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Legislators adopt two-year state budget

By Dean Lynch
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The General Assembly adopted a two-year state budget Thursday night ending a stalemate that has lasted three months. The new spending plan includes a provision that prevents the governor from expanding Medicaid or a private insurance marketplace without the approval of the General Assembly.

The Senate passed the budget on a 21-18 vote. Then just before midnight, the House voted 69-31 to adopt the budget that also addresses a \$1.55 billion revenue shortfall.

"Our message has always been for legislators to pass a timely

budget so counties can continue delivering services citizens expect," VACO Executive Director Jim Campbell said.

The new budget includes \$842.5 million in spending cuts, which combined with \$707.5 million from the Revenue Stabilization or Rainy Day Fund, would meet the projected \$1.55 billion revenue shortfall through the biennium.

The budget now moves to Governor Terry McAuliffe's desk for his consideration.

VACO continues to monitor the process and will communicate a detailed analysis and update to its members.



Join us for the VACO County Officials Summit

As county elected officials, administrators and staff, you understand and stress the importance of education to your constituents and community.

But do you always practice what you preach?

Some supervisors don't take adequate time to educate themselves on the latest issues, trends and developments that affect the way they govern.

That's why one of VACO's priorities is to make continuous learning a hallmark for all county leaders and staff.

Please join us for the first ever County Officials Summit on August 14-15 in Henrico County.

COUNTY OFFICIALS SUMMIT

August 14-15

Richmond Marriott West

The Summit will kick off August 14 with an educational event that will focus on important issues facing Virginia's counties. Many local, state and federal experts, cabinet officials and legislators will address attendees on topics ranging from finance/budget, transportation, economic development, environment and other pressing issues.

"We are developing a broad range of events for our education program," said Phyllis Errico, VACO General Counsel and Director of Education. "The marquee event is our County Officials Summit. We expect the Summit will give our members the information and knowledge they need to better serve their community."

The Summit will also include Steering Committee meetings on August 14-15. Steering Committees convene to receive updates from experts on topics of interest and to consider and debate advocacy proposals for inclusion in VACO's legislative program. If you haven't signed up for a steering committee, please visit www.vaco.org/legislative/steering-committees for more information.

VACO staff will post updates about the Summit in County Connections as well as on www.vaco.org. We look forward to seeing you at the County Officials Summit on August 14-15.

For more information, please contact Phyllis Errico at perrico@vaco.org.



Bob Thomas '13 talks Virginia Certified County Supervisors Program

Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr. was elected to the Stafford County Board of Supervisors representing the George Washington District in November 2011.

Prior to his election to the board, Bob served as the Chairman of the Stafford County Telecommunications Commission representing the Falmouth district. Bob served nearly eight years on active duty in the United States Marine Corps where he completed assignments in Norfolk, Quantico and Okinawa, Japan.

After his service, Bob worked for a large government contractor based in McLean, Virginia continuing to serve the Marine Corps as an information technology expert. In 2006, Bob co-founded Capriccio Software, Inc. and currently serves as the company's President and CEO. Bob earned his Associate's in Networking from Northern Virginia Community College and his Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems from Excelsior College.

Bob and his wife Christi have eight children.



Bob Thomas '13 (right) receives his certification at the 2013 VACo Annual Conference.

County Connections: Please talk about how the [Virginia Certified County Supervisors Program](#) helps you perform your duties as a supervisor.

Bob Thomas '13: On a new Supervisor's first day in office, there isn't a manual you can read to understand the job ahead of you. If you're lucky, you might have a mentor who previously served or a County Administrator that you can lean on. A third tool I used was the VACo [Certified County Supervisors Program](#), and it has been an invaluable resource for me as I serve my constituents and work with my fellow Supervisors to bring about positive change for our community. I have been able to apply many of the lessons from the classes and the discussions that took place. The course study on the foundation of what leadership is and isn't has really given me a great understanding of the role a Supervisor should play. I find it easier to manage conflict and foster good relationships with my colleagues as well as staff. The class on Land Use, which is one of the most important parts of our job, was excellent and I have often thought about the class as I am deliberating on land use cases. One of the greatest benefits in having completed the course is that I now have a network of Supervisors whom I can discuss difficult issues with in the strictest of confidence from various parts of the Commonwealth.

CC: You graduated with a large class – 12 total graduates. What were some benefits of graduating with so many peers?

BT '13: As we discussed each particular issue, having a large class provided an opportunity to hear a diverse set of opinions from all across the Commonwealth. I would encourage any Supervisor who is enrolling to try and recruit other Supervisors from their county to enroll also. In this environment, you will get to know your colleagues better on many levels and it will enhance your working relationship back home.

CC: The 2013 graduating class has a good mix of supervisors from rural and urban counties. Did the program do a good job of balancing discussion between rural and urban issues?

BT '13: The discussion was very balanced and I think all supervisors were able to pick up ideas and approaches from the other side of the scale. I know as a larger locality, I really came to appreciate the burdens the smaller localities have to tackle and I gained a great deal of respect for the rural Supervisors who stand up to tackle these issues for their constituents every day.

CC: Which course did you especially like and why?

BT '13: I really enjoyed the budgeting course as it was a great opportunity to see how other localities approach the process. In particular, the relationship we all share between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board seem to have a common theme across the localities. Discussing ways to better our relationships with our schools and try to take the pain out of the budgeting process for both boards was very useful. Taking the course also gave me an opportunity to dive deeper into our own county budget.

CC: What is the Thomas household like with eight children?

BT '13: We have seven girls and one boy in our family, and I am blessed to have a wonderful bride who just seems to make it all work. As you can imagine, a home with eight children never has a dull moment. Our youngest just turned one and our oldest is 15. Our older children seem to enjoy the political process and even helped Dad knock on doors during our campaign. They give up a great deal of family time to allow me to serve, but they understand the value of service to others and I hope my example will serve them well in the future.

Loudoun's historic preservation efforts receive national recognition

The Loudoun County Historic District Review Committee has been selected as a recipient of a Commission Excellence Award by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). The NAPC Commission Excellence Awards recognize and honor the outstanding efforts and achievements of local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions and boards of architectural review.

The Loudoun County Historic District Review Committee was honored in the category of "Best Practices: Public Outreach" for its work in honoring the many outstanding preservation projects within Loudoun County and its incorporated towns through the Joint Architectural Review Boards (JARB) Awards Program. By partnering with the Loudoun Preservation Society to carry out the awards ceremony, the county has helped solidify the relationship between the local governments, private preservation organizations and residents.

In 2008, the Loudoun County Historic District Review Committee collaborated with its counterparts in Leesburg, Middleburg and Purcellville to create the Joint Architectural Review Board (JARB) and an annual awards program, which has expanded to include the Community Blue Ribbon Award, honoring a project nominated by the general public.

The award will be presented as part of a ceremony at NAPC's biennial FORUM conference in Philadelphia on July 19, 2014.

More information about the NAPC is online at <http://napc.uga.edu>. More information about the Joint Architectural Review Board and its award program is available online at www.loudoun.gov/jarb or by contacting Lauren Murphy of the Loudoun County Planning Department at 703.777.0246.

Images to the right: One of the JARB's 2014 Community Blue Ribbon Awards went to the Bridges' Schoolhouse Restoration at Claude Moore Park. The building, dating back to 1870, is pictured before the restoration and after the restoration.



DMME advisory panel considers new rules on fracking

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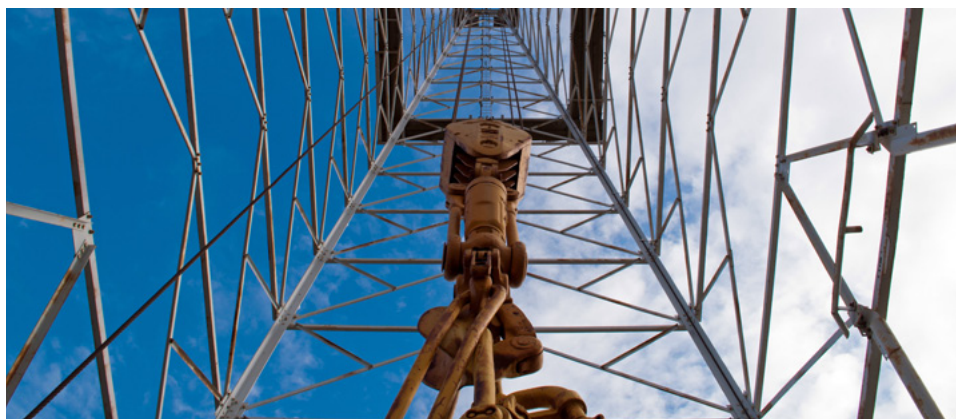
On June 4, the nine-member Gas and Oil Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) held its first meeting to consider changes to Virginia's regulations pertaining to gas and oil drilling, or more specifically, hydraulic fracking.

A chief issue discussed pertained to the chemicals used in the hydraulic fracking process and the extent to which the disclosure of these chemicals should be allowed without violating what the industry considers legitimate trade secrets.

The RAP considered approaches adopted in such states as Texas and Ohio - both have programs allowing for disclosure under certain conditions that are specified in regulations adopted in those states.

The RAP will revisit disclosure and other issues in future meetings. The RAP is also expected to consider best management practices that operators should follow when conducting fracking operations.

The Department of Mines, Minerals



and Energy (DMME), which provides staff support for the RAP, has established a web site with RAP-related information at this website: <http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/DGO/RegulatoryAction.shtml>. Future RAP meetings have been scheduled for July 2 and July 23. Actual times and locations have not yet been determined.

Representing local governments on the RAP are Eric Gregory, King George County Attorney and Ann Neil Cosby of the law firm

of Sands Anderson who serves as county attorney for several counties in Virginia. Other RAP members are Ernie Aschenbach, Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Rick Cooper, DMME's Division of Gas and Oil; Roger Deel, a citizen from Dickenson County; Kevin Elkins, Virginia Oil and Gas Association; Bruce Prather, Virginia Gas and Oil Board; Nikki Rovner, the Nature Conservancy, and Scott Kudlas, Department of Environmental Quality.

OEI ruled unconstitutional by circuit court

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The Circuit Court of Norfolk has ruled that the law establishing the Opportunity Education Institute (OEI) is unconstitutional on the following three grounds:

"Because Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution, vests the authority to establish school divisions in the Board of Education and not the General Assembly, Virginia Code Section 22.1-25 (A)(4) is not constitutional because it purports to establish a statewide school division and because it purports to create a school division that is not supervised by a school board.

"Insofar as Chapter 4.1 of Title 22.1 of the Code of Virginia purports to divest local school boards of authority to supervise public schools within their respective school divisions, it violates Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia.

"Because Virginia Code Section 22.1-27.6 purports to require local school boards to relinquish control of school property to OEI and because it purports to prohibit school boards from selling real property without OEI's permission it violates Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution of Virginia."



OEI was established under [HB 2096 \(Habeeb\)](#), a controversial bill passed by the 2013 General Assembly. In addition to creating OEI, the legislation also required a school that's been denied accreditation to be supervised by the OEI Board, and not the local school board. Before a school could be transferred to OEI's supervision, the school would need to undergo a three year probationary period. All local funds for managing and operating the school would be managed by OEI.

The suit challenging OEI was brought forth by the School Board of the City of Norfolk and the Virginia School Boards Association.

It is unclear whether the Circuit Court Ruling will be appealed.

[Linked here is the actual circuit court ruling.](#) (School Board of the City of Norfolk and the Virginia School Boards Association v. Opportunity Educational Institute and Opportunity Educational Institution Board. Civil Docket Nos: CL14-1002)

Stakeholders discuss Virginia Action Plan to end homelessness

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The Virginia Veteran Summit was held on June 9 to discuss the Virginia Action Plan to End Veteran Homelessness. The program is in line with the 2010 federal strategic plan to end homelessness, *Opening Doors*, which made it a federal goal to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015.

The Obama administration partnered with mayors, local officials and state governors, including Governor Terry McAuliffe, to bring organizations from all levels of government together with nonprofits to coordinate efforts to end veteran homelessness across the country. This movement is significant in Virginia, which has the fastest growing veteran population in the country and was home to approximately 2,000 distinct homeless veterans in 2013.

Virginia's plan to end veteran

homelessness follows the example of two localities that have been successful in this endeavor, Phoenix and Salt Lake City. These localities have ended veteran homelessness by focusing on reaching "functional zero," which emphasizes identifying and housing chronically homeless veterans through preventative supportive housing. It also requires building a system that responds quickly to crises and places veterans in housing of their own as soon as possible, or a "housing first" approach.

In order to reach functional zero in Virginia, the Action Plan lays out five strategies:

- Increase the number of permanent supportive housing units in the Commonwealth
- Increase the flexibility of funding to prevent and end homelessness and support rapid re-housing for individuals and families
- Develop a statewide data collection

process that provides accurate and reliable data to effectively address homelessness statewide

- Increase access to mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Evaluate, develop and ensure implementation of statewide pre-discharge policies for the foster care system, mental health facilities and correctional facilities

Various speakers at the summit emphasized that one of the most pressing needs in order to accomplish the goal of ending veteran homelessness is cooperation among all critical stakeholders, including local governments. Coordination and sharing of information is essential to efficiently identifying needs and appropriating resources where they are needed. The key theme is increasing speed and access to help, especially to long-term housing and subsidies. To learn more, visit www.vceh.org.



Visit Alleghany County and the Chesapeake and Ohio Heritage Center

The Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society is proud to offer The C&O Railway Heritage Center | Clifton Forge. This Center is a railway heritage museum, interpretive, educational and visitor's center that tells the story of the C&O Railway: the people, the places and the technology. The story is the essential American tale of how our nation grew, how we lived and worked and how we were all connected together by twin rails of steel. The purpose of this center is also to honor the memory and contribution of all the railroaders who built the railroads that allowed our nation to prosper, and all those railroaders who continue to keep America moving by rail.

Our Goals

The Goal of the Center is to be an inspiring, stimulating place that delights all who visit and leaves them with an understanding of the heritage of American Railroading. It is also designed to attract visitors and stimulate the economy of our community. Finally, it is to be a "center" of the Alleghany Highlands community, of the C&O Historical Society and of all the railroad centers within Virginia's Rail Heritage Region.

Clifton Forge, the heart of the C&O

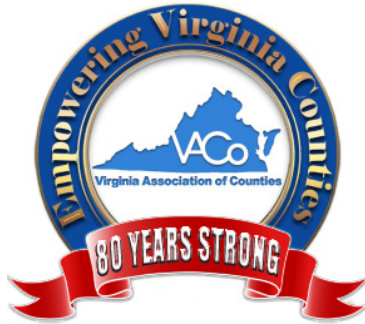
Clifton Forge, though a small town, was an important place on the C&O. It was where locomotives were serviced and readied for the trip West over the Alleghany Mountains and East over the Blue Ridge Mountains and down the James River. There was a large shop facility for the overhaul and repair of locomotives. There was a large rail yard for classifying coal and other freight, a yard for less than car load freight, an icing facility, the main laundry facility for the railroad, a passenger coach yard and the division headquarters for the region. It was all the things that comprised a railroad, crowded into a small crescent of land next to the Jackson River and an archetypal example of the American Railroad. The Center is also dedicated to preserving and telling the story of Clifton Forge.

SOURCE: www.candoheritage.org



Mark Your Calendars

2014 Annual Conference update



The Omni Homestead Resort room reservation form was mailed Monday, June 16, to the VACo Board of Directors, county administrators and confirmed exhibitors. Room reservations are to be made by fax or mail only. The Homestead has requested no phone calls, please. Online reservations will not be accepted, as The Homestead has blocked out the conference dates in their online system.

Should you have any questions, or need a copy of the reservation form, please contact Carol Cameron by email at ccameron@vaco.org. To review VACo's lodging guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors, please [CLICK HERE](#).

If you plan to attend the annual conference, but wish to stay at a different location, [CLICK HERE](#) to see our list of alternative lodging options available near The Homestead. VACo does not have any agreements or arrangements with any of the listed establishments. Know that if you do not stay at The Homestead, no meals are included in your conference registration. Guests staying elsewhere may purchase a banquet ticket for \$75.

Registration forms for VACo's 2014 annual conference will be mailed on August 15. If you are new to the room registration and conference registration process, the room reservations at The Homestead are separate from registering for the conference. Receiving your room reservation does not mean that you are automatically registered for the conference. Once sent to all VACo Board of Director members and county administrators, you must submit a conference registration form directly to VACo by mail, fax or online to be registered.

2014 Achievement Awards Update

VACo received 61 entries for the 2014 Achievement Awards Program. All submissions have been processed and are in the judges' hands.

Winners will be announced August 4 via e-mail. One submission will be named the "Best Achievement" Award.

VACo will issues press releases announcing winners as well as publishing a booklet. VACo staff will visit winners at their Board of Supervisors meetings.

Thank you to all who entered and good luck.



82nd Virginia Certified Planning Commissioner Program



Opening Session: August 25-26

Meeting Location: Roanoke County

Closing Session: November 3-4

Meeting Location: Hotel Roanoke

Cost: \$450 per person

Registration Deadline: July 30

Registration information/form available care of www.planvirginia.com.

Contact: Michael Chandler, Director of Education, Land Use Education Program, Virginia Tech, 804.794.6236 or rmchan@vt.edu or Jonah Fogel at atjfogel@vt.edu.

Plan on attending the

County Officials Summit



August 14-15

Marriott West

Henrico County

Details coming soon.



Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) will lead the development of the Commonwealth's long-range multimodal transportation plan – VTrans2040. The plan will be developed in two phases and will result in the production of two companion documents: the VTrans2040 Vision and the VTrans2040 Multimodal Transportation Plan.

VTrans2040 will identify multimodal needs across the Commonwealth. Moving forward, only projects that help address a need identified in VTrans2040 will be considered for funding under the statewide prioritization process from House Bill 2. The plan will focus on the needs of the Commonwealth's statewide network of Corridors of Statewide Significance, the multimodal regional networks that support travel within metropolitan regions, and improvements to promote locally designated Urban Development Areas (UDAs).

VTrans2040 Vision:

The VTrans2040 Vision will lay out Virginia's Guiding Principles, Vision, Goals, and Objectives in a policy framework to guide partner agency investment decisions over the next 25 years. It will be informed by detailed trend analyses and stakeholder input regarding transportation-related issues and opportunities associated with potential changes in catalytic factors such as major economic generators, freight movement, household characteristics, land development patterns, transportation technology, and the natural environment.

✓ Target Completion Date: First Quarter 2015

VTrans2040 Multimodal Transportation Plan (VMTP):

In the second phase, OIPI will identify performance targets, priorities, and projects that can help advance the VTrans2040 Vision. The foundation for this phase of VTrans will be the policies established in the Vision document and a multimodal needs analysis that rethinks how we measure and establish multimodal solutions. The VTrans2040 Multimodal Plan will replace the 2035 Virginia Surface Transportation Plan (VSTP) and will serve as a guiding document for modal agency business plans and statewide transportation funding programs. The planning process will include dialogue with stakeholders and the general public to clarify transportation needs and consider alternative scenarios in which statewide multimodal investments can address accessibility needs while aligning with the VTrans Vision and Goals.

✓ Target Completion Date: First Quarter 2016

We need your help! Let us know:

- How can VTrans2040 better relay the needs of the Commonwealth's counties and municipalities?
- How would you define and identify regional transportation networks? How have you incorporated Urban Development Areas (UDAs) into your long range planning and what other types of designated growth areas do you reference?
- What trends do you see happening? What do you think the trends will mean for the Commonwealth's transportation demand and solutions?
- What transportation performance targets would be appropriate and what other measures and targets should we consider? How can we better identify multimodal investments to achieve them?

Please contact J. Kelli Nash with ideas and or questions via telephone at 804-786-0481 or via e-mail at Jacklyn.nash@governor.virginia.gov.



Joint Commission on Health Care Meets

The Joint Commission on Health Care briefly met on June 11 to discuss its work plan for the remainder of the year. The commission will review several studies and resolutions from the 2014 General Assembly Session throughout the remainder of the year. Commission subcommittee on behavioral health will be meeting in August and November. The subcommittee on Healthy Living will be meeting in August, October and November. During the meeting, Del. John O'Bannon was voted in as the new chair of the commission.

You can view a copy of the commission's work plan and upcoming meetings [here](#). Contact Beau Blevins at bblevins@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

New state web portal tracks road projects

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently announced that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has launched a new interactive portal, www.Virginiaroads.org, that provides a one-stop information source to VDOT data and projects. The Governor made his announcement while speaking at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Brookings Institution's Eco-Engineering Forum 2014: *The New Eco-System of Information on Harnessing the Potential of Big Data*.

An important feature of this new portal are interactive maps showing current and planned road construction projects included in the Six-Year Improvement Program as well as pavement conditions and resurfacing projects. Some of the data made available through this app is in response to requests by Virginia broadband providers to have greater visibility and earlier notice regarding road construction and repair projects. Providing access to this data will facilitate coordination between VDOT and broadband providers seeking to build new infrastructure.

"Virginiaroads.org is a prime example of the type of project I envisioned when we launched our data. Virginia initiative aimed at using data to make government more transparent," said Governor McAuliffe. "It's as simple as clicking on the link, selecting a location and seeing in a glance the status of current and future transportation projects. The information is easily accessible and open for to the public to see how their taxpayer dollars are being invested to improve Virginia's road system."

Virginiaroads.org features a series of interactive maps in a central online location. One of the maps displays current construction projects, projects in the design phase, projects scheduled to go to construction and future projects. Projects can be searched via project stage, location, route or street name and the project identification number as it is listed in the Six-Year Improvement Program. Another map shows pavement conditions, with colors identifying whether a section of pavement is in excellent, good, fair or poor condition. You can click on a section of pavement to find out more details on resurfacing projects.

Future updates to the portal will include bridge locations and conditions, and accident and cash information.

Supervisors speak at federal forum on rural issues

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County officials participated in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Regional Forum on Rural Working Families on June 11 in Chesterfield County.

This forum was part of the information-gathering process for the White House Summit on Working Families, which will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 23. The event brought together business owners, farmers, all levels of government officials and other interested parties to discuss how to improve the situation of working families in Virginia's rural localities.

Two of the panelists who spoke at the forum are county supervisors. The first panel included Supervisor Dee Dee Darden of Isle of Wight County, who is a farmer and owner of Darden's Country Store. Supervisor Darden emphasized that building and maintaining a strong agricultural sector will help strengthen rural communities as a whole. She said that helpful programs to bolster farming include farm preservation programs and the state and local partnership through [Agriculture and](#)

[Forestry Development Grants \(AFID\)](#), which help add value to agricultural operations.

The second panel of the day featured Supervisor Harrison Moody, who is the VACo President and has served as a supervisor in Dinwiddie County for 27 years. He and other panelists focused on the lack of broadband access in many rural areas as one of the most pressing issues facing rural residents and businesses.

He also shared his experience on how Dinwiddie County has developed and diversified its economy, both by attracting businesses like Amazon and bringing in tourism by highlighting the county's rich Civil War history and its strong sports facilities and programs.

The panelists also focused on improving long-term healthcare, retirement and estate planning resources and capitalizing on "Made in Rural America" movement as key ways that rural localities could improve the situation of their working families. All speakers agreed that it is essential for rural communities to work toward the creation of quality job opportunities close to home to give young people a reason to stay and build a future in rural America.



VACo President and Dinwiddie County Supervisor Harrison Moody (right) shares a moment with Mitch Wallace, State President of Future Farmers of America.

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Virginia's Mental Health System: How It Has Evolved and What Remains to be Improved

By Mira E. Signer

The death of State Senator Creigh Deeds' son, who severely wounded his father before taking his own life in the midst of a psychiatric crisis last year, put a spotlight on Virginia's mental health system. The event stimulated debate about the adequacy of the state's mental health policies and was a major factor in improvements and increased funding adopted in the 2014 session of the General Assembly.

In this article by Mira E. Signer, executive director of the Virginia office of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), she writes about the status of mental health policy in the Old Dominion. In her view, state leaders have not fully addressed the needs of Virginia's community-based mental health network.

According to Signer, Virginia needs to shift its mental health focus from a crisis-driven, institution-heavy system to one that sponsors early intervention services and long-term recovery.

Click [here](#) to see article.

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NACo launches Waters of the United States website

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The National Association of Counties launched a [website](#) that is designed to serve as a convenient, one-stop resource relating to the new definition of “Waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) proposed on April 21 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

County officials in Virginia are encouraged to utilize this website, which provides the following critical information:

- Comprehensive analysis on how the proposed rule would impact counties, including a policy brief, comparison chart and current NACo policy.
- Suggested draft comments on WOTUS for submission to the agencies and Congressional members. The current deadline for submitting comments is July 21.
- Links to EPA and Corps’ proposed rule and the agencies’ economic cost benefit analysis of the proposed rule.

The proposed rule would amend the Clean Water Act’s (CWA) current definition of “waters of the United States,” which has been in place for 25 years and would expand the range of waters (and their conveyances) that fall under the federal regulation. The new rule could have significant impacts on county operations relating to roadside ditches, flood control channels, stormwater culverts and pipes, water and water transfer rights, implementation of water quality and land use plans, floodplain management, onsite water treatment and management systems

Source: National Association of Counties



EPA schedules “Waters of the U.S.” Conference Call for Local Governments

EPA has scheduled a Local Government Stakeholder Conference Call on June 17. This conference call will provide an opportunity for county officials to learn more, and raise questions about EPA’s proposed rule to re-define “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act.

To assist operators, please dial in 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. Details about the call are below:

- Date and Time of the Call: June 17, 2014 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- Phone number: 1-877-312-7961
- Conference ID#: 56618674

VACo welcomes Rachael Sharp as summer intern

Rachael is a rising junior at Emory & Henry College in Southwest Virginia. She is a member of the honors program and is a double major in political science and Middle Eastern & Islamic studies.

Rachael carries a 3.984 GPA and has earned straight A’s except one A-, which still frustrates her. She calls herself a grammar nerd and uses that passion to tutor students in the writing center at Emory & Henry.

At VACo, Rachael’s duties will include writing, policy research, General Assembly committee coverage and support for the Legislative Team. She has some experience holding office. She’s a two-time Emory & Henry student government senator and vice president of the Pre-Law Society.

After interning with VACo this summer, Rachael will travel to Morocco to study abroad for the fall semester. She hopes to see the Rock of Gibraltar as well as other exotic sights.

Rachael loves ice hockey and her Philadelphia Flyers. Her favorite pastime is crocheting stuffed animals and other items and presenting them as gifts.



Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations. Visit www.vaco.org to view the full versions. Click on the [County Employment](#) link on the menu bar.

GIS Coordinator | Warren County

This position, under the direction of the Planning Director, performs professional work planning and coordinating the County's GIS program. Duties include, but are not limited to, updating, verifying, and maintaining the County's parcel database including the zoning, land use, address, and agricultural and forestal district layers; creating maps from geographic and demographic data; creating and updating other geographic files using GPS and other data sources. This position requires considerable knowledge of the capabilities of automated mapping and geographic information processing systems to include ArcGIS. Starting salary is \$42,396.58, DOQ. For employment application, including job description, contact Warren County Administrator's Office, 220 North Commerce Ave., Suite 100, Front Royal, Virginia, 22630, 540.636.4600, or applications may be obtained online at www.warrencountyva.net. Position open until filled. EEO.

Lead Plan Reviewer | Fauquier County

This key position is the senior plan reviewer for the office and coordinates all plan review activity. Position requires extensive knowledge of building, electrical, mechanical, gas, plumbing, fire sprinkler, energy conservation, handicap accessibility and other related codes and reference standards for both commercial and residential development. Minimum starting salary is \$49,588, with actual salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits package. Interested applicants must submit an online Fauquier County classified application, available on the County's website www.fauquiercounty.gov. Position is open until filled. For assistance with the online application call the Human Resources Department at 540.422.8300. Please direct specific position-related questions to Jeffrie Morrow, Building Official, at 540.422.8230 or e-mail jeffrie.morrow@fauquiercounty.gov.

Recreation Program Specialist 4111 | Fluvanna County

Duties include: Leadership and program services management in accordance to the mission, purpose and policies of the

County's Parks and Recreation Department. Responsibilities also involve directing functions of community development, programs, relationship building, developing others, project management, quality results, and retention with the focus on Values, Inclusion, Relationships and Communication; as well as other services required by Fluvanna County. Hiring Range: \$12.35 per hour (annual \$25,688) – \$14.20 (\$29,536) plus benefits, DOQ. Submit a County application, resume, cover letter, and 3 professional references by 5 p.m., July 11 to jobs@fluvannacounty.org. Applications are available at the county website, www.fluvannacounty.org, or here Employment Applications.

Part-Time CSA Services Act Program Manager | Cumberland County

Approximately 24 hours per week. Participate in FAPT team and facilitate CPMT team. Duties include integrating prevention and intervention activities in case management; developing regional network designed to reduce costs in CSA programming; and assisting with inter-agency case management. A complete job description is available at the county administration offices or by calling 804.492.3625. A Cumberland County application form must be completed and submitted to county administration. The position will remain open until filled.

Zoning/Planning Technician | City of Harrisonburg

CLOSING DATE: Continuous. Full-time position with benefits. Preferred hiring range: \$34,444 – \$39,603. Applications will be accepted until a suitable pool of candidates is received. This position may close at any time after 10 calendar days. (posted June 9) In order to be considered for this position, you must submit a complete City of Harrisonburg application form. The City provides an excellent benefits package including health insurance, retirement, life insurance, paid leave and holidays. APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/jobs>. OUR OFFICE IS LOCATED AT: 345 South Main Street Room 207. Harrisonburg, VA 22801. 540.432.7796. 540.432.8920. marissa.keagy@harrisonburgva.gov

Executive Director | Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission

9300 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg,

Virginia 23185. Phone: 757.887.0225 FAX 757.887.0340. The Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission (Merrimac Center) is seeking a leader to manage all aspects of a 48-bed secure juvenile detention facility in the Williamsburg area. The Executive Director reports to an engaged 18-member Board of Commissioners, works collaboratively with a talented staff of 50 full time employees, and oversees a \$3.7 million annual operating budget. Applicants are required to submit a resume with cover letter, and an employment application by Friday, July 18. More information and applications can be obtained at www.merrimac-center.net, 757.887.0225, or at 9300 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Send application, resume, cover letter, and salary history to: Philip Serra, Chairman. Middle Peninsula Juvenile Detention Commission. 401 Lafayette St. Williamsburg, VA 23185.

Civil/Transportation/Facility Engineer | City of Falls Church

This is a new position working within a 3-person team to implement transportation and building facility related Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), operate and manage the various transportation infrastructure systems (traffic signals, signs, markings, streetlights, paving, bridges, etc.), review public and private development for compliance with applicable standards, and respond to citizen inquiries. \$70,000 – \$95,000 depending on qualifications. Includes comprehensive benefits package including health insurance, dental insurance, pension plan, deferred compensation plan, flexible spending account, college savings plan, life and long-term disability insurance, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave, credit union membership, free parking, and more. See www.fallschurchva.gov for additional information. TO APPLY: Send resume to City of Falls Church, HR Div, 300 Park Ave, Falls Church, VA 22046 or hr@fallschurchva.gov.

Director of Human Resources | Rockingham County

The successful candidate prepares recommendations for and implements classification, compensation, and benefits programs, and is responsible for ensuring compliance with federal and state employment laws and regulations. Will assist the senior management team and

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department heads with employee relations and training, and directing the employee wellness program. This is a full time, exempt position eligible for the County's benefit package. A completed application and resume is required. Applicants may obtain an application and review the job description online: <http://www.rockinghamcountyva.gov/index.aspx?NID=230>. Applications will be accepted until July 18.

Information Technology Technician | Dinwiddie County

The successful incumbent will provide assistance to computer system users; answer questions or resolve computer problems for employees in person, via telephone or from remote location; may provide assistance concerning the use of computer hardware and software, including printing, installation, word processing, electronic mail, and operating systems. To apply, interested candidates should visit www.dinwiddieva.us for detailed information by June 13.

Plan Reviewer II | King William County

Applications must be received by Friday, July 11 by 4 p.m. The King William Department of Community Development is seeking a full-time Plan Reviewer Technician II. \$37,104 + DOE/DOQ. King William County also offers an attractive package of benefits. The application form may be found at <http://kingwilliamcounty.us/departments-and-services/human-resources>. Please submit a complete application one of the following ways: Online: <http://kingwilliamcounty.us/departments-and-services/human-resources>. Or e-mail: Sandy Conley sconley@kingwilliamcounty.us. Or mail: Human Resources, c/o Sandy Conley, PO Box 215, King William VA 23086.

Zoning Administrator/Senior Planner | Dinwiddie County

The lifestyle of the county is ideally suited for family living. With a land area of 507 square miles, Dinwiddie is a blend of suburban and rural living, within two hours of the Virginia beaches and mountains. The successful incumbent will oversee zoning and subdivision ordinance administration and enforcement, administer geographic information systems maintenance, analysis and mapping services, review plans, approve subdivision plats, and related work. To apply, interested candidates should

visit www.dinwiddieva.us for detailed information by June 20.

Deputy County Administrator/Economic Development & Community Relations Director | Washington County

Must have a thorough knowledge of economic development principles, practices, and techniques as well as marketing and public relations. Must have strong interpersonal and public relations skills to work effectively with elected officials, staff, and citizens. Salary DoQ, DoE. A complete Position Description with the job requirements along with an application for employment may be obtained through the Human Resources Department, Washington County Government Center, 1 Government Center Place, Suite A, Abingdon, VA. 24210 or via the County website www.washcovva.com. Applications will be accepted until June 30.

Executive Director | West Piedmont PDC

WPPDC conducts area-wide planning programs in economic development, transportation, land use, hazard mitigation, environmental management, and other local/regional needs including grant writing, statistical research, and GIS services. SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Submit resume with cover letter/salary history to: WPPDC Executive Director Search Committee, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24115. Deadline: 5 pm, July 7. Full ad found at www.wppdc.org.

Fire/Rescue Lieutenant | Caroline County

Lieutenants are responsible for managing the daily operation and maintenance of a fire and rescue station and the personnel, apparatus, and equipment assigned to that station. Lieutenants serve as company officers supervising a crew of full-time, part-time career and/or volunteer Firefighter/Medics and/or Firefighter/EMTs. Complete job description and Caroline County application can be obtained at <http://www.carolinefireandrescue.org/administration/employment-opportunities> or www.visitcaroline.com or by calling 804.633.9831. Application packages are also available at Fire & Rescue Administration. Starting salary \$43,392 (BLS) / \$49,901 (ALS) or higher DEQ. Applicants should include copies of current EMS, Fire, and EVOC certifications and a DMV record with application. Accepting applications through June 16.

Engineer | Fauquier County

The primary function of this position within the Department of Community

Development is reviewing development plans for conformance and compliance with the County's Stormwater Management/Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, Design Standards Manual and technical requirements within the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Minimum starting salary is \$57,388 with salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits package. Interested applicants must submit an on-line Fauquier County classified application, available on the County's website <https://jobs.fauquiercounty.gov/home.htm>. Position is open until filled. For assistance with the online application call the Human Resources Department at 540.422.8300. Please direct specific position-related questions to Chuck Floyd, AICP, Assistant Chief of Zoning and Development Services at 540.422.8220 or e-mail chuck.floyd@fauquiercounty.gov.

Environmental Specialist | Fauquier County

Fauquier County is currently seeking two Environmental Specialists to join the Zoning and Development Services team within the Department of Community Development. Minimum starting salary range is \$33,579 with salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits package. Interested applicants must submit an on-line Fauquier County classified application, available on the County's website <https://jobs.fauquiercounty.gov/home.htm>. Position is open until filled. For assistance with the on-line application call the Human Resources Department at 540.422.8300. Please direct specific position-related questions to Chuck Floyd, AICP, Assistant Chief of Zoning and Development Services at 540.422.8220 or e-mail chuck.floyd@fauquiercounty.gov.

County Attorney | Loudoun County

The County Attorney is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. The County Attorney advises the Board of Supervisors and all County boards, commissions, agencies and officials; represents the County in all judicial proceedings and before administrative agencies; interacts frequently with the attorneys from the Loudoun County Public Schools and the towns within the County; and provides legal services in transactions involving the County. The County Attorney oversees the Department's \$2.6 million FY 2014 budget and a staff of 20, including three Deputy County Attorneys, nine Assistant County Attorneys, four

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paralegals, three legal services assistants, and one administrative manager. The salary range is \$185,000 – \$200,000 (depending on experience and qualifications) plus an excellent benefits package. Confidential applications accepted online by applying at www.thenovakconsultinggroup.com/jobs. This includes a cover letter to Catherine Tuck Parrish at The Novak Consulting Group, resume, and a list of 3 – 5 professional references. Open until filled with first review of applications July 1. Download the full recruitment brochure at www.thenovakconsultinggroup.com/jobs.

Principal Planner | Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

RRPDC, the staffing agency to the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), seeks a highly motivated and skilled professional Principal Planner for its Urban Transportation Planning Division. This individual will administer and lead the development of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and conduct the MPO's project review and selection process for the allocation of federal and state transportation funds, in addition to leading development of the MPO's regional priority projects in conformance with new federal and state requirements for performance measures and targets. Visit the RRPDC website, www.richmondregional.org, for complete position requirements, duties, and application submission procedure. Position open until filled.

Director of Finance | Town of Woodstock

A current CPA licensure valid in the Commonwealth of Virginia is highly desired for this position. Additional information regarding the Town of Woodstock, its organizational structure, and its 5 year strategic plan are available on the Town's website, <http://www.townofwoodstockva.gov>. Applications, including a cover letter, resume, and three professional references, should be submitted to Reid A. Wodicka, Town Manager, 135 North Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia 22664 by July 3 at 5 p.m. A background check will be conducted on finalists. FLSA-exempt position. The Town of Woodstock is an equal opportunity employer. Starting salary is \$75,000, depending on qualifications and experience, plus an exceptional benefits package.

Animal Shelter Director | Orange County The Office of the County Administrator

is accepting applications for an Animal Shelter Director. Salary Range: \$60,093 – \$78,121 depending upon qualifications. The successful candidate must pass a criminal background check. Application packets may be picked up in the County Administrator's Office located at 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia 22960; or downloaded from the County website: orangecountyva.gov. The position is open until filled; a completed County application and resume must be received in the County Administrator's Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 27. The first review of applications will be June 30.

Management Analyst I | Albemarle County

Anticipated Start Date July 1. The Management Analyst I (EMS Cost Recovery Program Specialist) performs difficult professional and administrative work under the general direction of the Deputy Chief of Administration. PAYGRADE: 12, VRS-eligible, Benefits-eligible. HIRING SALARY RANGE: \$36,094 – \$43,313/Yearly, depending on experience and qualifications. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: June 22 at 5 p.m. For more information please visit: Albemarle County Human Resources at <http://www.albemarle.org/hr>.

Utility Worker I/Mechanical | Gloucester County

SALARY: \$2,060.33 – \$3,296.50 Monthly | \$24,724.00 – \$39,558.00 Annually. CLOSING DATE: Continuous. This position is open until filled. Interviews will begin immediately. Work involves assisting lead worker in the areas of preventative and corrective maintenance, inspection and repair of chlorine injection systems, repair of altitude valves, basic ground maintenance at all facilities, and responds to emergency calls pertaining to area of responsibility. Employee must exercise initiative and some independent judgment in completing assigned tasks. Position reports to the Pump Station Mechanic. For a complete job description and to apply online, visit our website www.gloucesterva.jobs.

Chief Financial Officer | City of Bristol

Salary: \$76,365 – \$104,024/DOQ/DOE. The Chief Financial Officer reports to the City Manager and is responsible for all the City's financial transactions in conjunction with the budget and general fund. Excellent benefits package includes participation in the Virginia Retirement System, vacation, sick leave, life insurance, health insurance, and professional expenses. Applications and complete job description may be obtained in person or downloaded at www.bristolva.org

under Human Resources. Submit completed application, a cover letter, and resume to Human Resources, 300 Lee Street, Bristol, VA 24201. Deadline is close of business on June 30. NO PHONE CALLS. EOE Ms. Trish Henderson, PHR. Human Resources Director. City of Bristol, Virginia persnl@bristolva.org.

Director of Community Development | Bedford County

Bedford County, Virginia (population 66,274; 754 square miles) is presently accepting applications for the position of Director of Community Development with the County Department of Community Development. Application, the recruitment package, and job description are available on our website at www.bedfordcountyva.gov. Applications will be reviewed until position is filled. Annual salary is competitive DOQ.

County Administrator | James City County

SEARCH REOPENED: County Administrator, James City County, VA (population 72,600). Seeking a proven, achievement-oriented, gregarious, community-centric leader to serve as the County's Chief Administrative Officer responsible to the Board of Supervisors for the execution of Board policies and the efficient and effective delivery of services to the citizens of this historic County. Requires a Master's degree (MPA or equivalent) and 15 years of progressively responsible and supervisory experience in local government administration (some applicable business experience may be substituted). More information at: www.cb-asso.com under "Executive Recruiting"/"Active Recruitments." Salary: Negotiable up to \$175,000 DOQ with excellent benefits. Email resume to: Recruit37@cb-asso.com by June 23. Questions to Tom Andrews at 410.578.2931 or Colin Baenziger at 561.707.3537.

Director of Parks and Recreation | Essex County

Salary: \$40,000 to \$55,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. This position is responsible for planning and directing all recreation and parks activities for the County. For complete details about the position of Director of Parks and Recreation visit our website www.essex-virginia.org/employment.htm or call 804.443.4331. To be considered, a completed Essex County Employment Application is required. Completed applications should be submitted to Pam Smith, Administrative Services Manager, P. O. Box 1079, Tappahannock, VA 22560. Open until filled.



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