

# Wise County Board of Supervisors



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The Honorable Robert F. McDonnell  
Governor of Virginia  
P.O. Box 1475  
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Dear Governor McDonnell:

At our November 10<sup>th</sup> Wise County Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board requested that I send a letter to you in regard to state mandates and the increasing burden that these mandates place on local governments. On behalf of the Wise County Board of Supervisors, I offer thanks for the opportunity to address these with you. The Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) has provided a list to you of mandates to be modified or eliminated. Wise County is in agreement with that list.

In reviewing Montgomery County's letter, I would like to reiterate that shifting the responsibility of secondary road maintenance to localities would be a very expensive and complicated burden to place on localities.

Examples of other mandates to address include:

- Aid to localities reductions- former reductions should be restored and those reductions eliminated in the future;
- Line of Duty Act- Eliminate the local funding requirement for the Line of Duty benefit;
- Comprehensive Services Act- Fund 100% of the administrative costs, increase the state match for all mandated services under this program, provide financial incentives for regional contracts and make available state contracts for the most expensive services a lower negotiated rates;
- Constitutional Officers- Fully fund the state's obligation for these mandated offices;

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- Public Safety- Increase state funding for the state prisoners in local jail; and
- Election Administration- Fully fund the cost of election administration.

These are examples of Wise County's concerns and we respectfully request consideration during the upcoming General Assembly session.

Thank you again for the opportunity provided to Virginia localities to identify state mandates that can be improved or eliminated. We greatly appreciate your consideration toward reducing and or eliminating mandates placed on localities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Cox".

David L. Cox, CPA  
County Finance Administrator

cc: Susan Williams, Governor's Task Force for Local Mandate Review  
Wise County Board of Supervisors