

## HISTORY OF DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITIONS County Manager Form of Government Adopted March 25, 1934

### **County Manager**

1934-40	Willard F. Day
1941-43	Sterry J. Mahaffey
1943-52	Carlton C. Massey
03/24/52—07/19/77	Edward A. Beck
07/20/77—03/22/78	Vacant—William S. Dewhirst served as Acting County Manager
03/23/78—05/15/84	Frank A. Faison
06/20/84—01/14/92	William F. LaVecchia
01/15/92—01/16/13	Virgil R. Hazelett
01/17/13—Present	John A. Vithoukas

### **Associate County Manager**

03/29/78—01/15/91	William S. Dewhirst
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### **Deputy County Manager for Administration**

01/16/91—01/15/92	Virgil R. Hazelett
01/15/92—05/18/94	George T. Drumwright, Jr.
05/19/94—01/03/95	Vacant
01/04/95—12/31/11	Leon T. Johnson
12/17/11—01/16/13	John A. Vithoukas
01/17/13—01/27/13	Vacant
01/28/13—Present	Joseph P. Casey

### **Deputy County Manager for Community Development** *(Name changed from Deputy County Manager for Planning & Inspections in 1986)*

07/19/78—06/20/84	William F. LaVecchia
06/20/84—03/18/86	Vacant
03/19/86—12/29/89	Philip T. Rutledge, Jr.
12/06/89—01/16/91	Virgil R. Hazelett
01/30/91—01/15/92	Thomas W. Blekicki
03/25/92—12/31/07	Harvey L. Hinson
01/05/08—Present	Randall R. Silber

### **Deputy County Manager for Community Operations**

*(Established in 1993)*

12/14/94—02/03/12	Robert K. Pinkerton
01/28/12—Present	Timothy A. Foster

### **Deputy County Manager for Community Services** *(Established as Deputy County Manager for Human Resources on 7/19/78; name changed to Deputy County Manager for Human Services on 12/30/81; name changed to Deputy County Manager for Community Services in 7/91)*

11/22/78—01/15/92	George T. Drumwright, Jr.
01/15/92—03/23/94	Thomas W. Blekicki
05/18/94—09/14/12	George T. Drumwright, Jr.
09/08/12—Present	Jane D. Crawley

**Deputy County Manager for Special Services**

09/03/97—07/27/12 Angela N. Harper  
07/28/12—Present Vacant

**Deputy County Manager - Finance and Administration** *(Position abolished 6/86)*

09/01/78—07/10/84 George E. Supensky (Also shown on graph under Director of Finance)

**Administrative Services** *(Administrative Services merged into General Services on 6/5/91)*

08/17/53—12/30/76 A. Edward Berlinghoff (Purchasing Agent)  
01/03/77—06/04/91 Paul N. Proto

**Building Inspections**

03/25/46—06/30/70 J. E. Colgin  
07/01/70—09/14/76 Robert S. Hodder  
10/25/76—12/28/82 Joseph E. Bartell  
12/29/82—06/17/88 Frank Machamer  
07/06/88—12/09/97 Roddy N. Shingleton  
02/05/97—02/18/98 Gregory H. Revels served as Acting Building Official  
02/18/98—Present Gregory H. Revels

**Capital Region Workforce Partnership** *(Name changed 07/2010 from Capital Area Training Consortium to Capital Region Workforce Partnership—Name changed on 07/01/84 from Comprehensive Employment and Training Act to Capital Area Training Consortium. CETA was a Division of the Planning Office until 1977.)*

12/10/73—01/04/77 Aubrey E. "Sonny" Marks  
01/03/77—04/12/77 Vacant—Robert H. Crowder, Jr. Served as Acting Director  
04/13/77—12/17/80 Walter E. Coleman  
03/09/81—02/21/84 Herbert T. Sink  
05/02/84—09/01/87 Madeleine W. Guerin  
09/02/87— 02/28/14 Rosalyn D. Key-Tiller  
04/07/14 --- Present Brian K. Davis

**Clerk of Circuit Court**

1934-40 Samuel P. Waddill  
1940-43 Matthew W. Puller  
10/12/43—12/31/72 Helen C. Loving  
01/01/73—12/31/91 Margaret B. Baker  
01/01/92—Present Yvonne G. Smith

**Community Corrections Program** *(Name changed in 1995 from Community Diversion Incentive Program)*

01/03/83—04/22/87 W. Bryan McGill  
06/22/87—02/25/11 Bruce N. Crusier  
02/26/11—04/08/11 Vacant—Jane E. Hardell Served as Acting Director  
04/09/11—Present Jane E. Hardell

**Community Development**

06/21/89—09/28/07 Frederick F. Overmann, III  
10/27/07—Present Lee J. Tyson

**Community Revitalization** *(This Department was officially formed on 6/16/04. Split off from the Planning Department through a reorganization effort)*

05/05/04—09/06/05 John R. Marlles  
09/07/05—11/29/05 Vacant  
11/30/05—Present S. Mark Strickler

**Commonwealth's Attorney**

1934—53 Harold M. Ratcliffe (Also served as Coroner until 1946)  
03/24/53—01/31/57 Edmund W. Hening, Jr.  
02/01/57—11/15/61 W. F. Parkerson  
11/15/61—07/01/66 H. Ratcliffe Turner  
07/01/66—07/01/77 Donald R. Howren  
07/01/77—11/17/77 C. Rodney Chapman (Appt. to serve out Howren's term, then lost the election)  
  
11/18/77—12/31/79 Judson W. Collier, Jr.  
01/01/80—03/17/87 H. Albert "Bert" Nance, Jr. (Died in 1987)  
03/31/87—12/31/87 L. A. Harris (Appt. to serve out Nance's term, then lost the election)  
  
01/01/88—12/31/93 James S. Gilmore, III  
01/18/94—06/09/00 Howard C. "Toby" Vick, Jr.  
06/21/00—12/31/11 Wade A. Kizer  
01/01/12—Present Shannon L. Taylor

**County Attorney**

07/01/68—05/01/73 J. Mercer White, Jr.  
07/02/73—01/12/82 William G. Broaddus  
01/12/82—04/21/82 Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., Served as Acting County Attorney  
04/21/82—Present Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr.

**Extension Agent**

1934-38 L. M. Walker  
1938-40 R. B. Fisher  
1940-45 Henry E. Hutcheson (Inf. from Co. Annual Report)  
1945-48 C. Curtis Mast  
09/01/48—03/31/72 Guy R. Davis  
06/28/72—05/31/85 William F. Griffin  
10/01/85—07/01/02 Charles K. Curry  
07/02/02 – Present Karen Carter

**Finance**

19??—34 W. L. Lawrence  
1934—53 J. Allen Gates  
06/01/53—03/15/67 Albert Q. Corbett  
06/16/67—08/31/76 Edward G. Heatwole  
09/15/76—05/09/78 Cecil F. Jones  
08/02/78—06/30/79 Clark O. Martin  
09/01/78—07/10/84 George E. Supensky★  
07/11/84—08/05/86 Vacant— Michael D. Rogers served as Acting Director  
08/06/86—04/06/92 Michael D. Rogers  
04/07/92—08/18/92 Vacant—Dennis W. Kerns served as Acting Director

08/19/92—05/16/97	Dennis W. Kerns
05/16/97—10/09/97	Vacant—W. Forrest Matthews, Jr. served as Acting Director
10/09/97—03/12/02	W. Forrest Matthews, Jr.
03/13/02—04/09/02	Reta Busher served as Acting Director
04/10/02—09/07/07	Reta Busher
09/08/07—01/04/08	Vacant
01/05/08—12/16/11	John A. Vithoukas
12/17/11—04/30/12	Vacant
05/01/12—Present	Eugene H. Walter

★ George E. Supensky was Deputy County Manager for Finance & Administration. Effective 06/20/79, his title was changed to include Director of Finance.

**Fire**

08/08/41—11/01/62	P. L. Burnette, Sr.
12/03/62—05/18/71	Richard C. Gilman
05/19/71—11/30/71	Vacant—Walter R. Stickel served as Acting Fire Chief
12/01/71—12/27/83	Walter R. Stickel
12/28/83—07/01/94	John A. Bowes
08/10/94—11/29/00	Mark W. Light
11/30/00—07/31/01	Vacant—R.C. Dawson served as Acting Fire Chief
08/01/01—06/01/07	Ronald L. Mastin
08/18/07—09/14/12	Edwin W. Smith
09/15/12—10/19/12	Vacant—Kenneth L. Dunn served a Acting Fire Chief
10/20/12—Present	Anthony E. McDowell

**General Services**

07/02/79—10/26/79	Clark O. Martin
10/27/79—12/09/80	Vacant
12/10/80—06/03/91	Walter E. Coleman
06/05/91—06/17/11	Paul N. Proto
06/18/11—07/15/11	Vacant—Deputy County Manager for Administration (Leon Johnson) maintained Dept. during vacancy
07/16/11—06/28/13	Christopher L. Winstead
06/29/13—Present	John H. Neal, Jr.

**Human Resources** (Name changed from Personnel to Human Resources effective 1-1-01)

04/01/56—02/14/58	Barbara Bradley
02/13/58—09/15/61	Virginia Alston Schad
09/11/61—10/09/79	Jeanne N. Allen
12/05/79—03/18/86	Robert H. Crowder, Jr.
03/19/86 – 04/01/86	Vacant—George H. Cauble, Jr. served as Acting Director
04/02/86—06/17/11	George H. Cauble, Jr.
06/18/11—07/15/11	Vacant—Paula G. Reid served as Acting Director
07/16/11—Present	Paula G. Reid

**Information Technology** (Name changed from Data Processing effective 07/01/98)  
(A Division of Finance until 1978)

1957—60	Norman Nuckols
1960—67	Cary Puller
1967—69	David Hedrick
09/16/69—10/28/75	Kenneth R. Peters

10/29/75—11/04/76	Kendall Burroughs
01/19/77—04/08/03	Brian D. Wantling
04/09/03 — 06/03/03	Vacant—Steven Lewis served as Acting Director
06/04/03 —01/18/11	Steven Lewis
01/15/11—Present	Thomas L. Owdom

**Internal Audit**

10/01/79—02/02/88	John A. Spooner
02/17/88—11/14/90	Garland A. Adkins, Jr.
01/16/91—05/01/09	Gary L. Martin
05/02/09—06/07/09	Vacant
06/08/09—Present	Vaughan G. Crawley

**Juvenile Detention Home**

08/11/80—01/04/00	John W. Mootz
01/05/00—Present	Michael D. Bingham

**James River Juvenile Detention Center**

01/03/00—06/18/12	Patricia F. Carrington
06/02/12—Present	Michael D. Martin

**Libraries**

07/01/67—07/30/71	G. David Rowland
11/03/71—04/26/77	Roberta L. Miller
04/27/77—10/28/77	Mary E. Collins
01/01/78—10/04/94	Graham H. Sadler
10/05/94—01/10/95	Vacant — Debbie Iannitto served as Acting Director
01/11/95—Present	Gerald M. McKenna

**Mental Health/Developmental Services** (*Name changed from Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services effective 3-1-10*)

09/00/73—08/05/81	Sherry Craven - Coordinator of Community Services Board (Suspended 06/30/81)
12/30/81—01/30/04	James W. Stewart, III - Director of MH/MR
02/01/04—04/20/04	Vacant—Michael D. O’Connor—served as Acting Director
04/21/04— 08/29/14	Michael D. O’Connor
09/20/14 --- Present	Laura S. Totty

Note: Prior to 1981 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services were provided by two separate agencies:

**Mental Health Center**

1968-76	Dr. M. M. Vitols - Director of MH Center
1976-77	Series of interim directors
09/09/77—12/30/81	James W. Stewart, III - Director of Mental Health

**Mental Retardation Services**

1976-81	Peggy Gould - Director of MR Services
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**Planning**

1934-54	Tazewell Ellett (County Engineer also served as head of Planning)
1954	George R. Long
1955	David S. Clark

04/16/56—02/13/59	Marvin W. Lee
03/16/59—07/19/78	William F. LaVecchia
08/25/78—02/27/90	Robert J. Dahlstedt
02/14/90—09/03/97	Angela N. Harper [Name changed from Moore to Harper (1992)]
09/03/97—04/29/98	Randall R. Silber (Served as Acting Director)
04/29/98—05/05/04	John R. Marlles (was reassigned to Director of Community Revitalization)
05/05/04—01/04/08	Randall R. Silber
01/05/08—03/15/08	Vacant (Ralph J. Emerson, Jr. served as Acting Director)
03/15/08—Present	Ralph J. Emerson, Jr.

**Police**

01/05/15	T. Wilson Seay
06/16/24	W.H. Lawrence
04/30/28	J.O. Blankenship
04/31/29	O.C. Hedrick
05/15/31	Fred L. Bates
02/02/32—10-1934	J. C. Warriner
1934	Fred L. Bates (Served only a few months)
1934-39	Edwin W. Savory (First and only Superintendent)
Vacant	
03/01/40—03/15/77	Wilmer J. Hedrick
07/1943—04/30/46	William J. Eacho (Acting Chief while W. J. Hedrick was in Navy)
05/1/46—03/15/77	Wilmer J. Hedrick
03/15/77—01/21/87	Leslie T. Sheppard
01/21/87—08/01/95	Richard G. Engels
08/01/95—04/08/11	Henry W. Stanley, Jr.
04/09/11—Present	Douglas A. Middleton

**Public Relations and Media Services**

03/16/59—02/15/62	E. G. Shaw, Jr.
06/01/62—11/15/62	J. S. Lynch
12/03/62—10/29/65	James E. Davis, Jr.
12/16/65—02/12/69	Marshall E. Murdaugh
03/10/69—06/30/81	James D. Clark, Jr.
10/21/81—01/21/86	Pamela W. Meeks
01/22/86—01/20/87	Vacant—Coral C. Gills served as Acting Director
01/21/87—02/01/02	Coral C. Gills
02/01/02—02/27/02	Vacant—Tamra McKinney served as Acting Director
02-28-02—Present	Tamra R. McKinney

**Public Utilities**

1952-55	Roy L. Howe
04/16/55—08/15/65	W. M. Sterrett
08/16/65—12/01/76	William S. Dewhirst
12/01/76—12/14/99	Patrick J. Brady
12/15/99—03/20/01	Vacant—Frank L. Miller, Jr. Served as Acting Director until his retirement effective 1-12-01; continued to serve as Acting Director in an hourly capacity until 3-20-01
03/21/01- Present	Arthur D. Petrini

### **Public Works/County Engineer**

1934-60	Tazewell Ellett
01/01/62—12/23/76	A. T. Dotson, Jr.
01/03/77—03/19/86	Philip T. Rutledge, Jr.
05/28/86—12/06/89	Virgil R. Hazelett
02/14/90—12/14/94	Robert K. Pinkerton
04/19/95—07/07/06	Robert C. Thompson
07/08/06—08/08/06	Vacant—E. Lee Priestas served as Acting Director
08/09/06—02/13/09	E. Lee Priestas
02/14/09—03/13/09	Vacant—Timothy A. Foster served as Acting Director
03/14/09—01/27/12	Timothy A. Foster
01/28/12—04/06/12	Vacant—Steven J. Yob served as Acting Director
04/07/12—Present	Steven J. Yob

### **Real Property**

01/01/60—04/30/65	W. D. Sangster
06/01/65—01/14/92	Edward L. "Ted" Tarr, Jr.
01/02/92—02/07/06	Willis W. Pope
02/08/06—06/27/06	Vacant—T. Michael Briggs served as Acting Director
06/28/06—07/16/07	T. Michael Briggs
07/17/07—3/14/08	Vacant
03/15/08—11/09/08	Vacant—Andrew S. Price served as Acting Director
11/10/08—Present	Jon B. Tracy

### **Recreation and Parks**

07/01/69—08/31/88	Ellett R. McGeorge, Jr.
11/14/88—01/30/91	Thomas W. Blekicki
02/01/91—07/30/91	Vacant—Wes Malcomb served as Acting Director
07/31/91—07/01/92	J. Wesley Malcomb
08/03/92—02/01/94	Harry A. Thompson
02/02/94—03/23/94	Vacant—Wes Malcomb served as Acting Director
03/23/94—04/07/95	Thomas W. Blekicki
04/08/95—06/27/95	Vacant—Wes Malcomb served as Acting Director
06/28/95—01/09/07	J. Wesley Malcomb
01/10/07—01/23/07	Vacant—Karen K. Mier served as Acting Director
01/24/07—06/17/11	Karen K. Mier
06/18/11—10/07/11	Vacant—Edwin C. "Neil" Luther, IV served as Acting Director
10/08/11—Present	Edwin C. "Neil" Luther, IV

### **Registrar**

03/02/53—03/05/62	Elsie B. Tate
03/16/62—05/01/66	Annette E. Wilson
05/01/66—11/22/77	Mary J. Patterson
12/01/77—05/09/94	Barbara G. Thompson
06/01/94—03/17/95	Vacant—Annette E. Wilson served as Acting Registrar
03/20/95—06/14/04	Janet C. Coon
06/15/04—Present	Mark J. Coakley

### **Sheriff**

1934-49	T. Wilson Seay
1949-53	Stuart McGuire Turner

03/23/53—08/19/66	William J. Eacho
09/01/66—12/31/73	E. R. Tinsley
12/26/73—12/31/79	William P. Selph
01/01/80—07/15/85	James H. Turner, III
07/16/85—11/24/86	Henry J. Duncan
11/24/86—12/31/91	Donald L. Boswell
01/01/92—12/31/99	A. D. "Toby" Mathews, Sr.
01/01/00—Present	Michael L. Wade

**Social Services**

1934-42	Helen D. Davis
10/01/42—03/31/56	E. P. Boyden
04/02/56—01/15/80	Mildred G. Davis
02/13/80—06/09/80	Vacant—Cleo I. Warlick served as Acting Director
06/09/80—05/08/02	Bettie S. Kienast
05/08/02—07/02/02	Vacant—Gordon G. Ragland, Jr. served as Acting Director
07/03/02—01/10/06	Gordon G. Ragland
01/11/06—09/07/12	Jane D. Crawley
10/06/12—Present	Cynthia J. Steinhauser