

December 17, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: James R. Woodley, President, Virginia Sheriffs' Association  
Robert L. Bushnell, President, Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys  
Elizabeth B. Curran, President, Treasurers' Association of Virginia  
Mar Vita L. Flint, Jr., President, Commissioner of the Revenue Association of Virginia  
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Fred W. Parker, Sr., President, Virginia Association of Locally Elected  
Constitutional Officers  
John R. Kuplinski, President, Virginia Association of Regional Jails  
Michael E. Amyx, Executive Director, Virginia Municipal League  
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FROM: Bruce W. Haynes, Executive Secretary

RE: Overview of Compensation Board Funding Contained in the Governor's  
Recommended Budget

I am writing to let you know of the budget proposals submitted by Governor Warner today that, based on our preliminary analysis, affect Constitutional offices.

The Compensation Board will review these recommendations at its meeting with you on January 11, 2005, at 2:00PM at the Compensation Board office in Richmond.

Please give me, Robyn de Socio, or Charlotte Luck a call if you need additional information or have any questions concerning the enclosed summary.

My best wishes to you and your employees for a joyous holiday season.

Attachment

cc: Compensation Board Members  
Sandra D. Bowen, Secretary of Administration  
Compensation Board Staff  
John Crooks, Budget Analyst, Department of Planning and Budget  
John Jones, Executive Director, Virginia Sheriffs' Association  
Susan Goldsticker, Administrator, Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council  
Alan D. Albert, LeClair Ryan

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OVERVIEW OF COMPENSATION BOARD FUNDING  
INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S  
RECOMMENDED BUDGET

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All Constitutional Officers

- Funding is recommended to provide a 3.0% salary increase effective December 1, 2005 for Constitutional Officers and their employees. The same increase is provided to state employees.

Sheriffs and Regional Jails

- Additional funding of \$769,605 and 28 additional positions is recommended to meet the FY06 cost of additional law enforcement positions due based upon the ratio of 1 deputy per 1500 of population. The allocation of these positions will be based upon each county's most recent population estimate as determined by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, released in January, 2005.
- Funding was reduced in FY05 for staffing of new jail construction projects by \$300,606 based upon delays in completion dates, and additional funding of \$119,497 and 40 positions was provided in FY06 based upon changes in completion dates and the addition of funds for the Loudoun County jail expansion. Current funding in the budget is provided for staffing of new construction projects in the City of Virginia Beach, and for the Southwest and Middle River Regional Jails.
- Funding of \$448,913 was included in the bill to include 8 additional Sheriffs' offices and 4 regional jail facilities that certified their Master Deputy Programs to the Compensation Board prior to July 1, 2004. The offices funded are as follows: Bland, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, King and Queen, Page, Tazewell, Washington, and York Counties, and the Pamunkey, Riverside, Blue Ridge, and Peumansend Regional Jails.
- Funding of \$240,089 and budget language was recommended to implement a Sheriffs Career Development Program similar to career development programs in place for other Constitutional Officers.

Jails

- Funding is reduced from the bill by \$1,566,744 for per diems in FY05 according to projections based upon the official jail and prison inmate population forecast. Funding is increased in the bill for FY06 in the same amount as was reduced for FY05. The amount requested for FY06 based upon the official inmate forecast was \$4.8 million.
- Language is included in Item 415 for the Department of Corrections to contract with individual Sheriffs to house probation and parole violators in jail under a pilot program, for which DOC and the Sheriff will contract at an individually agreed-upon per diem rate to be paid by the Compensation Board.

### Commonwealth's Attorneys

- Funding is included to provide 36 additional positions in FY06 for Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices according to staffing standards. This funding and positions provides approximately one-sixth of positions due based on staffing standards, and equates to 23 assistant attorneys, 3 paralegals, and 10 administrative positions.
- Funding to convert 3 part-time Commonwealth's Attorneys offices in Greene, King William, and Dinwiddie Counties to full-time was recommended in FY06 totaling \$243,756. Funding was not recommended for the conversion of a fourth office in Highland County.

### Circuit Court Clerks

- No funding or language initiatives are included in the budget bill for Circuit Court Clerks.

### Treasurers, Finance Directors and Commissioners of the Revenue

- A funding adjustment to the subprogram structure for Commissioners of the Revenue was included in FY06, to correct the distribution in Chapter 4. The total program funding level remains unchanged.