

7. 2009 ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**A. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING DATE**

§ 15.2-1416, *Code of Virginia*, requires each Board of Supervisors to meet at a public place in January each year to organize itself by electing a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and setting the days, times and places of regular meetings to be held during the ensuing months. The employee holiday schedule for the coming year is typically adopted at the organizational meeting as well.

Historically (up until 1999), the Board met on the first working day each year at 9:00 a.m. for this specific purpose. Since 1999, organizational matters have been deferred until the regular January meeting. If you would prefer not to have a special meeting simply to resolve organizational matters, a motion is required to establish Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. as the annual/organizational meeting. Otherwise, a motion will be required to establish the date and time for a special organizational meeting by the Board.

§ 15.2-1416. **Regular meetings.** — The governing body shall assemble at a public place as the governing body may prescribe, in regular session in January for counties and in July for cities and towns. Future meetings shall be held on such days as may be prescribed by resolution of the governing body but in no event shall less than six meetings be held in each fiscal year.

The days, times and places of regular meetings to be held during the ensuing months shall be established at the first meeting which meeting may be referred to as the annual or organizational meeting; however, if the governing body subsequently prescribes any public place other than the initial public meeting place, or any day or time other than that initially established, as a meeting day, place or time, the governing body shall pass a resolution as to such future meeting day, place or time. The governing body shall cause a copy of such resolution to be posted on the door of the courthouse or the initial public meeting place and inserted in a newspaper having general circulation in the county or municipality at least seven days prior to the first such meeting at such other day, place or time. Should the day established by the governing body as the regular meeting day fall on any legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next following regular business day, without action of any kind by the governing body.

At its annual meeting the governing body may fix the day or days to which a regular meeting shall be continued if the chairman or mayor, or vice chairman or vice mayor if the chairman or mayor is unable to act, finds and declares that weather or other conditions are such that it is hazardous for members to attend the regular meeting. Such finding shall be communicated to the members and the press as promptly as possible. All hearings and other matters previously advertised shall be conducted at the continued meeting and no further advertisement is required.

Regular meetings, without further public notice, may be adjourned from day to day or from time to time or from place to place, not beyond the time fixed for the next regular meeting, until the business before the governing body is completed.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to establish Monday, January 26, 2009 as the date for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

B. JANUARY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

If the Board chooses to defer organizational matters until January 26, 2009, a motion is also required to establish and set aside two legal holidays which will occur prior to the Organizational Meeting:

- Friday, January 16, 2009 - Lee-Jackson Day; and
- Monday, January 19, 2009 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

§ 2.2-3300. (Effective October 1, 2001) Legal holidays. — It is the policy of the Commonwealth to fix and set aside certain days in the calendar year as legal holidays for the people of Virginia. In each year, the following days are designated as legal holidays:

January 1 - New Year's Day.

The Friday preceding the third Monday in January - Lee-Jackson Day to honor Robert Edward Lee (1807-1870) and Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson (1824-1863), defenders of causes.

The third Monday in January - Martin Luther King, Jr., Day to honor Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929-1968), defender of causes.

The third Monday in February - George Washington Day to honor George Washington (1732-1799), the first President of the United States.

The last Monday in May - Memorial Day to honor all persons who made the supreme sacrifice in giving their lives in defense of Virginia and the United States in the following wars and engagements and otherwise: Indian Uprising (1622), French and Indian Wars (1754-1763), Revolutionary War (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican War (1846-1848), War Between the States (1861-1865), Spanish-American War (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1965-1973), and Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991). On this day all flags, national, state, and local, shall be flown at half staff or mast to honor and acknowledge respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice.

July 4 - Independence Day to honor the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The first Monday in September - Labor Day to honor all people who work in Virginia.

The second Monday in October - Columbus Day and Yorktown Victory Day to honor Christopher Columbus (1451-1506), a discoverer of the Americas, and the final victory at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, in the Revolutionary War.

November 11 - Veterans Day to honor all persons who served in the Armed Forces of Virginia and the United States in the following wars and engagements and otherwise: Indian Uprising (1622), French and Indian Wars (1754-1763), Revolutionary War (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican War (1846-1848), War Between the States (1861-1865), Spanish American War (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean War (1950-1953), Vietnam War (1965-1973), and Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991)

The fourth Thursday in November and the Friday next following - Thanksgiving Day to honor and give thanks in each person's own manner for the blessings bestowed upon the people of Virginia and honoring the first Thanksgiving in 1619.

December 25 - Christmas Day.

Whenever any of such days falls on Saturday, the Friday next preceding such day, or whenever any of such days falls on Sunday, the Monday next following such day, and any day so appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth or the President of the United States, shall be a legal holiday as to the transaction of all business.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to fix and set aside these two holidays for county employees.