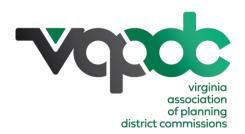
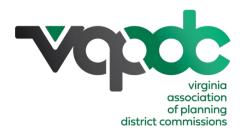
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Logistics and Process

Budget Overview

Anticipated Key Topics/Bills



# Logistics: What about the Schedule

- Budget presentation—December 16
- □ General Assembly Convenes—January 13
- Crossover Day—February 9
- Adjournment—February 27
- Virginia Constitution (Article IV, Section 6) stipulates that "no regular session of the General Assembly convened in an odd-numbered year shall continue longer than thirty days; but with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members elected to each house, any regular session may be extended for a period not exceeding thirty days."

Logistics:
What if
a 30day
Schedule

- Budget amendments due—House (1/8); Senate
   1/15)
- □ General Assembly Convenes—January 13
- Crossover Day—January 26? or 28?
- Adjournment—February 11
- □ LOOONG legislative days
- Possible special session to finish work on the budget
- Special redistricting session in spring

Logistics: Lay of the Land

- □House meeting virtually
- □Senate meeting at the Science Museum
- □Bill Introduction Limits in effect
  - □House: 7
  - ■Senate: 12
  - □Total: ~1,200 bills (typically
  - 2,000 in short sessions)

Logistics: Lay of the Land

- □No in person access at Pocahontas or Capitol
- Communication challenges and options
- □Committee meetings/testimony
- ■Budget amendment process
- Legislating through the budget?

Logistics: Lay of the Land

- □Expectations lowered, but look for opportunities
- □Relationships are key
- □Best way to communicate
- Messaging

Federal:

New Stimulus Package

- □\$900+ billion
- □Stimulus checks
- □Unemployment assistance
- □Education
- □Business Assistance/Paycheck
- **Protection Program**
- □Rental Assistance
- □Vaccine funding

#### Federal:

New Stimulus Package

- □Child care
- □Highways and transit
- □NO direct state and local aid, but...
- □One-year extension of December 30 deadline for using CRF
- Implications for state budget

State Budget Proposal

- □Chapter 56 in effect 11/18/20
- □Governor Northam's Proposed Budget 12/16/18
- □\$47.6 billion GF; \$79.5 billion NGF for FY21/22.
- □\$1.25 billion more GF revenue, based on projected revenue increases of 1.2% and 3.3%.

# Budget:

Key Items

- □\$650 million revenue reserve
- $\square$  1 ½ percent bonus for state supported locals, 9/2021
- □Two percent bonus for SOQ instructional and support positions, 9/2021(\$15.5 million)
- □\$100 million for reducing unfunded pension liabilities

#### **Budget:**

K-12

- □State share of 2% bonus for SOQ positions, 9/2021
- □\$500+ million in "no loss" funding over FY21/22; enrollment down 44K+
- □\$26.6 million for 1:325 school counselor ratio across K-12
- □\$11.1 million for increasing VPI per pupil amount by \$1,300+
- □VDOE/Treasury study of use of Literary Fund, due 7/2021

#### **Budget:**

Community
Development

- □\$50 million for VATI in FY22 (increase of \$15 million)
- □\$40.7 million added to Housing Trust Fund (\$70/\$55 million)
  - □\$28.2 million for RMRP
- □\$3.5 million for Virginia Main Street Program (\$3 million increase)

#### **Budget:**

Air

Land

Water

- □\$35 million for Ag BMPs in FY22 (increase of \$9 million)
- □\$4.5 million for SWCD technical assistance
- □\$12 million for protection measures; DEQ staffing to improve permitting processes

#### **Budget:**

**HHR** 

- □\$240 million for state COVID response in 2022
- □\$89.3 million for vaccination campaign/distribution/storage
  - Communications to have diversity, equity and inclusion focus
- \$10.2 million in FY22 for cooperative health, including hold harmless in updating health department funding formula.

#### **Budget:**

Public Safety

- ■Maintains HB599 funding at
- \$191.7 million for FY21/22
- □\$2.3 million for 25% of unfunded sheriffs/prosecutor positions; body camera workgroup continued for one year
- □\$1.5 million for grants for localities to address hate crimes
- □Loan authority and \$25 million re: marijuana legalization costs

+\$270 million forecasted

**Budget:** 

Rails & Trails

□\$50 million in FY22 for Roanoke rail extension, and for increasing service along the 29 corridor □\$5 million in FY22 for (long) trails development/construction □Locals concerned about recordation tax swipe; budget amendments to be introduced □Transportation revenues to recover?

**Budget:** 

What's Left?

□\$16.7 million to replace VERIS; more \$ to locals needed □Additional positions support for treasurers, CoR, court clerks □Additional \$2 million for VJIP □\$5.5 million in FY22 for the **Business Ready Sites Program in VEDP** 

#### **Budget:**

The Timeline

- □Virtual budget hearings Jan 6
- ■Money committee staff brief members (House on 1/8 and Senate on 1/11)
- □Budget amendments due 1/8 (House) and 1/15 (Senate)
- □House/Senate budgets due?

Legislation

Bills, Bills, Bills.....

But not as many this time

- □2020: Significant legislation (think firearms, transportation, collective bargaining, energy, criminal justice, revenue authority) and continuing uncertainty (COVID-19)
- □2021:~1,200 bills; clean up and retreads likely
- □COVID, COVID, COVID
  - Long term impacts of crisis for future action

Key Legislation

- □K-12 Education
- □Broadband
- □FOIA/Electronic meetings
- □Immunity: Sovereign and
- Qualified
- □Marijuana
- □Housing

Key Legislation

K-12

- □Impacts of COVID
- □Virtual/in person: to what degree are kids learning?
- □Equity issues—access to internet; parental support and childcare issues
- □Plus, K-12 budget—44K fewer students; push for big money?

Key Legislation

Broadband

- □Broadband Code cleanup
- Utility projects streamlining
- □Pilot affordability program to supplement federal and provider programs
- Municipal providers eligible for VATI; pilot backed by BAC

Key Legislation

**FOIA** 

□FOIA Council backed bill to allow continued flexibility to conduct electronic meetings
□During state or local emergency
□Public notice/access and allow public comment (if already do)

Key
Legislation
Immunity

- □Broad immunity legislation (HB 5103) failed in special session, but may return
- □Limited Senate bill focused on deadly and excessive use of force □Limited to law enforcement so
- Limited to law entorcement so far

Key Legislation

Legal Marijuana ????????

- Legalizing and commercializing marijuana in the headlines
- □Gov. Northam has endorsed
- 15 states have legalized non medicinal use; VA decriminalized in 2020
- □JLARC report identified 75 recommendations and policy options IF Virginia were to legalize

Key Legislation

Legal Marijuana ११११११११

- □Regulatory structure
- □Industry structure
- □Taxation
- □Health issues
- □Equity of enforcement
- □Local control—zoning, location, hours, code compliance, etc.

Key Legislation

Housing

- □2020 provisions intended to provide more flexibility—unit prices/eligibility, density, waivers and fees
- Heightened interest due to COVID economic impacts
- □DHCD/Va. Housing study; report due late 2021

Other
Considerations

- □Election year—statewide offices and House members
- □House/Senate relationships
- □Impacts of COVID
- ■Mood factors

Where to Turn for More Info

- □Virginia Legislative Information
- **System**
- □ Virginia State Budget
- □**Budget Highlights**
- **TJPD** Legislative Services

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# **Questions & Discussion**

