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# President's Welcome

It is my honor to welcome you to VACo's 90th Annual Conference. We chose our conference theme – "Energizing County Governments" – with the hope that you will return home recharged, with new ideas and new connections with your colleagues, after taking full advantage of all the learning and networking opportunities available over the next few days.



As local elected officials, we are often confronted with new issues each day and must decide what problem we will need to solve next. Throughout my time in office, VACo has been a wonderful resource for educational opportunities to equip me to learn about the issues facing my county so that I'm better prepared to tackle those tough issues. This year, our conference features sessions on important topics facing our counties, ranging from agriculture and housing to transportation and mental health. I hope we will all leave the event better informed, better able to advocate for our communities, and better connected as an Association.

I would like to extend VACo's sincere appreciation to the sponsors and exhibitors who are participating in the conference this year, and to our partners, who support VACo's work year-round. We could not hold the conference without their support, and I encourage you to visit with them in the Exhibit Hall. I am grateful to my colleagues on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, who have offered many helpful ideas in planning this event. Special thanks to the VACo team for their hard work in planning an informative and enjoyable conference.

It has been an honor to serve as President of this Association, and I thank you for your support and your diligent work on behalf of county residents across our great Commonwealth.

With best wishes for a successful conference,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann H. Mallek". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

**Ann H. Mallek**  
VACo President



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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 10
- 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Monday, November 11

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 2025 Legislative Program during the Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday morning.

The Preliminary Legislative Program was emailed to VACo members in September via County Connections. Proposed amendments to the program should be available by Noon on Monday, November 11 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 the 2024 VACo Voting Credential forms by email during September. The completed forms should be returned to [finance@vaco.org](mailto:finance@vaco.org). Forms are located at [www.vaco.org/advocacy/steering-committees](http://www.vaco.org/advocacy/steering-committees) under Operations Committees/Credentials. You can also drop the completed form off at the conference registration desk before the Credentials Committee meeting takes place on Monday, November 11 at 1 p.m. in the Monroe room.

## 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 2025 Calendar

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

January to March | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

January 23 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **VACo County Government Day**

January 23 | Omni Richmond Hotel

## **Board Chairpersons' Institute**

January 24-25 | 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 | James City County

## **VACo County Officials' Summit**

August | Richmond

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

August | VACo Headquarters

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

August to October | VACo Headquarters

## **VACo 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**

November 8-11 | The Omni Homestead

## **VACo Board of Directors Meeting**

November 9 | The Omni Homestead

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Sunday Afternoon Break in MV/ST Rotunda

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**BRANCH GROUP**

Monday Morning Break in Exhibit Hall

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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 10 and will reopen at **7:30 a.m.** on Monday, November 11.

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 on Sunday at 4:15 p.m. and the Exhibitor Drawing at 1:45 p.m. on Monday.** You must be present to win.

The Sunday drawing will be held at the Exhibitor Registration Desk to award golf prizes.

To enter the Monday drawing, 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 2025 annual conference. The exhibitor must be present to win.

## WiFi

Enjoy free basic WiFi access throughout The Omni Homestead for email and basic web browsing. VACo Premier Partner, Aetna, is sponsoring the Wifi.

Visit **Aetna** at Booth 1003 to say thank you!



# Conference Schedule

## Saturday, November 9

### 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 and Executive Committees Meeting

- 5 p.m. • Monroe

### VAcorp Board of Directors Meeting

- 5 p.m. • Dominion

### PMA Architecture Welcome Reception

- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. • Tower Suite  
(Open to All Attendees)

## Sunday, November 10

### Nondenominational Worship Service

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Tower Suite  
The Honorable **William M. McCarty**, VACo First Vice President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, Isle of Wight County

### 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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## **Sunday, November 10**

### **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

Sponsored by **PMA Architecture**

### **Steering committee meetings**

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

- **Agriculture and Rural Affairs | Piedmont**
- **Community, Economic, and Workforce Development | Blue Ridge**
- **Education | Stratford**
- **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

For Conference Attendees (including Exhibitors)

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

2 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Moseley Architects**

## Sunday, November 10

### Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer

- **2:15-2:30pm** | Aetna | *“Aetna’s Commitment to Virginia”*
- **2:40-2:55pm** | Strata Clean Energy | *“Community Focused Projects”*
- **3-3:15pm** | VAcorp | *“Emerging Risks Facing Virginia’s Counties”*
- **3:20-3:35pm** | OneDigital | *“Wellness in the Public Sector”*
- **3:40-3:55pm** | Pierce Insurance | *“A Look at Customized Benefits”*
- **4-4:15pm** | Nationwide | *“Protected Retirement in the Nationwide Deferred Compensation Program”*

### Steering committee meetings

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

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

### VACo Drawing

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Exhibitor Registration Desk

### Coalition of High Growth Communities

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Madison

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

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

- Region 1 | Piedmont
- Region 5 | Appalachian
- Region 6 | Dominion
- Region 7 | Mount Vernon
- Region 8 | Tower Suites
- Region 10 | Stratford

## Sunday, November 10

- Region 11 | Blue Ridge
- Region 12 | Wilson

### Sunday Evening Opening Reception

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

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### Banquet

6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballroom

(Must have ticket to attend)

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ann H. Mallek**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, Albemarle County

**WELCOME:** The Honorable **Lynn Ellen Black**,  
Chair, Bath County

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

### VACo Dessert Social

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Commonwealth Room

Sponsored by **National Association of Counties**

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### Zzzz's for a Nightcap Hospitality

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. • Presidential Lounge

Come join ZMM before some Zzzz's for a

Nightcap at the Presidential Lounge. Open to all  
attendees.

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### Premier Partners/Sponsors Hospitality Suites/DJ in DownTime/Trivia Games

8:30 p.m. • DownTime

# Monday, November 11

## 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

For Conference Attendees (including Exhibitors)

Sponsored by **Virginia Housing**

## 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. • 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”*

## Monday Morning Coffee Break

8 a.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Republic Services**

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## OPENING GENERAL SESSION

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

Sponsored by **Virginia Resources Authority**

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ann H. Mallek**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, Albemarle County

**COLOR GUARD PRESENTATION:** Roanoke  
County Police Honor Guard

**TOP 3 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

## • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

### **Military Appreciation and Leadership Lessons**

It's Veterans Day, and we will recognize and honor our Veterans. We are privileged to have decorated veterans who serve as County Supervisors, and several VACo leaders will share their experiences and how military leadership applies to their county work.

The Honorable **Victor S. Angry**  
| Supervisor, Prince William County



After graduating from Lyman High School in June 1986, Supervisor Angry enlisted into the United States Army where he served honorably for over 23 years rising through the ranks from Private to Command Sergeant Major. In 2009, Supervisor Angry served in the position as the Interim Command Sergeant Major of the entire Army National Guard, representing over 368,200 soldiers and their family members. He was the first African American to be assigned to this position. He achieved numerous military awards and received two Legions of Merit. It was in the Army where Supervisor Angry developed a love for leadership, fitness and the commitment to lead and serve others.

The Honorable **Mike R. Turner**  
| Supervisor, Loudoun County



Supervisor Turner is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a former command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours as both an air rescue helicopter pilot and a fighter pilot. A Desert Storm veteran, he served on the U.S. Central

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Command staff before and during the war. Turner's final assignment was on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon in support of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1993-1997, where he worked in the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate. Turner is a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Air Medal.

The Honorable **Sean M. Davis**

| Supervisor, Hanover County

Sean M. Davis was elected as the Henry District Supervisor in November 2011. He was elected Chairman of the Board for 2021. He previously served as Chairman of the Board in 2018 and 2014. A graduate of Campbell University, Mr. Davis is a veteran of the Marine Corps and is the founder of Commonwealth Training Partners, a consulting and training company providing solutions to challenges facing small business.



**Matt Chase** | CEO/Executive Director, National Association of Counties

Matthew D. Chase has served as the CEO/Executive Director of the National Association of Counties (NACo) since September 2012. As the chief executive officer, he is responsible for the overall management of the association. NACo is the only national association representing America's 3,069 county governments.



**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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

**STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK | Mount Vernon**

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

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

Revisions to the state biennium budget will be a top priority for the 2025 General Assembly, and we can expect further conversations about major funding priorities, such as the recommendations of the recent Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission study of K-12, as well as additional discussion of tax reform proposals. Prepare to advocate for your community's budget needs by learning about the major components of state revenues, key state budget pressures, and opportunities to meet county priorities.

**MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER WITH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS | Piedmont**

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

**SPEAKERS:** **Charlie Lintecum**, Director of Operations, Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority; **The Honorable Daniel J. Schmitt**, Supervisor, Henrico County; **Larry Barton**, County Administrator, Dickenson County

How can counties make the best use of their opioid settlement dollars? What are the elements of a successful application to the Opioid Abatement Authority? VOAA staff and representatives from two counties that are successfully using settlement funds will share advice and lessons learned.

**A CONVERSATION ON CONSERVATION  
AND RURAL AFFAIRS | Stratford**

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Sallie Wolfe-Garrison**, Supervisor, Rockingham County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Richard H. Stuart**, Senate District 25; **Perry Hickman**, State Director for Virginia, USDA Rural Development

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion on conservation and rural affairs. This engaging event will highlight the critical intersection of conservation efforts and the unique challenges faced by rural communities across Virginia. Panelists, through the lens of the federal and state government, will discuss the various forms of land conservation, the benefits seen through the preservation of natural resources, and innovative strategies and programs that seek to support rural localities. This conversation aims to inspire leaders and to showcase ideas that promote both ecological health and the vitality of Virginia's rural landscapes.

**CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN**

**VIRGINIA | Blue Ridge**

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch**, Supervisor, Floyd County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **C.E. Cliff Hayes**, House District 77; **Dr. Tamara Holmes**, Director, Office of Broadband, VDHCD

Historic state and federal investments in broadband infrastructure have put Virginia on the path to connecting all communities to fast and reliable internet. \$1.4 billion in federal funds through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program have been allocated to Virginia to close this digital divide. In addition to building the infrastructure to connect approximately 100,000 remaining locations with no, or inadequate, internet service, BEAD funds will go towards developing innovative



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programs to invest in non-deployment uses such as broadband adoption and affordability. This session will provide an overview of these programs and how counties can ensure their communities are fully participating in connecting to the internet.

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

#### **MENTAL HEALTH IN K-12 PUBLIC**

##### **EDUCATION** | Mount Vernon

**MODERATOR:** Gina Patterson, Executive Director, Virginia School Boards Association

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Barbara A. Favola**; Senate District 40, and Chair, School Health Services Committee; The Honorable **Sam Rasoul**, House District 38, and Chair, House Education Committee; The Honorable **Susan P. Dibble**, Chair, Hanover County

The panel will discuss the critical role of mental health services in schools, highlighting recent legislative efforts by the General Assembly to enhance support systems for students. Topics will include the development of policies, resource allocation, and collaboration between schools and local governments to address mental health challenges. This forum aims to foster community dialogue and implement solutions driven by both state legislation and local initiatives.

#### **VIRGINIA'S CHALLENGING ENERGY**

##### **LANDSCAPE** | Piedmont

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Juli Briskman**, Vice Chair, Loudoun County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **David W. Marsden**, Senate District 35; and **John Larson**, Director of Public Policy and Economic Development, Dominion Energy

In 2020 Virginia set targets for electric

generation to be “zero” greenhouse gas emitting within the next 25 years. However, recent and projected energy demands, fueled in large part by data center growth, are raising concerns whether intermittent sources of renewable energy, such as utility-scale solar and wind, can meet the 24/7 power needs of this industry. This session will explore the challenges, as well as the opportunities, to meet these energy needs and what role counties play in the siting of not only solar and wind, but other non-greenhouse gas emitting generation such as nuclear, hydrogen, and geothermal.

### **PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING: COUNTY MANAGERS/ADMINISTRATORS** | Blue Ridge

**MODERATOR:** **Dean A. Lynch**, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Counties

**SPEAKERS:** **Dr. Joseph P. Casey**, County Administrator, Chesterfield County; **Cathy Schafrik**, County Administrator, Greene County

This session provides a forum for discussion about emerging issues facing county administrators, including workforce recruitment and retention.

### **REGIONAL WORKFORCE CHALLENGES** | Stratford

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **James Walkinshaw**, Supervisor, Fairfax County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **Terry G. Kilgore**, House District 45; The Honorable **W. Chad Green, Sr.**, House District 69; The Honorable **William D. Wiley**, House District 32

Virginia is a recognized leader in business and economic development. However, not all areas of the state are poised to grow and compete for new development. One limiting

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factor is an adequate number of skilled workers to fill jobs for new and expanding businesses. This session will highlight state and regional efforts to address this shortage and what counties can do to build a trained workforce to meet demand.

### Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Strata Clean Energy**

### Virginia Local Government Managers Association Luncheon

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

**Speaker:** Angela Hill, County Administrator, Montgomery County

### Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

### Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

1 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer

- **1-1:20pm** | **Moseley Architects** | *“Setting/Sticking to Capital Project Budgets”*
- **1:25-1:40pm** | **Verizon** | *“Partnering Together to Expand Broadband”*

### Lunch Refreshment Break

1:15 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

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1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom BC

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**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

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

**HOUSING SOLUTIONS IN VIRGINIA |**

Stratford

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable **Meg Bohmke**,  
Chairwoman, Stafford County

**SPEAKERS:** **Shawn Utt**, County Administrator,  
Smyth County; **Chris Thompson**, Director of  
Strategic Housing, Virginia Housing

Housing supply, both for purchase and rental, has been extremely limited in Virginia in recent years. The impacts have been felt statewide affecting affordability, employment, and economic development in both urban and rural areas. This session will focus on state and local efforts to address the need for more housing, of all types, and will highlight Smyth County's program that won the VACo 2024 Best Achievement Award.

**CONNECTING THE COMMONWEALTH:  
TRANSPORTATION IN VIRGINIA |** Mount

Vernon

**MODERATOR AND SPEAKER:** The Honorable  
**Andrea O. Bailey**, Supervisor, Prince William  
County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable **William M. McCarty, Sr.**, VACo First Vice President, and Supervisor, Isle of Wight County; The Honorable **Phil C. North**, Chairman, Roanoke County

There are incredible things happening within our multimodal transportation network. No matter where you're headed, you are bound to pass construction, maintenance or other transportation projects on our various roads and railways. We are pleased to be joined by a roundtable of transportation leaders who

## Monday, November 11

will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing our commonwealth's transportation infrastructure. With a focus on collaborative solutions, this panel aims to inspire actionable dialogue and promote a more efficient, reliable, and sustainable transportation system in Virginia.

### **GET IN THE GAME: SPORTS TOURISM IN VIRGINIA** | Piedmont

**MODERATOR:** Gage Harter, Director of Communications, Virginia Association of Counties

**SPEAKERS:** Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Pulaski County; Dennis Bickmeier, Executive Director, Henrico County Sports and Entertainment Authority; J.C. Poma, Executive Director of Sports, Visitation and Entertainment, Chesterfield County

Virginia was recently named to a Top 10 list in terms of the economic impact generated by sports tourism in 2023. [According to a study by Virginia Tourism Corporation and Tourism Economics released in 2023](#), sports tourism in Virginia generated \$2.7 billion in direct spending in 2022 and accounted for nearly 8% of Virginia's overall visitor economy, directly contributing \$2.4 billion in visitor spending. Sports-related travelers spent \$7.3 million every day in Virginia in 2022.

### **INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SAFETY** | Blue Ridge

**MODERATOR:** The Honorable Victor Angry, VACo Second Vice President, and Supervisor, Prince William County

**SPEAKERS:** The Honorable Mark D. Sickles, House District 17; The Honorable Joel C. Acree, Chairman, Isle of Wight County; Jason Friedburg, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Blue Line Solutions

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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, changes in state and federal guidance impacting medication kits, looking for regional partnerships and force multipliers, and other pertinent issues such as budget constraints and the evolving demands placed on first responders.

### **Nominations Committee**

4 p.m. • Dominion

Chaired by The Honorable **Mary Biggs**, Chair,  
Montgomery County

### **President's Reception**

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire

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8 p.m.

## Tuesday, November 12

### Tuesday Morning Coffee Break

8:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

### CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ann H. Mallek**,  
President, Virginia Association of Counties, and  
Supervisor, Albemarle County

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The Honorable **Chris Saxman**  
| Executive Director, Virginia  
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The Honorable **David  
Toscano** | Attorney and  
Author | Former Delegate

Former Delegates Saxman and Toscano will offer commentary on the state and national political landscape, including the 2024 elections and the outlook for Virginia elections in 2025. This session is a must-see for anyone with an interest in politics!



### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ann H. Mallek**,  
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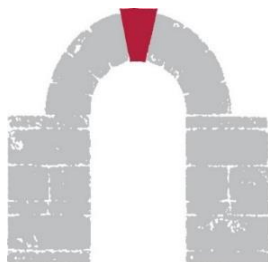
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### VACo Budget and Executive Committees Meeting

5 p.m. • Monroe

### VAcorp Board of Directors Meeting

5 p.m. • Dominion

### PMA Architecture Welcome Reception

7-9 p.m. • Tower Suite (Open to All Attendees)

## Sunday, November 10

### Nondenominational Worship Service

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. • Tower Suite  
The Honorable **William M. McCarty**, VACo First Vice President, and Supervisor, Isle of Wight County

### 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

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### Annual Conference Registration

- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Mount Vernon Foyer
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## Sunday, November 10

- 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
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### Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

- 2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer
- **2:15-2:30pm** | **Aetna** | *"Aetna's Commitment to Virginia"*
  - **2:40-2:55pm** | **Strata Clean Energy** | *"Community Focused Projects"*
  - **3-3:15pm** | **VAcorp** | *"Emerging Risks Facing Virginia's Counties"*

# Sunday, November 10

## Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer

- **3:20-3:35pm** | **OneDigital** | *“Wellness in the Public Sector”*
- **3:40-3:55pm** | **Pierce Insurance** | *“A Look at Customized Benefits”*
- **4-4:15pm** | **Nationwide** | *“Protected Retirement in the Nationwide Deferred Compensation Program”*

## Steering committee meetings

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

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

## VACo Drawing

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer

## Coalition of High Growth Communities

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Madison

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

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

- **Region 1** | Piedmont
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- **Region 6** | Dominion
- **Region 7** | Mount Vernon
- **Region 8** | Tower Suites
- **Region 10** | Stratford
- **Region 11** | Blue Ridge
- **Region 12** | Wilson

## Sunday Evening Opening Reception

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

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# Sunday, November 10

## Banquet

6:30 p.m. • Regency Ballroom  
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**PRESIDING:** The Honorable **Ann H. Mallek**, President, Virginia Association of Counties, and Supervisor, Albemarle County

**WELCOME:** The Honorable **Lynn Ellen Black**, Chair, Bath County

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## VACo Dessert Social

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. • Commonwealth Room  
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## Resolutions Committee

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## Exhibit Hall Opens

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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. • 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”*

## 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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## Monday, November 11

### • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

The Honorable **Gerald E. Connolly** | U.S. House of Representatives | Virginia 11<sup>th</sup> District

#### **Military Appreciation and Leadership Lessons**

The Honorable **Victor S. Angry** | Supervisor, Prince William County

The Honorable **Mike R. Turner** | Supervisor, Loudoun County

The Honorable **Sean M. Davis** | Supervisor, Hanover County

**Matt Chase** | CEO/Executive Director, National Association of Counties

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

**STATE BUDGET OUTLOOK** | Mount Vernon

**MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER WITH OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS** |

Piedmont

**A CONVERSATION ON CONSERVATION AND RURAL AFFAIRS** | Stratford

**CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN VIRGINIA** | Blue Ridge

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

**MENTAL HEALTH IN K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION** |

Mount Vernon

**VIRGINIA'S CHALLENGING ENERGY LANDSCAPE** |

Piedmont

# Monday, November 11

**PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING: COUNTY MANAGERS/  
ADMINISTRATORS** | Blue Ridge

**REGIONAL WORKFORCE CHALLENGES** | Stratford

## Deli Luncheon

12:45 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Strata Clean Energy**

## Virginia Local Government Managers Association Luncheon

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

**Speaker:** Angela Hill, County Administrator,  
Montgomery County

## Credentials Committee

1 p.m. • Monroe

## Partner/Sponsor Solution Showcase

1 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. • Ballroom Foyer

- **1-1:20pm** | **Moseley Architects** | *“Setting/Sticking to Capital Project Budgets”*
- **1:25-1:40pm** | **Verizon** | *“Partnering Together to Expand Broadband”*

## Lunch Refreshment Break

1:15 p.m. • Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by **Downey & Scott**

## Exhibitor Drawing

1:45 p.m. • Grand Ballroom BC

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## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

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

**HOUSING SOLUTIONS IN VIRGINIA** | Stratford

**CONNECTING THE COMMONWEALTH:  
TRANSPORTATION IN VIRGINIA** | Mount Vernon



## **Monday, November 11**

**GET IN THE GAME: SPORTS TOURISM IN VIRGINIA** |  
Piedmont

**INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SAFETY** | Blue Ridge

### **Nominations Committee**

4 p.m. • Dominion  
Chaired by The Honorable **Mary Biggs**, Chair,  
Montgomery County

### **President's Reception**

5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. • Crystal and Empire  
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## Tuesday, November 12

### Tuesday Morning Coffee Break

8:30 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

### CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

9 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

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### • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS •

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The Honorable **David Toscano** | Attorney and  
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### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

10:15 a.m. • Regency Ballroom

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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.

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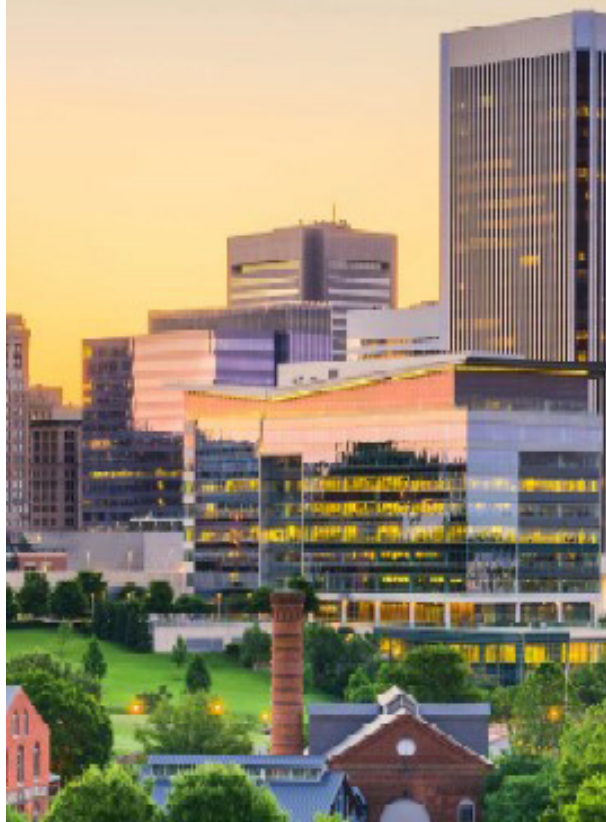




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