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Convention Center

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2008

Issues abound in 60-day session; localities urged to stay involved

Legislators got down to the business of the 2008 General Assembly on Wednesday, a scheduled 60-day session that could prove contentious as delegates and senators debate issues ranging from budget shortfalls and public school funding to immigration and taxation.

Local officials, who often find themselves at the center of many of these legislative issues, will need to be in touch with their delegates and senators during the session to ensure that their interests are protected.

First and foremost, the General Assembly will need to amend the current FY08 budget to address a \$641 million shortfall; they also must adopt a new budget for 2008-2010. Gov. Tim Kaine presented his version of that budget on Dec. 17 and addressed the General Assembly Wednesday night. Kaine and the General Assembly will have to deal with the continued slowing of growth in state revenues.

Specifically, the General Assembly will take a close look at Kaine's proposal to expand the availability of pre-kindergarten programs to additional 4-year-olds at risk of educational failure. The updating or re-benchmarking of the costs of providing the current level of public education programs carries a \$900 million price tag for the biennium. Some legislators, particularly a handful of members of the House Appropriations Committee, are calling for a revamping of the methodology that would result in decreasing the state's funding responsibilities

While money is always big, other issues

often make headlines. This year that issue could be illegal immigration. The Virginia Crime Commission is making a series of recommendations for the criminal justice system, including several that affect local jails and police. The General Assembly won't be the only stage for diverging opinions on this issue. Local governments are divided as well as to the approach that should be taken.

The funding package for transportation adopted in the 2007 session promises to stir up some dust as well, particularly if the Virginia Supreme Court rules that the abusive driver fees included in the legislative package are unconstitutional. The court is expected to hear the case in mid-January.

In the wake of the massacre of 32 people at Virginia

Tech April 16 by a mentally ill student, mental health services and funding also are expected to garner much attention, as is funding for the Comprehensive Services Act.

New senators and delegates involved in the process may make reaching consensus even more difficult than usual. Retirements and defeats in both chambers will mean that a number of new legislators – nine new senators and 10 new delegates – will be seen in the halls of the Capitol. Control of the Senate will be in the hands of the Democrats for the first time since 1995, albeit by only a 21-19 split.

Just how rough the legislative road local governments will have to navigate remains to be seen, but it's a given that many of the major issues the General As-



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sembly will confront will directly involve Virginia's cities, counties and towns.

Feb 7: VML/VACo Legislative Day

If you haven't registered for the annual VML/VACo Legislative Day that will be held in Richmond on Feb. 7, do so now. The registration form is on VML's Web site at www.vml.org, or you can e-mail or call Sherall Dementi (sdementi@vml.org; 804/649-8471) for more information. Registration is \$40 per person.

General Assembly schedule

Important dates for the 2008 session are noted below. These dates are subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Jan. 9: First day of session; pre-filing deadline is 10 a.m.; last day to file charter, local fiscal and correctional impact, sales and property tax exemption, and VRS bills, as well as legislation creating or continuing a study.

Jan. 17: Deadline for submitting House and Senate budget amendments

Jan. 18: Deadline for introduction of legislation

Feb. 7: VML/VACo Legislative Day
Feb. 12: Crossover Day; each house to finish its own legislation, except budget, revenue, debt, VRS bills.

Feb. 21: Each house to complete work on its budget

Feb. 27: Each house to complete work on budget bill of the other house; budget conferees appointed

March 3: Last day for committee action on legislation

March 6: Budget bill conference report to be made available

March 8: Adjournment

April 16: Reconvened session

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ETCETERA

Report: Libraries key to achieving strategic priorities

In an era in which local governments are forced to do more with less, a new report published by ICMA highlights the critical role libraries can play in addressing economic, educational and social issues challenging communities.

The ICMA Management Perspective, "Local Government Managers and Libraries: Partners for a Better Community," which is available free from ICMA at http://icma.org/public_libraries, highlights the value libraries can bring to a community, including:

- Serving as a civic and economic anchor that attracts businesses and patrons to transitional neighborhoods;
- Providing a cultural center that fosters community and civic engagement and offers services to hard-to-reach populations such as teenagers, immigrants, and senior residents;

- Providing Internet access for those without computers in a world that requires online transactions and communications for jobs, schools, and social services; and

- Offering online databases and supports for start-up businesses and a developing workforce.

ICMA received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in July 2007 to support the development of related tools and resources for local government managers and the establishment of a member-based advisory committee that would build city, town, and county managers' awareness of the critical role public libraries play in supporting community vitality and sustainability, as well as the important leadership role managers have in supporting libraries. ❖

EPA pollution partnership money deadline set

The 2008 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CARE Cooperative Agreement Request for Proposals (RFP) is available on-line at: www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0802. The application period ends March 17.

The CARE Web site has additional information related to the CARE RFP, including EPA's upcoming Q&A Web casts, so visit <http://www.epa.gov/CARE>.

About \$3 million will be available in 2008 to support community-based partnerships to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program.

EPA anticipates awarding CARE cooperative agreements in two levels.

Level I cooperative agreements range from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and will help establish community-based partnerships to develop local environmental priorities. Level II awards, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000 each, will support communities that have established broad-based partnerships, have identified the priority toxic risks in the community, and are prepared to measure results, implement risk reduction activities, and become self-sustaining. ❖

POSITIONS

Longer version of job ads posted at 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. Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

Ambulance Services Director, Galax-Grayson Emergency Medical Services

SALARY: \$38,107 min. to start (+) benefits. Plans and manages operations and personnel who provide transport and emergency medical services in Galax and Grayson County. Supervises daily activities of dept. and personnel; maintains emergency system supplies and equipment; manages and plans budget. Reports to regional board. Reqs. H.S. diploma and 2 yrs. mngmnt. and personnel supervisory exper. Prefer bachelor's degree and ALS certification. For application, contact: Keith E. Barker, Assistant City Manager, City of Galax, 276/236-5773, 111 E. Grayson St., Galax, VA 24333. Application review begins Feb. 4. Open until filled. EOE.

Architect /Urban Designer, Hampton

SALARY: \$43,527-\$70,236 DOQ (+) benefits. Ensures that community appearance goals and objectives of adopted Community Plan are achieved; ensures that architectural and design elements of strategic area master plans are implemented in keeping with goals and objectives. Support, implementation and staff formulation and administration of historic preservation initiatives. Reqs. graduation from accredited college or university; prefer AIA registration and/or AICP certification. Apply online at www.hampton.gov/hire. Deadline: Feb. 1. EOE.

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Senior Architect/Urban Designer, Hampton

SALARY: \$50,777-\$81,837 DOQ (+) benefits. Ensures that community appearance goals and objectives of adopted Community Plan are achieved; ensures that architectural and design elements of strategic area master plans are implemented in keeping with goals and objectives. Reviews, develops, coordinates, plans, designs and manages architectural, landscaping, urban design and historic preservation projects. Guides, directs and reviews the work of the architect/urban designer. Apply online at www.hampton.gov/hire. Deadline: Feb. 1. EOE.

Transportation Construction Project Manager, Norfolk

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Lead construction and implementation of \$230 million, 7.4-mile starter line light rail transit project. Work on behalf of City of Norfolk with Hampton Roads Transit Authority to ensure timely completion of project in a cost efficient manner. Will function exclusively on light rail project initially, but will be retained to manage other major public works/construction projects. Reqs. min. 7 yrs. sr. mngmnt. exper. in transit system mngmnt. and direct exper. in light rail or similar mass transit construction projects. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree. Obtain application and apply on-line at http://www.norfolk.gov/Human_Resources/employ.asp. Submit application or resume in confidence to: Recruit@Norfolk.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

Assistant Director of Human Resources, Norfolk

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. HR Department has 37 employees; \$3.5 million bdtg. Reqs. min. 5 yrs. exper. as effective manager and strategic thinker with strong customer-service, communication, organizational development and team-building skills. Reqs. exper. in all areas of HR mngmnt. and ability to promote high-performance culture. Residency req. within 6 mos. Apply at: www.norfolk.gov/jobs or call 757/664-4010, ext. 353. EOE.

Emergency Services Coordinator, Lynchburg

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Reports to city manager. Implements and directs the operations and functions of emergency mngmnt. projects and programs, including response, recovery

and mitigation activities. View full job description and apply at www.lyncburgva.gov. For more info., contact Beth S. McDaniel, senior human resources manager, City of Lynchburg, 900 Church St., Lynchburg, VA 24504 or beth.mcdaniel@lyncburgva.gov or 434/455-4204. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

Media and Communications Manager, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$57,130-\$69,130 start range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Help manage PR and communications strategies and programs; works with city officials to provide senior level professional services and counsel in PR, media relations, issues/crisis mngmnt. and marketing; develops and implements citizen awareness campaigns; provides leadership and supervision for team of 9 professionals. Reqs. 10 yrs. PR exper., including 5 yrs. recent supervisory exper. For more info. and to apply online, log-on to www.vbgov.com/careers. Deadline: Feb. 2. EOE.

Planner III (Department of Community Development), Richmond

SALARY: \$55,001-\$90,342 (+) benefits. Oversee Land Use Administration Division, which is responsible for overseeing planning activities, including administering plans of development, rezonings, special use permits and subdivisions. Serves as secretary to Planning Commission and serves as staff representative for City Council meetings and public hearings. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree. Prefer higher-level degree in planning or related field(s) plus AICP certification and 5 yrs. or more relevant exper. For more info. and to apply, log-on to www.richmondgov.com. Job # 05M00000111. EOE.

Executive Director, Front Royal / Warren County Economic Development Authority

SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. Reqs. min. 5 yrs. exper. in eco. dev. or related field. Degree preferred. Also: exper. in creating and implementing eco. dev. programs and policies; researching and executing state and federal eco. dev. programs and funding services; and preparing plans, proposals, grant applications and environmental reports for eco. dev. projects. Reqs. knowledge of urban renewal process, environmental regs., and real estate development principles. Relocation req. Submit letter of interest, resume and salary reqs.

to: EDA Executive Director Search, 122 W. 14th St., #45, Front Royal, VA 22630. No fax or e-mail applications accepted. Deadline: Jan. 24. EOE.

Administrator, Bedford County Public Service Authority

SALARY: \$70,000-\$102,000 (+) benefits. 37 employees, \$9 million operating bdtg.; \$26 million recently completed capital projects. Serves as CEO; reports to Board of Directors and responsible for all aspects of admin. and operation. Should: possess Va. Class II Water and Wastewater Operators license; have 5 yrs. exper. in public water and wastewater utility admin. (5 yrs. supervisory exper. preferred); bachelor's degree in civil engineering (preferred) or master's degree in business admin. or public admin. Send resume marked "Confidential," to: Glenn, Feldman, Darby & Goodlatte, Attn: H.M. Darby Jr. (Search Committee), 210 1st St. S.W., Suite 200 (24011) or P.O. Box 2887, Roanoke, VA 24001. Deadline: Jan. 31. EOE.

Deputy Director of Environmental Services, Arlington County

SALARY: \$59,113-\$148,262 DOQ (+) benefits. Partner with director of environmental services in bringing strategic focus to transportation, the environment, capital project investment, and facilities mngmnt. in one of county's largest depts. (675 employees). Lead special projects spanning range of dept. programs, work units and disciplinary boundaries. Reqs. bachelor's degree with record of achievement as a mid-to-upper level manager in local or state govt. Log-on to www.arlingtonva.us/pers to submit required Internet application. Questions? Call 703/228-3500 or e-mail pers@arlingtonva.us.

Budget Analyst, Suffolk

SALARY: \$53,537-\$68,260 (+) benefits. Assists in development of annual operating and capital bdtgs.; provides analytical assistance to the budget office and other depts.; performs research and analysis to provide pertinent info. regarding city programs and depts.; acts as financial and mngmnt. consultant to assigned city depts. to improve operational effectiveness and to enhance financial condition of city. Reqs. bachelor's degree in bookkeeping or accounting, and 3 yrs. exper. in accounting clerical work. Submit City of Suffolk application, which can be found with ad-

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ditional info., at www.suffolk.va.us, or call 757/514-4120. Open until filled. EOE.

Deputy City Manager, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$87,752-\$141,183 DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. (pop 15,000). Member of city manager's leadership team; oversee strategic plan and budget; assist and assess city depts. and inter-departmental activities. Reqs. relevant master's degree; 10 yrs. professional municipal govt. admin. or mngmnt. exper. Obtain more info. and learn how to apply at www.cityofmanassaspark.us. Click on "Job Opportunities." Application review starts Jan. 18. Open until filled. EOE.

Other positions

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at www.vml.org.

Environmental Planner (Department of Planning), Accomack County

SALARY: \$33,096-\$47,988 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Civil Engineer (Community Development Office), Bedford County

SALARY: \$45,634-\$50,197 start range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Town Manager, Clifton Forge

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

GIS Analyst (Community Development Department), Goochland County

SALARY: \$35,694-\$53,674 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

GIS Analyst, Chesapeake Public Schools

SALARY: \$40,586-\$44,790 start range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Executive Director, Virginia's Region 2000 Economic Development Council (Lynchburg)

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 31.

Town Manager, Town of Vinton

SALARY: \$75,000-\$90,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 28.

Residency Staff Engineer (2 positions), VDOT (Harrisonburg and Luray Residencies)

SALARY: \$53,510-\$80,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Staff Accountant (Part-time), Waynesboro

SALARY: \$15-\$20 an hour DOQ/DOE; 25 hrs. a week; no benefits. Open until filled.

Building Official (Community Development Department), Rockingham County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

Water Department Assistant Manager, Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority (Charlottesville)

SALARY: \$44,616-\$71,385 full range DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Combination Code Inspector, Martinsville

SALARY: \$28,761 hire-in range DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Building Official, Powhatan County

SALARY: \$55,000-\$85,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Public Services Director, Bedford

SALARY: \$59,472-\$84,032 (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 25.

Director of Public Works, Richmond

SALARY: \$98,838-\$150,858 DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 18.

County Attorney, Augusta

SALARY: \$90,000-\$100,000 hiring range DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 15.

Town Manager, Glasgow

SALARY: \$40,000-\$45,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Aquatics, Christiansburg

SALARY: \$49,990 to start (+) benefits, including VRS. Deadline: Feb. 8.

Town Manager, Culpeper

SALARY: \$105,000-plus DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Jan. 20.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Jan. 18. 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

VML-VACo Legislative Day, Feb. 7, Richmond

Annual event will take place this year at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. Third Street, in downtown Richmond. Local officials will travel to Richmond to be briefed on legislation important to local governments and to meet with members of their delegation. Registration information at www.vml.org or contact Sherall Dementi at 804/523-8533 or sdementi@vml.org.

Green Webcast, Jan. 17, On-line

Local government officials can participate in a 90-minute green city Webcast at 1 p.m. Jan. 17 that will feature info. on municipal energy efficient technologies. To register (\$35 per connection) or for more info., log on to www.challengeinternational.com.

Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions Winter Meeting, Jan. 28-29, Richmond

At Omni Richmond Hotel. More information: 757/599-1006 or VAPDC@associationbuilders.com.

[associationbuilders.com](http://www.associationbuilders.com).

2008 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Feb. 7-9, Washington, D.C.

Conference will be held at Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Registration information available at <http://www.newpartners.org/about.html>.

Preferred method of submitting items is via e-mail to David Parsons at: dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758.

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