

# Virginia Association of Counties

## 2025 Annual Conference Agenda



### Saturday, November 8

**11 a.m.**

**VACo Annual Golf Tournament | Old Golf Course**  
(Ticketed Event)

Golf Swag and Prizes sponsored by **OneDigital**

Golf Swag and Prizes sponsored by **Schneider Electric**

Golf Beverage Cart sponsored by **Virginia American Water**

**5 p.m.**

**VACo Budget and Executive Committees | Monroe**

**5 p.m.**

**VAcorp Board of Directors Meeting | Dominion**

## Sunday, November 9

- 7:30 a.m.**                      **Nondenominational Worship Service** | Tower Suite  
**PRESIDING:** Dinwiddie County
- 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Exhibitor Setup** | Exhibit Hall
- 9 a.m.**                         **VACo Board of Directors** | Crystal Empire  
VACo Board Luncheon sponsored by **Blue Line Solutions**
- 10 a.m.**                        **VAcorp Business Meeting** | Dominion
- 10 a.m. - Noon**              **Welcome Back to the Homestead Gathering!** Refreshments  
and Light Fare | The Jefferson Parlor
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**              **Annual Conference Registration** | Mount Vernon Foyer
- WIFI and Conference Lanyards sponsored by **Aetna**
  - Conference Tote Bags sponsored by **Moseley**
  - Large Welcome Sign sponsored by **Motorola Solutions**
  - Yoga Branded Mats & Towels sponsored by **ATT&T/FirstNet**
- 1 - 4:15 p.m.**                  **Sunday Afternoon Refreshment Break** | Exhibit Hall  
Sponsored by **PMA Architecture**
- 1 - 2:30 p.m.**                  **Steering Committee Meetings**
- Agriculture and Rural Affairs | Piedmont
  - Community, Economic, and Workforce Development | Blue Ridge
  - Education | Stratford
  - Health and Human Resources | Mount Vernon
- 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.**              **Exhibit Hall Opens** | Exhibit Hall  
Exhibit Hall Lounge Sponsored by **Nationwide**
- 1:30 - 4:15 p.m.**              **Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase** | Ballroom Foyer
- 1:30-1:45pm | Chase Dominion Advisors

- 1:55-2:10pm | Schneider Electric
- 2:15-2:30pm | Virginia American Water | *"Water & Wastewater at a Crossroads: What Every Virginia County Supervisor Should Know"*
- 2:40-2:55pm | Strata Clean Energy | *"Community Focused Projects"*
- 3 -3:15pm | VAcorp | *"Emerging Risks facing Virginia Counties"*
- 3:20-3:35pm | OneDigital | *"Cracking the Code: Innovative Cost Containment Strategies for Lowering your Health Insurance Premiums"*
- 3:40-3:55pm | Pierce Insurance | *"Save Time and Money through our NO Cost Benefit Administration Solutions"*
- 4-4:15pm | Nationwide | *"Protected Retirement in the Nationwide Deferred Compensation Program"*

**2 - 5 p.m.**      **Sunday Afternoon Social and Refreshments** | Exhibit Hall  
Sponsored by **Moseley**

**2:45 - 4:15 p.m.**      **Steering Committee Meetings**

- Environment, Energy, and Land Use | Blue Ridge
- Finance and Elections | Mount Vernon
- General Government | Stratford
- Transportation | Piedmont

**4:15 - 4:45 p.m.**      **Golf Prizes Awarded** | Exhibit Hall  
VACo Prizes Awarded

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m.**      **Coalition of High Growth Communities** | Madison

**4:45 - 5:30 p.m.      Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on VACo Board of Directors**

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

**5:30 - 6:30 p.m.      Sunday Evening Opening Reception | Crystal and Empire**  
Sponsored by **Dominion Energy**

**6:30 p.m.      VACo Annual Banquet | Regency Ballroom**  
(Must present Banquet ticket to attend)

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ruth M. Larson**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, James City County

**WELCOME:** The Honorable **John A. Lockridge**, Chair,  
Bath County (Invited)

**INVOCATION:** The Honorable **Ruth M. Larson**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, James City County

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.      VACo Dessert Social | Commonwealth Room**  
Sponsored by **East Point Energy**  
Sponsored by **Gilbane Building Company**  
Sponsored by **IBM**  
Sponsored by **National Association of Counties**  
Sponsored by **Virginia Housing**

**8 - 10 p.m.      Zzzz's for a Nightcap Hospitality | Presidential Lounge**  
Come join ZMM before some Zzzz's for a Nightcap at the  
Presidential Lounge. Open to all attendees.

**8:30 p.m.      Premier Partners/Sponsors Hospitality Suites/DJ in**  
**DownTime/Trivia Games | DownTime**

# Monday, November 10

- 7 a.m.**                      **Resolutions Committee** | Dominion
- 7:30 a.m.**                      **Exhibit Hall Opens** | Exhibit Hall
- 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.**      **Annual Conference Registration** | Mount Vernon Foyer
- 7:50 - 8:30 a.m.**      **Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase** | Ballroom Foyer
- **7:50-8:10am** | Blue Line Solutions | *"Revenue or Safety: The Real Debate in Speed Enforcement Technology"*
  - **8:15-8:30am** | three+one | *"Confident County Finances in a Dynamic Rate Environment"*
- 8 a.m.**                      **Monday Morning Coffee Break** | Exhibit Hall  
Sponsored by **Branch Group**  
Sponsored by **Republic Services**
- 8:30 a.m.**                      **OPENING GENERAL SESSION** | Regency  
Ballroom  
Sponsored by **Virginia Resources Authority**
- PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ruth M. Larson**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, James City County
- PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS:** Police Department  
Color Guard, Roanoke County
- WELCOME:** The Honorable **Chris S. Runion**, House  
District 35

• **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** •

**VA250**

**Cheryl Wilson** | Executive Director, VA250

Established by the General Assembly in 2020, VA250 serves to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

• **AWARD PRESENTATIONS** •

**Top 3 Achievement Awards Recognitions**

**Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Graduation**

**10 – 11:15 a.m. CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK | Mount Vernon**

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

**EDUCATION | Stratford**

**SPEAKER:** The Honorable **Jeremy S. McPike**, Senate District 29 (Invited)

**HHR | Piedmont**

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Mark S. Miller**, Supervisor, Chesterfield County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Amy J. Laufer**, House District 55; The Honorable **Joel Acree**, Supervisor, Isle of Wight County

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**HIGHLIGHTS | Blue Ridge**

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, Minority Leader, House District 45 (Invited); The Honorable **Jim Ingle**, Chair, Chesterfield County (Invited)

**11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**ENERGY UPDATE IN VIRGINIA** | Stratford

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Mike Turner**, Supervisor,  
Loudoun County

**FEDERAL ISSUES** | Mount Vernon

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **James R. Walkinshaw**, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia 11<sup>th</sup> District; The Honorable **Don L. Scott, Jr.**, Virginia House Speaker, House District 88 (Invited); The Honorable **L. Louise Lucas**, Virginia Senate President pro tempore, Senate District 18 (Invited); **Matthew D. Chase**, CEO/Executive Director, National Association of Counties

**COLLABORATIVE RESOLUTION: HANDLING**

**TOUGH ISSUES** | Blue Ridge

**SPEAKER:** Jane Dittmar, VACo Supervisor Certification Instructor (Invited)

**BUILDING THE WORKFORCE IN VIRGINIA** |

Piedmont

**12:45 p.m.**

**Deli Lunch** | Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Strata Clean Energy**

**12:45 p.m.**

**Peer-To-Peer Education: County Administrators/Managers**

**Luncheon** | Crystal and Empire

(Must have ticket to attend)

Sponsored by **Chase Dominion Advisors**

**12:45 p.m.**

**Lunch Refreshment Break** | Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Downey & Scott**

**1 p.m.**

**Credentials Committee** | Monroe

**1 – 1:40 p.m.**      **Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase** | Ballroom Foyer

**1:45 p.m.**      **Exhibitor Drawing** | Exhibit Hall  
Exhibit Hall Lounge sponsored by **Nationwide**

**2:45 - 4 p.m.**      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**RURAL AFFAIRS** | Mount Vernon

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Chris S. Runion**, House District 35  
(Invited)

**HOUSING** | Stratford

**A LOOK FORWARD AT TRANSPORTATION IN VIRGINIA** | Piedmont

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **David A. Reid**, House District 28

**HOW COUNTIES ARE WORKING WITH AI** | Blue Ridge

**SPEAKER:** The Honorable **Jeffrey C. McKay**, Chairman, Fairfax County

**4 p.m.**      **Nominating Committee** | Dominion  
Chaired by the Honorable **Mary Biggs**, Supervisor,  
Montgomery County

**5:45 – 6:45 p.m.**      **President's Reception** | Crystal and Empire  
Sponsored by **Robinson Farmer Cox**

**8 p.m.**      **Premier Partners/Sponsors Hospitality Suites/DJ in DownTime/Trivia Games** | DownTime



# Tuesday, November 11

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday Morning Coffee Break** | Regency Ballroom Foyer

9 a.m.

## **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION** | Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ruth M. Larson**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, James City County

### **Military Appreciation – Service and Sacrifice**

It's Veterans Day, and we will recognize and honor our Veterans.

**SPEAKER:** The Honorable **Victor S. Angry**,  
President-Elect, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, Prince William County

### **• KEYNOTE SPEAKER •**

### **A Look at the Recent Virginia Elections**

**Dr. Bob Holsworth**, Managing Partner,  
DecideSmart

10:15 a.m.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** | Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ruth M. Larson**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, James City County

NOON

## **ADJOURNMENT/CHECK OUT**