



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of November 14, 2009

DATE: November 9, 2009

SUBJECT: Preliminary Adoption of Calendar Year 2010 County Board Meeting Schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

Tentatively adopt the attached Calendar Year 2010 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, Budget Hearings and a 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 2010 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 2010, pursuant to State law, is to be adopted at the Organizational Meeting scheduled for January 1, 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

**PROPOSED
CALENDAR YEAR 2010
COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Type	** Recessed Meetings	County Holidays/Conferences * Holidays in bold
Friday, January 1	Organizational Meeting, 11 a.m.		Fri., Jan. 1 New Years Day Mon., Jan. 18 MLK Birthday
Saturday, January 23	* Regular Meeting	Tues., January 26	Thur., Jan. 21-24 NACo Retreat
Saturday, February 20	Regular Meeting	Tues., February 23	Thurs., Feb. 11 VML/VACo Leg Day, Richmond Mon., Feb. 15 President's Day
Saturday, March 13	Regular Meeting	Tues., March 16	Sat., March 6-10 NACo Legislative Conference
Tues., Wed. March 23 & 24 --Board Room 307	Budget Hearing, 7 pm		
Thursday, March 25 --Board Room 307	Tax Rate Hearing, 7 pm		
Saturday, April 24	Regular Meeting	Tues., April 27	Sat., April 10-13 APA Conference
Saturday, May 22	Regular Meeting	Tues., May 25	Mon., May 31 Memorial Day
Saturday, June 12	Regular Meeting	Tues., June 15	Thurs., June 17-18 VACo Legislative Conference Thurs., June 24-26 NALEO Conference
Saturday, July 10	Regular Meeting	Tues., July 13	Fri., July 5 Independence Day Observed Fri., July 16-21 NACo Conference
August – No Meetings			Wed., August 18 County Fair
Saturday, September 25	Regular Meeting	Tues., September 28	Mon., Sept 6 Labor Day
Saturday, October 23	Regular Meeting	Tues., October 26	Sun., Oct. 3-5 VML Conference Mon., Oct. 11 Columbus Day Sun., October 17-20 ICMA Conference
Saturday, November 13	Regular Meeting	Tues., November 16	Sat., Nov. 6-10 VACo Conference Thurs., Nov. 11 Veteran's Day Thurs., Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving
Saturday, December 11	Regular Meeting	Tues., December 14	Fri., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

* 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
VACo	=	Virginia Association of Counties
VML	=	Virginia Municipal League