

Virginia Association of Counties 2016 Annual Conference Agenda



Saturday, November 12

- 10 a.m. Supervisor Certification Course | *Chesapeake*
- 11 a.m. VACo Annual Golf Tournament | *Old Golf Course*
(Tournament Registrants Only)
- 3 p.m. Budget Committee | *Wilson*
- 3 p.m. Supervisors' Certification Alumni Education | *Lexington*
- 5 p.m. VACORP Board of Directors | *Dominion*

Sunday, November 13

- 7:30 a.m. Nondenominational Worship Service | *Chesapeake*

Speaker: The Honorable William J. Howell, Speaker
of the House, 28th House District
- 8:30 a.m. Exhibitor Setup | *Grand Ballroom and Colonnade*

- 9 a.m. VACo Board of Directors | *Dominion*
- 9 a.m. VACORP Business Meeting | *Crystal and Empire*
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Annual Conference Registration | *Mount Vernon Foyer*
- 1 - 4:15 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Coffee Break | *Regency Ballroom Foyer*
- 1 - 2:30 p.m. Steering Committee Meetings
- Economic Development and Planning | *Piedmont*
 - Education | *Blue Ridge*
 - Environmental and Agriculture | *Stratford*
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. Exhibit Hall Opens | *Grand Ballroom and Colonnade*
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. Sunday Afternoon Football & Refreshments | *Exhibit Hall*
- 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Steering Committee meetings
- Finance | *Mount Vernon*
 - General Government | *Piedmont*
 - Health and Human Resources | *Blue Ridge*
 - Transportation | *Stratford*
- 4:30 p.m. Regional Caucuses to Nominate Representatives on VACo Board of Directors
- Region 1 | *Blue Ridge*
 - Region 3 | *Wilson*
 - Region 5 | *Appalachian*
 - Region 6 | *Stratford*
 - Region 7 | *Mount Vernon*
 - Region 8 | *Tower Suite*
 - Region 10 | *Madison*

- Region 11 | *Chesapeake*
- Region 12 | *Piedmont*

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Sunday Evening Opening Reception** | *Crystal and Empire*
Sponsored by Dominion | (Conference Registrants Only)

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

Presiding: The Honorable **Judy S. Lyttle**, President,
 Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair,
 Board of Supervisors, Surry County

Welcome: The Honorable **Claire A. Collins**, Chair,
 Board of Supervisors, Bath County

Invocation: The Honorable **William J. Howell**,
 Speaker of the House, 28th House District

9 p.m. **Hosted Music** | *DownTime*

Monday, November 14

7:15 a.m. **Resolutions Committee** | *Dominion*

8 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Annual Conference Registration** | *Mount Vernon Foyer*

8:30 a.m. **Exhibit Hall Opens** | *Grand Ballroom and Colonnade*

8:30 a.m. **OPENING GENERAL SESSION** | *Regency Ballroom*
Sponsored by VML/VACo Finance

Presiding: The Honorable **Judy S. Lyttle**, President,
 Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair,
 Board of Supervisors, Surry County

Presentation of the Colors: Police Department Color Guard, Roanoke County

VML Welcome: The Honorable **Robert K. Coiner**, President, Virginia Municipal League and Mayor, Town of Gordonsville

• **Keynote Speakers** •

Jeff E. Schapiro, Politics Columnist, Richmond Times-Dispatch; **Dr. Quentin Kidd**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University

9:45 a.m. *Monday Coffee Break | Regency Ballroom Foyer*

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

PROFFERS: HOW THE NEW LAW IS IMPACTING LOCALITIES | *Mount Vernon*

Speakers: The Honorable L. Mark Dudenhefer, 2nd House District; Jeffrey S. Gore, Hefty, Wiley & Gore, P.C.

In 2016, the state legislature made significant amendments to the law concerning the conditional zoning process. This breakout is an opportunity to learn how these changes affect a locality's ability to utilize conditional zoning as a tool for accommodating new residential growth

FROM AIRBNB TO UBER: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EMERGING ECONOMY | *Chesapeake*

Speakers: The Honorable **William M. "Bill" Stanley, Jr.**, 20th Senate District; **Frank H.**

Shafroth, Instructor/Director, Center for State and Local Government Leadership, George Mason University; **Raymond A. Warren**, Deputy Commissioner/Legal Counsel, Arlington County Commissioner of the Revenue

The “sharing” or “gig” economy presents challenges and opportunities. How will these new companies be regulated to ensure public health and safety? How will this type of employment affect the state and local tax structure? What kind of social safety net will be required for freelance workers? This session is an opportunity to hear about national trends and their effects in Virginia.

THE LATEST IN FRACKING, MINING AND ENERGY | Lexington

Moderator: Eric A. Gregory, Esq., Hefty Wiley and Gore

Speakers: John Warren, Director, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy; **Michael Skiffington**, Policy and Planning Manager, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy will update the proposed regulatory changes on hydraulic fracking. Come learn about programs that are available to local governments, such as Performance Contracting, Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), and Virginia Sustainable and Verifiable Energy Savings (VirginiaSAVES) program.

‘STEPPING UP’ DIVERSION FOR THE MENTALLY ILL/2017 PREVIEW OF JAIL ISSUES | Stratford

Speakers: Matthew D. Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties; **Michael L. Edwards**, Vice President, Kemper

Consulting Inc., representing the Virginia Association of Regional Jails

Local jails in many cases have become the mental health treatment facilities of last resort, a situation that stresses local resources. Learn about NACo's "Stepping Up" initiative, which seeks to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness in jails. This session will also provide an update on jail-related issues that are expected to be addressed in the upcoming General Assembly.

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

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

FISCAL OUTLOOK FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION | *Chesapeake*

Speaker: Jim Regimbal, Principal, Fiscal Analytics

This session will review the 2016 revenue shortfall, how to manage it, where to go from here and programs that may be affected. Human Services, Education, and Public Safety funding will also be discussed. Bring your questions because we have answers.

SNAPSHOTS OF INNOVATIVE COUNTY PROGRAMS | *Mount Vernon*

Moderator: William E. Quarles, Achievement Awards Judge and former Goochland County Supervisor

Speakers: The Honorable **Sherrin C. Alsop**, Board of Supervisors, King and Queen County; The Honorable **Stephanie L. Koren**, Board of Supervisors, Louisa County and **Randy Herman**, Supervisor of School Nutrition Programs, Louisa County; **Lauren Stienstra**, Deputy Coordinator - Training, Arlington County; The Honorable **Jeffrey D. Wassmer**; Board of Supervisors, York County; The Honorable **John D. Miller**, Board of

Supervisors, Middlesex County and Former President, Virginia Association of Counties; **Frank A. Pleva**, County Administrator, Lancaster County

An important objective of the VACo Achievement Awards Program is to celebrate innovative and smart solutions to problems in our counties. This session shares those innovative and smart solutions as Achievement Award winners tell their stories on how they overcame challenges.

Q&A WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP | Stratford

Speakers: The Honorable **William J. Howell**, Speaker of the House, 28th House District; The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, 1st House District (Invited)

This session will be a free flowing discussion with the House of Delegates leadership. Speakers will respond to questions on top issues facing the 2017 General Assembly and top issues facing counties.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH STORMWATER AND CHESAPEAKE BAY CLEANUP | Lexington

Moderator: **Chris Pomeroy**, President, AquaLaw

Speakers: The Honorable **Penelope A. Gross**, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Former President, Virginia Association of Counties; **Lewis L. Lawrence, III**, Director, Middle Peninsula Planning District; **Russell W. Baxter**, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Chesapeake Bay, Commonwealth of Virginia

During the 2017 session of the General Assembly, the issue of stormwater is likely to be a key issue in which county officials will have great interest. Related to stormwater, is

the issue of the Chesapeake Bay and ongoing efforts to substantially improve water quality in the Bay by 2025. By the end of 2018 the Commonwealth of Virginia is expected to submit a Chesapeake Bay Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The process of developing the WIP could have major implications for Virginia's local governments.

12:45 p.m. **Deli Lunch | *Grand Ballroom***
Sponsored by SunTrust

12:45 p.m. **VLGMA Luncheon | *Crystal and Empire***
(Must have ticket to attend)

Speaker: Kathleen D. Guzi, Public Entity Specialist, VACORP

The VLGMA Luncheon is a ticketed event for county managers and key members of their management teams. You can sign up for this \$40 event on [VACo's online system](#) or fill out the [registration form](#).

1 p.m. **Credentials Committee | *Monroe***

1:45 p.m. **Building Bridges: Connect • Collaborate • Innovate**
Free Time in the Exhibit Hall

Take this opportunity to network and meet and speak with our exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall.

3 p.m. **Exhibitor Mini Drawing | *Grand Ballroom***

3:30 - 4:45 p.m. **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**FROM PRE-K TO CAREER: EDUCATING VIRGINIA'S
WORKFORCE** | *Chesapeake*

Moderator: The Honorable **William B. Kyger, Jr.**, Board of Supervisors, Rockingham County

Speakers: The Honorable **Barbara A. Favola**, 31st Senate District; The Honorable **Dr. Dietra Trent**, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia (Invited)

How can Virginia prepare the workforce of the future? Learn from state leaders about efforts currently underway to ensure that students graduate from high school "life-ready" by improving school readiness for young learners and restructuring the high school curriculum to prepare graduates for college or careers.

**TRANSPORTATION TODAY: AN UPDATE ON RAILS
AND ROADS** | *Stratford*

Moderator: The Honorable **Jeff C. McKay**, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Chair of VACo Transportation Steering Committee

Speakers: **Nick Donohue**, Deputy Secretary of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia (invited); **Jennifer Mitchell**, Director, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

In recent years, Virginia has undergone many changes with respect to the way transportation projects are planned and financed. This session will provide information on the way in which "smart scale" works. The session will also include discussions about public transportation, and the role of high speed rail in will have in changing the way Virginians travel.

RESPONSES TO THE OPIATE ADDICTION CRISIS |
Lexington

Moderator: The Honorable **Catherine M. Hudgins**, Board of Supervisors, Fairfax County and Former President, Virginia Association of Counties

Speakers: The Honorable **Dr. William A. Hazel, Jr.**, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia; **Brenda G. Garton**, County Administrator, Frederick County (Invited)

Addiction to opiates and other drugs has taken a painful toll on Virginia. This session will present an opportunity to learn about efforts at the state and local levels to combat this epidemic.

CREATIVE BROADBAND SOLUTIONS | *Mount Vernon*

Moderator: The Honorable **Alexa Fritz**, Board of Supervisors, Culpeper County

Speakers: The Honorable **Karen Jackson**, Secretary of Technology, Commonwealth of Virginia; **Bryan David**, County Administrator, Orange County

Having reliable Broadband coverage is crucial to local governments yet many areas in Virginia remain unserved or underserved. Communities need this access to provide the best education, medical care, economic development and overall quality of life. This session will provide actual examples, experiences and solutions to this important issue.

5 p.m.

High Growth Coalition | *Dominion*

- 5 p.m. Rural Caucus | *Stratford*
- Speaker:** Christy Tomlinson Morton, Executive Director, Center for Rural Virginia & Council for Rural Virginia
- 5 p.m. Nominating Committee | *Mount Vernon*
- 5:45 - 7 p.m. President's Reception | Crystal and Empire
Sponsored by Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates
- 9 p.m. Hosted Music | DownTime

Tuesday, November 15

- 9 a.m. **CLOSING GENERAL SESSION** | *Regency Ballroom*
- Presiding:** The Honorable **Judy S. Lyttle**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors, Surry County
- **GO GREEN AWARDS CEREMONY** •
- VACo recognizes counties that have achieved "Green Government" certification in 2016
- **VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' GRADUATION** •
- VACo will honor six graduates who have completed the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program
- **NACO SPEAKER** •
- The Honorable **Bryan M. Desloge**, President, National Association of Counties, and Board of County Commissioners, Leon County, Florida

• KEYNOTE SPEAKER •

Dr. Quentin Kidd, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Professor of Political Science, and Director of the Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University

10:15 a.m. **Tuesday Coffee Break** | Regency Ballroom Foyer

11 a.m. **ANNUAL VACo BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY ADJOURNMENT** | *Regency Ballroom*

AGENDA UPDATED - October 4