



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of November 15, 2008**

DATE: November 3, 2008

SUBJECT: Adoption of Calendar Year 2009 County Board Meeting Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

Tentatively adopt the attached Calendar Year 2009 County Board Meeting Schedule.

ISSUES: Pursuant to State law, governing bodies are required to adopt a calendar year schedule on an annual basis at its Organizational Meeting. In Arlington County, that meeting is traditionally held on January 1st. For staff planning purposes, before the end of each year it is necessary to determine dates in advance for the first few months of the upcoming year in order to schedule and legally advertise for public hearing land use applications and other matters. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The attached proposed schedule includes 11 Regular Meetings, one held each month on Saturday (excluding summer recess in August), and 11 corresponding Recessed Meetings held on Tuesday evening within a week or two of the initial Regular Meeting. Any carryover sessions from Tuesday may be scheduled for Wednesday evening, or such other date and time as the Board may decide at the time of recess. The schedule also includes an Organizational Meeting on January 1st and a Budget Hearing and Tax Hearing.

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to State law, governing bodies are required to adopt a calendar year schedule on an annual basis at its Organizational Meeting. In Arlington County, that meeting is held on January 1st, except when that day falls on a Sunday, at which time the meeting is traditionally held the following Monday, January 2nd. For staff planning purposes, before the end of each year it is necessary to determine date in advance for the first few months of the upcoming year in order to schedule and legally advertise for public hearing land use applications and other matters. The proposed 2009 schedule is consistent with the schedule format first adopted by the County Board in 2005 as part of the completed charge of the Working Group on County Board Meeting Reforms.

DISCUSSION: The adoption of the Resolution for the County Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2009, pursuant to State law, is to be adopted at the Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 1, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

**PROPOSED
CALENDAR YEAR 2009
COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Type	** Recessed Meetings	County Holidays/Conferences * Holidays in bold
Thursday, January 1	Organizational Meeting, 11 a.m.		Thurs., Jan. 1 New Years Day Mon., Jan. 19 MLK Birthday Tues., Jan. 20 Inauguration Day
Saturday, January 24	* Regular Meeting	Tues., January 27	
Saturday, February 21	Regular Meeting	Tues., February 24	Thurs., Feb. 5 VML/VACo Leg Day, Richmond Mon., Feb. 16 President's Day
Saturday, March 14	Regular Meeting	Tues., March 17	Sat., March 7-11 NACo Legislative Conference
Tues., March 24 --Board Room 307	Budget Hearing, 7 pm		
Thursday, March 26 --Board Room 307	Tax Rate Hearing, 7 pm		
Saturday, April 25	Regular Meeting	Tues., April 28	Sat., April 25-29 APA Conference
Saturday, May 16	Regular Meeting	Tues., May 19	Mon., May 25 Memorial Day
Saturday, June 13	Regular Meeting	Tues., June 16	Thurs., June 25-27 NALEO Annual Conference
Saturday, July 11	Regular Meeting	Tues., July 14	Fri., July 3 Independence Day Observed Fri., July 24-29 NACo Conference
August – No Meetings			Thurs., August 13-18 VACO Conference
Saturday, September 26	Regular Meeting	Tues., September 29	Mon., Sept 7 Labor Day Sun., Sept 13-16 ICMA Conference
Saturday, October 24	Regular Meeting	Tues., October 27	Mon., Oct. 12 Columbus Day Sun., Oct. 18-20 VML Conference
Saturday, November 14	Regular Meeting	Tues., November 17	Sun., Nov. 8-10 VACo Conference Tues., Nov. 10-14 NLC Congress of Cities Wed., Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Thurs., Nov 26-27 Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 12	Regular Meeting	Tues., December 15	Fri., Dec. 25 Christmas

* Regular Meetings begin with Public Comment at 8:30 am followed no earlier then 9:00 am for Regular hearing items.

** Recessed Meetings typically begin with Reports at 3:00 pm followed by an evening session at 6:30 pm for Removed Consent items and Public Hearing.

Key to Acronyms:

APA	=	American Planning Association
ICMA	=	International City/County Management Association
NALEO	=	National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
NACo	=	National Association of Counties
NLC	=	National League of Cities
VACo	=	Virginia Association of Counties
VML	=	Virginia Municipal League