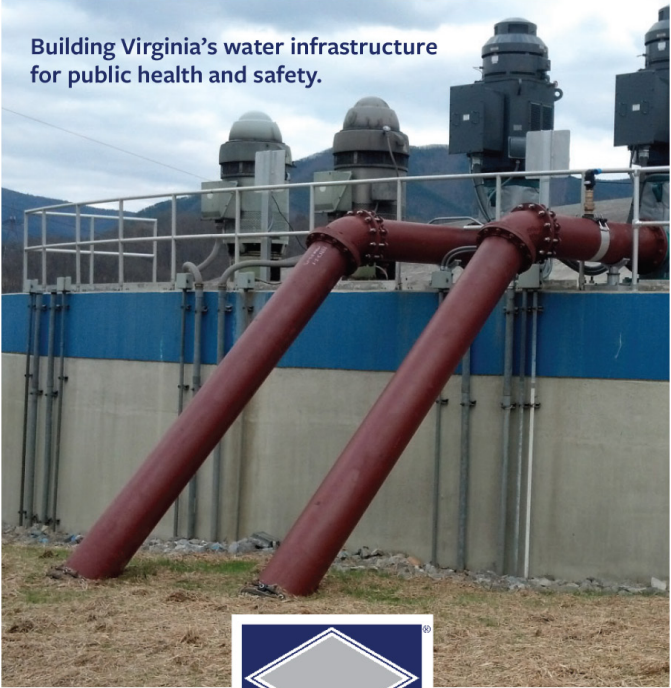
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- Golf Swag and Prizes sponsored by **OneDigital**
  - Golf Beverage Cart sponsored by **Virginia American Water**

### VACo Budget Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m. • Monroe

### VACorp Board of Directors Meeting

5 p.m. • Lexington

### PMA Architecture Hospitality Event

7 p.m. • Tower Suite (Open to All Attendees)

## Sunday, November 12

### Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

### Exhibitor Setup

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

### VACo Board of Directors

9 a.m. • Crystal and Empire

### VACorp Annual Business Meeting

10 a.m. • Dominion

### Welcome Back to the Homestead Gathering!

10 a.m. - Noon • Jefferson Parlor  
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### Annual Conference Registration

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer
- Conference Tote Bags sponsored by **Moseley Architects**
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## Sunday, November 12

### Sunday Afternoon Refreshment Break

1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • MV/ST Rotunda

Sponsored by **Republic Services**

### Steering committee meetings

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- **Agriculture and Rural Affairs** • Piedmont
- **Education** • Stratford
- **Environment, Energy, and Land Use** • Blue Ridge
- **Health and Human Resources** • Mount Vernon

### Exhibit Hall Opens

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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### Professional Headshot and Group Photo Booth

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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### Sunday Afternoon Social & Refreshments

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Moseley Architects**

### Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Chesapeake

- 2:15-2:30pm | **Aetna**
- 2:40-2:55pm | **Strata Clean Energy**
- 3-3:15pm | **Verizon**
- 3:20-3:35pm | **OneDigital**
- 3:40-3:55pm | **Moseley Architects**
- 4-4:15pm | **Nationwide**

### Steering committee meetings

2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

- **Community, Economic, and Workforce Development** • Blue Ridge
- **Finance and Elections** • Mount Vernon
- **General Government** • Stratford
- **Transportation** • Piedmont

## Sunday, November 12

### VACo Drawing

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

### Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives to VACo Board of Directors

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Region 2** • Piedmont

**Region 3** • Mount Vernon

**Region 4** • Blue Ridge

**Region 7** • Tower Suite

**Region 8** • Stratford

**Region 9** • Wilson

**Region 10** • Appalachian

**Region 11** • Dominion

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### Sunday Evening Opening Reception

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

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### Banquet

(Must have ticket to attend)

6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
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Chairman, Lancaster County

**WELCOME:** Bath County

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable **William M. McCarty**,  
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### VACo Dessert Social

7:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Commonwealth Room

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8:30 p.m.



# Monday, November 13

## Resolutions Committee

7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. • Dominion

## Exhibit Hall Opens

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## Professional Headshot and Group Photo Booth

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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## Annual Conference Registration

7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer

## Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

7:50 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Chesapeake

- 7:50-8:10am | **Blue Line Solutions**
- 8:15-8:30am | **three+one**

## Monday Morning Coffee Break

8 a.m. • Exhibit Hall

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## OPENING GENERAL SESSION

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

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### • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

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**JEFFERSON CUP:** Presentation of the Jefferson Cup

# Monday, November 14

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10 a.m - 11:15 a.m.

**STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK: PREPARING FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM** | Mount Vernon

**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH: STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR CRISIS CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVERSION**  
| Stratford

**FEDERAL FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE** | Piedmont

**STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES** | Blue Ridge

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

11:30 a.m - 12:45 p.m.

**ISSUES IN K-12 EDUCATION FUNDING AND SCHOOL BOARD RELATIONS** | Mount Vernon

**VIRGINIA'S ENERGY LANDSCAPE** | Stratford

**KEY ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION** | Piedmont

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CASE LAW UPDATE – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW** | Blue Ridge

### Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Strata Clean Energy**

### VLGMA Luncheon

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

**SPEAKER: Eric Campbell**, Senior Practitioner in Residence, Wilder School of Government, Virginia Commonwealth University

# Monday, November 13

## Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

## Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

1 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. • Chesapeake

• 1-1:40pm | **VAcorp**

## Lunch Refreshment Break

1:15 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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## Exhibitor Drawing

1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom BC

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45 p.m - 4 p.m.

**RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** | Mount Vernon

**REAL REGIONAL – A BRIEF ON VIRGINIA’S REGIONAL  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES AND INITIATIVES  
WITHIN** | Stratford

**COUNTIES REVIVING LOCAL TOURISM INDUSTRY –  
HEAR THEIR STORIES** | Piedmont

**WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL? ISSUES AND  
PERSPECTIVES IN PUBLIC SAFETY** | Blue Ridge

## Nominations Committee

4 p.m. • Dominion

## Yoga

4:15 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Chesapeake

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## President’s Reception

5:45 p.m. - 7 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

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## **Tuesday, November 14**

### **Tuesday Morning Coffee Break**

8:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom Foyer

### **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION**

9 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

### **VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' GRADUATION**

#### **• KEYNOTE SPEAKER •**

**Dr. Bob Holsworth**, DecideSmart

### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

10 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Jason D. Bellows**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Vice-Chairman, Lancaster County

#### **Adoption of Legislative Program**

**Election of New VACo President and Officers**

### **ADJOURNMENT/CHECK OUT**

### **OPIOID ABATEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Noon - 3 p.m. • Dominion



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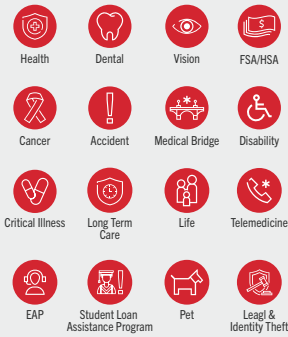
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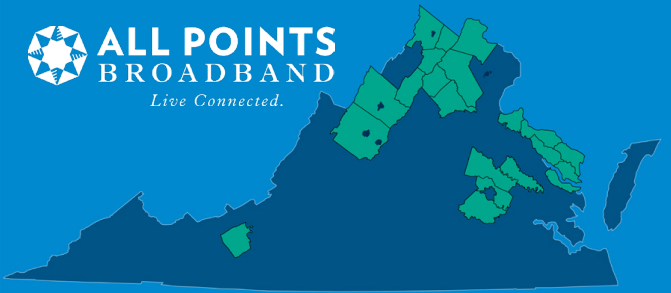
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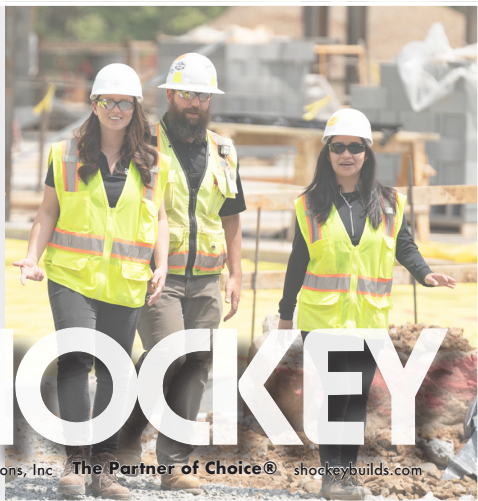
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**1.** In January the VACo President appoints VACo members to the eight VACo steering committees and names chairs and vice chairs. The eight steering committees are Agriculture and Rural Affairs; Community, Economic, and Workforce Development; Education; Environment, Energy, and Land Use; Finance and Elections; General Government; Health and Human Resources; and Transportation.

**2.** VACo members are invited to attend regional meetings held April-September throughout the VACo regions in the Commonwealth to identify and discuss key legislative issues.

**3.** The steering committees meet once in late summer and again in November during the annual conference. The Steering Committees develop their position statements for the annual Legislative Program, based in part on information received during the regional meetings.

**4.** In early Fall, prior to the annual conference, the membership receives a Preliminary Legislative Program. This draft is revised during the annual conference.

**5.** The VACo Resolutions Committee oversees the development of the annual Legislative Program. It meets during the annual conference in November. The Resolutions Committee includes the six members of VACo's Executive Committee and the chairs and vice chairs of VACo's eight steering committees. VACo's President-Elect chairs the Resolutions Committee.

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