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## Virginia Supreme Court

### County loses FOIA case filed over closed meeting

The Virginia Supreme Court has ruled that a governing body may not go into closed session under the "contracts" exemption of the Freedom of Information Act when the discussion is not about awarding or amending a contract with a vendor.

The case originated when a local newspaper sued the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors after objecting to the board's October 2004 closed session to discuss a school construction project.

The Board of Supervisors met with a representative of an architectural-engineering firm that it and the School Board had contracted with to develop new schools. The Board of Supervisors, which felt that it needed to be involved in the planning of

new schools, became a party to the School Board's contract with the planning firm. The closed meeting included a representative of the firm along with the county administrator and county attorney.

The Supreme Court wrote: "the Board was discussing its strategy in relation to the School Board due to the policy dispute between those two public bodies about the new high school facility. The board was not discussing changes in the terms or scope of the ... contract vis-à-vis the vendor."

The exemption the board invoked for the meeting was Va. Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (30), which allows a closed meeting for: "Discussion of the award of a public con-

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### House Appropriations Committee approves state budget error fix

The House Appropriations Committee has approved legislation that will fix a \$130.9 million state budgeting error that could have saddled local governments with a bigger bill for K-12 education.

The committee voted Sept. 18 to approve HB 5032, which corrects the over-estimation of sales tax proceeds dedicated to education in the Appropriations Act for the current fiscal year, FY06-07. The legislation lowers the estimate of sales tax for Standards of Quality funding, increases the state share of basic aid for education, and establishes a hold harmless payment to ensure that the error does not result in

school divisions receiving less state money than in the Appropriations Act that was adopted in June.

The version of HB 5032 passed by the committee differs in two respects from the version proposed earlier by Gov. Tim Kaine. First, the sales tax error was estimated originally to be \$137.2 million; that error is now estimated to be \$130.9 million. Second, the bill now says that a small portion of the hold harmless payment will come from \$4.9 million in overestimated excess lottery receipts.

HB 5032 will be before the full House at its session scheduled for Sept. 27. ❖

## IN THE COURTS

## FOIA ruling continued ...

tract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body."

The court ruled that the exemption only allows a public body to discuss awarding a contract to a vendor, or amending it once awarded, and only if holding the meeting in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position of the public body. The court ruled that the exemption does not allow a public body to meet in closed session for other contract issues, such as the ne-

gotiating position between a governing body and the school board over building new schools.

"Because the purpose of the closed session was not the formation or modifications of a procurement contract, it did not fall within FOIA's statutory public contract exemption" under state law, Justice Cynthia D. Kinser wrote in the court's opinion.

The ruling is a narrowing of the uses of the exemption in question -- § 2.2-3711 (A) (30). VML recommends that local governments read the opinion and carefully consider its implications.

In addition to the ruling on the purpose of the closed session, the court

reaffirmed the rule that the motion to go into closed meeting has to identify the subject matter of the closed session. A motion that simply quotes the FOIA section is insufficient. In the Culpeper case, the motion recited § 2.2-3711 (A) (30), but did not identify the contract or the project.

The court issued its opinion in *White Dog Publishing, Inc. v. Culpeper County Board of Supervisors* on Sept. 15. The newspapers involved in the suit were the *Culpeper Citizen*, the *Culpeper Star-Exponent* and *The Free-Lance Star* in Fredericksburg. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

## Appropriations Committee prepares for transportation session



Next week's special General Assembly session will cover an assortment of old and new issues pertaining to transportation. Bills that already have been introduced or that are being drafted will attempt to legislate the roles, responsibility and oversight of the Virginia Department of Transportation; local funding and land use; and state funding.

In preparation for the session, staff assigned to the House Appropriations Committee made a presentation at the committee's Sept. 18 meeting on funding and responsibilities for local roadways. This presentation, available on the committee's Web site, <http://hac.state.va.us/welcome.htm>, covers some history of state and local funding, road system classifications, basic information about local funding, and methods available to supplement current funding mechanisms for local roadway improvements. It also addresses some pros and cons of additional local control over road systems.

The tone of the presentation and questions at the meeting appeared to indicate that the House at least would consider pursuing opportunities to transfer responsibilities for more transportation functions, including financing, to local governments.

The list of bills introduced for next week's session continues to grow, including some to create regional authorities to address regional transportation issues, some to give regional bodies more authority to fund transportation needs, and others to divert portions of current state general fund revenue streams to transportation.

Specifically, some of the bills referred to the House Appropriations Committee thus far would divert existing state revenues to transportation purposes, either by dedicating a portion of state recordation taxes, taking a larger percentage of the state's sales and use tax revenues, dedicating all insurance license tax revenues, or combinations of all of these proposals. Some of the bills would return sales and use tax or recordation tax revenues back to highway districts on a pro rata basis, based on collections in the highway district.

VML staff does not yet know the effect of these proposals on existing programs paid for through the state general fund, such as health and human services, public safety or education. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

## State continues scrutinizing post-employment benefits

**B**ased on a presentation made to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission on Sept. 11, it looks as if funding of Line of Duty Act benefits could surface as an issue again during the 2007 General Assembly.

The commission listened to a report from the Auditor of Public Accounts about funding of post employment benefits, such as health insurance, long-term disability, group life insurance and Line of Duty payments (which are available to public safety officers).

Local governments may incur an employer expense under new Government Accounting Standards Board rules even if their post employment benefits are limited to just making health insurance coverage available to retirees, with retirees paying 100 percent of their own premiums.

Large local governments, as well as the state, must start recognizing the cost of these benefits in their audits for FY07. Revised accounting standards adopted by the GASB will require that

governments recognize the cost of benefits promised to retirees during the time period that the employee is on the payroll, as opposed to when the employee actually retires. For smaller localities, the standards will be phased in, with all localities subject to the standards by the audit for FY10.

Fully funding Line of Duty benefits would cost the state an additional \$18.2 million annually, according to the report. The state put \$7.3 million in a Line of Duty trust fund in FY06-07, and \$10 million has been budgeted for FY07-08. Policy options contained in the APA report, however, include passing on some of the funding responsibilities to local governments. The APA reports that 60 percent of the employees receiving Line of Duty Act benefits are local employees.

The GASB standards make it advantageous to fund post employment benefits through independent trust funds that would allow for the segregation and accumulation of assets to pay

for post employment benefits. Local governments offering medical insurance benefits to retirees, for example, may wish to establish separate trust funds in order to keep the funding and accounting for these benefits separate from the medical benefits offered current employees. The APA report, however, pointed out that local governments lack the authority to establish these independent trust funds. As a result, the Auditor of Public Accounts is coordinating a discussion group to develop legislation for introduction in the 2007 session. The discussion group's first meeting will be Oct. 11 at the APA office.

The APA report is available on JLARC's web site at: <http://jlarc.state.va.us/Meetings/September06/OPEB%20presentation%20.pdf>

The APA has posted a number of articles on the GASB requirements and how they affect local governments at the APA web site at: [http://www.apa.virginia.gov/local\\_government.htm](http://www.apa.virginia.gov/local_government.htm). ❖

## SCC warns Kaine that electric rates could climb sharply

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**E**lectric rates could rise significantly in the very near future, as well as in 2011 after rates caps expire, the State Corporation Commission has warned state officials.

The warning came in a letter to Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and the General Assembly this week signed by all three commissioners. The letter apparently was meant to underscore the commission's Sept. 1 report on the status of electric deregulation in Virginia.

The commission wrote that the evidence indicates competition for retail electric customers in Virginia remains virtually nonexistent.

Moreover, despite caps on electric rates since 1999, Virginia utilities have

several legal ways to raise rates, the commission wrote.

Dominion Virginia Power will be able to raise rates to cover higher power-plant fuel costs beginning next year, and other utilities are allowed two general rate increases and annual increases to cover fuel, reliability and environmental costs before 2011.

The commission wrote that its experience so far with PJM Interconnection, the regional wholesale electricity market to which Virginia utilities belong, has caused it concern. The commission said it cannot assure that the PJM market is competitive.

The commission has been unable to obtain information it says it needs from PJM to determine whether competition is working to restrain prices.

PJM has offered states access to market information if they will sign a confidentiality agreement under a process sanctioned by the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, which has authority over wholesale markets. The SCC staff has refused to sign that agreement, PJM spokesman Ray Dotter said.

The agreements are to protect competitive information of power suppliers, Dotter said. PJM and federal regulators thoroughly monitor the wholesale markets and PJM restricts price increases when competition is limited, he said.

SCC spokesman Ken Schrad countered that other states in the PJM market have not signed the agreement, and he questioned whether the three states that have signed are receiving information. Virginia believes it is entitled to the information under state law, but PJM has said it will not provide it until the state takes legal action, he said.

Contact staff writer Greg Edwards at [gedwards@timesdispatch.com](mailto:gedwards@timesdispatch.com) or 804/649-6390. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

## Kaine creates telework, broadband assistance office



Gov. Tim Kaine signed an executive order last week creating an Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance within the Office of the Secretary of Technology. The office will encourage and promote telework activities for public and private employers, and work to advance innovative models that expedite the deployment of “last-mile” broadband technologies throughout the state. The governor signed the executive order at the 2006 Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium held in Roanoke.

“Telework is a family-friendly, business-friendly public policy that helps us recruit and retain a high-quality workforce in a competitive job market,” Kaine said. “It also protects environmental quality and promotes energy conservation by reducing traffic congestion and vehicle emissions. Telework also allows a better balance between work and family. For all of these reasons, it is important for state government to support public and private sector efforts to promote widespread adoption of telework.”

With portable computers, personal

digital technology and high-speed telecommunications links, many employees today can work almost anywhere at least some of the time. The Virginia General Assembly has set a goal of shifting a significant number of jobs into alternative work schedules by 2010, which will involve expanded use of telework. State agencies are being surveyed to gather baseline data on the amount of telework currently conducted.

The new office will also promote the adoption and deployment of affordable broadband services in all areas of the state. “Equal and affordable access to broadband telecommunication services is critical,” said Bristol State Sen. William Wampler. “It is the only way that workers throughout the Commonwealth can participate in enhanced economic development opportunities such as teleworking.”

Fairfax County Del. James M. Scott echoed the comments made by both Kaine and Wampler. “Telework cuts air pollution, reduces vehicle miles and makes employees happy. State government should lead the way,” he said. ❖

## Energy audit grants available for local governments

Local governments and school divisions can apply for energy audit grants through the Virginia Sustainable Building Network’s Energy Audit Incentive Grant (EAIG) program.

The deadline for applying for the grants is Oct. 23. Additional information, including an grant applications and guidelines, are available from Pamela Vosburgh, project coordinator, Virginia Sustainable Building Network, P.O. Box 6539, Arlington, VA, 22204, 703/486-2966, pam@vsbn.org.

The goal of the grant program is to help communities and school divisions take the first step toward more energy

efficient buildings by understanding their current energy use through use of a tool called an energy audit. The baseline measurement will enable local governments to have a clear picture of the value of any energy improvements that could be made. The grants will pay for part of the audit process.

Preference will be given to local governments and school divisions that do not have energy management professionals on staff; that have the lowest per-capita income; demonstrate a capacity to complete the grant during the grant period. ❖

## AT THE LEAGUE

## VML/VACo Bond Pool issues record amount of bonds

VML/VACo Finance issued \$70.2 million in two series of municipal bonds in June, a record for the spring issuance of the pooled financing program that was established in 2003. Six governmental borrowers participated in the June bond pool, financing a range of projects across the state.

The largest participant was Stafford County, with a \$50 million public safety capital project developed under the guidelines of the Public-Private Educational Facilities Infrastructure Act (PPEA). Also represented were the towns of Warrenton, Cape Charles and South Boston, and the counties of King William and Lee. Financed projects included a public safety complex and fire stations, an aquatic center, a social services center, school athletic facilities, utility and harbor improvements, a beach breakwater, and various other economic development and infrastructure improvements and refinancings.

"The Program continues to see growth among all borrowers in the

state, from Northern Virginia to the Eastern Shore, to Southwest Virginia," said Robert Lauterberg, the program's managing director. "And we're delighted to have King William County and Cape Charles join the ranks of repeat borrowers."

Lauterberg also noted the growing attractiveness of the program for larger local governments with complex needs.

"As a locality in the AA-rating category, Stafford County had many options for financing. They chose the VML/VACo Finance Program for our attractive interest rates, low-costs, and flexible approach," Lauterberg said.

VML/VACo Finance works closely with local borrowers and leading underwriters to obtain the best pricing for its bonds. The program's non-profit governing board, the Virginia Local Government Finance Corp., selected Merrill Lynch and A.G. Edwards, respectively, to underwrite the two series of bonds. Pricing and rates through the Finance Program were once again

highly competitive.

"When comparing our pricing to other issues in the market, we consistently show excellent rates for local borrowers. The low interest rates, combined with our low costs of issuance, make the VML/VACo Finance Program an excellent choice for localities of all sizes and credit strengths," said Carolyn Cios, president of the VLGFC Board of Directors.

"We are excited about the growth of our program. The benefits are becoming more and more clear to local governments from large, highly-rated localities to non-rated towns," she said.

Applications for the Spring Bond Pool are due Oct. 6. Proceeds will be available to participants in December. Contact Will Turnage, deputy managing director, at 804/648-0635, or [wturnage@valocalfinance.org](mailto:wturnage@valocalfinance.org) for more information. Financing estimates are available and include a not-to-exceed guarantee on program costs of issuance.



## ETCETERA

## NLC committee appointment deadlines approaching



National League of Cities

VML members interested in learning more about issues affecting localities nationwide, and helping to develop policy or action plans on issues affecting local governments, can apply to serve on National League of Cities' committees and advisory groups. Membership on these groups is open to local elected officials from NLC-member localities.

Oct. 2 is the deadline for applications for policy and advocacy committee leadership positions. The chairs and vice chairs of these committees will be chosen by Nov. 10.

Nov. 15 is the deadline for applications to serve on policy steering committees, as well as a number of other committees, panels, and councils (appointments for policy committee membership will follow in January). Committee and panel applications are available on NLC's Web site, [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org), or available from Janet Areson at VML, [jareson@vml.org](mailto:jareson@vml.org).

NLC committees, councils, and panels cover a wide range of issues and

topics. Applications for membership on the following bodies are now being taken:

**Policy and advocacy committees:** Community and Economic Development; Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources; Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations; Human Development; Information Technology and Communications; Public Safety and Crime Prevention; Transportation Infrastructure and Services.

**Member Networking Councils:** Central Cities; First Tier Suburbs; Small Cities; University Communities.

**City Futures Panels:** Community and Regional Development; Democratic Governance; Equity and Opportunity; Public Finance.

**Other Advisory Groups:** Congress of Cities Program Committee; Council on Youth, Education and Families; International Council; Leadership Training Council. ❖

## ETCETERA

## Virginia cities join Inclusive Communities Partnership

**A**lexandria, Leesburg, Martinsville and Richmond are among the 91 cities nationwide participating in the National League of Cities' Inclusive Communities Partnership.

An initiative of NLC President Jim Hunt, the purpose of the partnership is to:

- Raise awareness and focus attention on the importance and value of inclusive communities.
- Motivate local governments to make a public commitment to building inclusive communities.
- Provide support to local officials in focused efforts around affordable housing, race and ethnic relations, and equal citizen participation in community decision-making.
- Share insights, experiences, and lessons learned among the participating jurisdictions.
- Recognize, publicize, and celebrate

the work of cities and towns that join the partnership.

Hunt, who will give a keynote address on Oct. 16 at the opening general session of VML's annual conference, is a member of the council of Clarksburg, W.Va. He is striving to raise awareness and focus attention on the importance and value of inclusive communities.

One piece of the Inclusive Communities Partnership is the celebration of the week of Sept. 25-29 as Race Equality Week. Race relations, racial justice and successful governmental practices in improving race relations will be highlighted in NLC's publications, its Web site and press releases during this week.

Log-on to [http://www.nlc.org/resources\\_for\\_cities/programs\\_services/7952.cfm#How](http://www.nlc.org/resources_for_cities/programs_services/7952.cfm#How) for more information on the inclusive communities initiative. ♦

## POSITIONS

Longer version of job ads posted at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org)

Because of the number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the position descriptions in Update. A full version of all of the job listings published here for the past two months appears on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org). Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

**Recreation Programmer, Bedford**  
SALARY: \$27,773-\$39,243 (+) benefits. Supervise recreation programs for all age groups; supervise program staff and be responsible for planning, scheduling, securing facilities, maintaining records, preparing reports, publications and news releases for recreation programs and events. Reqs. any comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to graduation from accredited 4-yr. college in relevant field and considerable exper. in one or more of the major fields of organized recreation programs. Apply to: City of Bedford Human Resources Office, 215 E. Main St., Bedford, VA 24523 or visit [www.bedfordva.gov](http://www.bedfordva.gov) to download an employment application; resumes alone not accepted. Open until filled. EOE.

**Planner II, Prince William County**  
SALARY: \$49,637-\$64,032 (+) benefits. Review development applications for conformance with the transportation components of the comprehensive plan. Entails reviewing development applications for conformance with policies and regulations, and recommending actions; attending Planning Commission meetings; presenting and supporting project recommendations in written and verbal staff reports; coordinating review and development support activities. Reqs. any comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to relevant bachelor's degree and 3 yrs. progressively responsible professional planner exper.; or master's degree in planning and 2 yrs. related exper. at paraprofessional or professional level. Prefer transportation planning exper. Apply at <http://www.pwcgov.org/jobs/applynow/vacancy.asp?intVacancyID=2487>. Deadline: Oct. 4. EOE.

**Planning Director, Chincoteague**  
SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Work with Planning Commission and Town Council to guide long-range land use planning and natural resource management; implement related programs and regulations, including zoning, subdivision, erosion and sediment control, and flood plain management. Detailed job description and applications available at the town office or [www.chincoteague-va.gov](http://www.chincoteague-va.gov). Send applications to: Town Manager, Town of Chincoteague, 6150

Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Deadline: Oct. 27. EOE.

**County Attorney, Isle of Wight**  
SALARY: Negotiable DOQ. Plan, organize, direct and implement the activities of the county's Legal Department. Min. qualifications: graduation from accredited law school and 6 yrs. of exper. in the practice of law, including administrative and supervisory exper.; or an equiv. comb. of acceptable training and exper. Must be licensed to practice in Va. Prefer trial exper. and excellent academic credentials. Submit resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net). Deadline: Dec. 14. EOE.

**Transportation Engineering Manager, Roanoke County**  
SALARY: \$49,372-\$73,083 full range (+) benefits. Assist in the planning, scheduling, design, construction, inspection and management of the county's traffic / transportation systems as a member of the Community Development Department. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree; 5-yrs. related exper. and/or training in professional engineering; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. Master's desirable. County application req. Contact Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 29800, 5204 Bernard Drive, SW, Roanoke, VA. 24018 or log-on to [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/jobs](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov/jobs). 540/772-2018. Open until filled. EOE.

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## POSITIONS

General Services Director,  
Isle of Wight County

**SALARY:** \$69,686-\$87,108 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Ensure the provision of effective, responsive service to the county and its residents pertaining to water, wastewater, drainage, storm water management, solid waste, building and grounds maintenance, soil and erosion control, and design and construction of new county facilities. Manages the Public Works, Public Utilities and Engineering Division. Reqs. bachelor's degree and 5-8 yrs. of related exper., including local govt. exper. Submit application and resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757/365-6304. Open until filled. EOE.

## County Engineer, Isle of Wight

**SALARY:** \$60,075-\$75,093 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Plan, manage and administer the county's engineering and construction functions. Reqs. bachelor's degree and 5-8 yrs. of related exper., professional engineering license preferred. Submit application and resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757/365-6304. Open until filled. EOE.

Marketing Manager,  
Isle of Wight County

**SALARY:** \$41,286-\$51,607 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Participate in marketing the county and provide assistance to identify prospect opportunities. Review, analyze and respond to prospect inquiries promptly and effectively. Prepare marketing items, grant applications and meeting materials. Maintain county property database while communicating property updates to regional and state research depts. Respond to requests from local industry for data and/or assistance info. Must be able to obtain a passport and travel extensively. Reqs. bachelor's degree and 1-3 yrs. relevant exper. Submit application and resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit [www.iwus.net](http://www.iwus.net) or call 757-365-6304. Open until filled. EOE.

## Senior Auditor, Roanoke

**SALARY:** \$38,806 - \$62,089 (+) benefits. Objectively evaluates compliance with procedures, regs. and city code; assesses operational effectiveness and adequacy of internal controls. Supervises audits and serves as resource for co-workers. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree, 3-5 yrs. related exper. and/or training involving govt. ac-

counting or professional auditing; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. Qualify to sit for CPA, CIA, or CISA certification exam. Obtain more info. or apply online at [www.roanokeva.gov/jobs](http://www.roanokeva.gov/jobs) or Department of Human Resources, 215 Church Ave. S.W., Room 207, Roanoke, VA 24011. Open until filled. EOE.

## Civil Engineer II, Roanoke County

**SALARY:** \$47,020-\$69,603 full range (+) benefits. Assist in the planning, scheduling, design, construction, inspection and management of public works facilities in the Department of Community Development. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and considerable exper. in progressively responsible civil engineering work. Must be a licensed P.E. registered in Va. Roanoke County application req. Contact: Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 29800, 5204 Bernard Drive, S.W., Roanoke, VA. 24018. Or log-on to [www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov](http://www.RoanokeCountyVA.gov). 540/772-2018. Apply immediately. Application review begins Oct. 2. Open until filled. EOE.

Chief of Zoning Administration,  
Albemarle County

**SALARY:** DOQ (+) benefits. Work in Community Development Office. For complete job description, salary info., and on-line applications go to [www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp](http://www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp). County of Albemarle, Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827. Open until filled. EOE.

Principal Planner,  
Albemarle County

**SALARY:** DOQ (+) benefits. Work in Community Development Office. For complete job description, salary info., and on-line applications go to [www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp](http://www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp). County of Albemarle, Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827. Open until filled. EOE.

Civil Engineer II,  
Albemarle County

**SALARY:** DOQ (+) benefits. Work in Community Development Office. For complete job description, salary info., and on-line applications go to [www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp](http://www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp). County of Albemarle, Department of Human Resources, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Administrator, Middleburg  
**SALARY:** DOQ (+) benefits. Responsible for financial and personnel mngmt.; preparation of bdgts. with justifications and narrative, and other financial reports as warranted; formulation of policies and legislative positions; procurement; oversight of all municipal services and depts. Town staff of 12; operating bdgt. appx. \$1.2 million. Reqs. 3-5 yrs. executive level mngmt. exper., preferably in municipal govt.; 3-5 yrs. exper. in financial mngmt; relevant bachelor's or master's degree. Send resume to: Town of Middleburg, P.O. Box 187, Middleburg, VA, 20118, or call 540/687-5152 for more info. Deadline: Oct. 7. EOE.

## Other positions

**NOTICE:** *The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).*

## Traffic Engineer, Roanoke

**SALARY:** \$54,494-\$87,192 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

## Town Manager, Colonial Beach

**SALARY:** Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 6.

Environmental Programs  
Specialist, Falls Church

**SALARY:** \$46,308-\$74,093 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

## Appraiser, Loudoun County

**SALARY:** \$42,140-\$56,889 hiring range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Development,  
Hopewell

**SALARY:** \$65,771-\$71,972 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. \$65,771-\$98,655 full range. Deadline: Oct 16.

## Civil Engineer, Roanoke

**SALARY:** \$48,243-\$77,190 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

## Fire Chief, Petersburg

**SALARY:** \$53,751-\$88,318 negotiable. Deadline: Sept. 29.

Housing Quality Standards  
Inspector / Program Assistant  
(Contractor), Manassas

**SALARY:** Negotiable / hourly rate. Appx. 15-20 hrs. per week. Apply immediately.

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## POSITIONS

Chief of Police, La Crosse

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

Town Planner, Stephens City

SALARY: \$40,000-plus. Open until filled.

Business Manager, Alexandria Sanitation Authority

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

Regional Planner, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (Culpeper)

SALARY: \$37,500-\$47,250 start range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Environmental Inspector, Surry County

SALARY: \$29,194-\$48,295 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Reviewer, Waynesboro

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

Engineering Assistant, Waynesboro

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

Planning & Zoning Administrator, Rocky Mount

SALARY: \$35,880-\$44,809 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Regional / Senior Planner, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ. Open until filled.

Senior Engineer (Capital Projects), Leesburg

SALARY: \$51,718-\$86,806 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

County Attorney, Warren

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Town Manager, Haymarket

SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 30.

Director of Public Works, Clifton Forge

SALARY: DOE/DOQ. Open until filled.

Director of Finance, King George County

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Apply immediately.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Sept. 29. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's Web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

## CALENDAR

2006 National Impact Fee Roundtable, Oct. 5-6, Arlington

Two-day conference explores use of impact fees in detail. Log-on to [www.impactfee.org](http://www.impactfee.org) for information on registration and lodging.

Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Fall Conference, Oct. 5-7, Roanoke

Contact: Leisa Steele, LGA Conference Coordinator, 804/371-0202 or [Lrs5c@virginia.edu](mailto:Lrs5c@virginia.edu).

VML Annual Conference, Oct. 15-17, Virginia Beach

Contact: Joni Terry at [jterry@vml.org](mailto:jterry@vml.org) or exhibitors contact Kimberly Pollard at [kpollard@vml.org](mailto:kpollard@vml.org). VML phone: 804/649-8471.

Balanced Growth Counties Conference, Oct. 19, Front Royal

One-day conference sponsored by the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission entitled "The Challenges: Preserving the Valley's Agricultural and Open Space Heritage and Meeting the Service Needs of New Development." Topics include growth management, land preservation, development rights, home owners associations, sanitary districts meeting service needs and economic development. Contact NSVRC at 540/636-8800.

Virginia Building and Code Officials Association Annual Conference, Oct. 22-24, Staunton

Contact: Mary Jo Fields at [mfields@vml.org](mailto:mfields@vml.org) or 804/649-8471.

Virginia Association of Counties Annual Conference, Nov. 12-14, Bath County

Contact: Linda Butterfield at 804/343-2507.

Brownfields 2006: A Revolution in Redevelopment & Revitalization, Nov. 13-15, Boston

Sponsored by EPA. Contact: 877/343-5374 or [brownfields2006@csc.com](mailto:brownfields2006@csc.com) or [www.brownfields2006.org](http://www.brownfields2006.org).

Emergency Preparedness and Prevention & Hazmat Spills Conference, Dec. 3-6, Valley Forge, Pa.

Sponsored by EPA Region III. Contact: 800/364-7974 or [www.2006conference.org](http://www.2006conference.org).

NLC Congress of Cities, Dec. 5-9, Reno, Nevada

Contact NLC: 202/626-3105.

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# VML Insurance Programs Fall Regional Workshops

Member representatives of VML Insurance Programs should plan to attend one of the four remaining fall regional risk management workshops in September and October. All four of the free workshops are identical. Lunch is included.

Appropriate for anyone with risk management, claims administration or safety responsibilities.

- Sept. 22 Salem Civic Center
- Sept. 28 Fredericksburg Holiday Inn Select
- Sept. 29 Farmville Train Station
- Oct. 6 Williamsburg Marriott Kingsmill

See [www.vmlins.org](http://www.vmlins.org) for on-line registration and directions to each location.

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