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### VICE-CHAIRMAN JIM CROZIER RECOGNIZED AS GRADUATE OF VACo'S VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PROGRAM



*(Pictured from left to right: Cindy C. Shelton, Marlene J. Waymack, Garland H. Hamlett, Jr., Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Amy H. DuBois, James P. Crozier)*

Orange County, VA – The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) recognized the 14<sup>th</sup> graduating class of the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program on November 12, 2019, during the VACo's 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Bath County. District 4 Supervisor and Vice-Chairman, James "Jim" Crozier, was 1 of 9 graduates from the 18-month certification program.

The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program provides training to enhance the leadership and decision-making skills of county supervisors in the Commonwealth. The program was created to provide VACo members more in-depth knowledge about government and governing. It also provides an overview of the issues, expectations, and practices associated with serving as a county supervisor as well as detailed information about local government. Each participant completes five (5) core courses that span 55 hours of classroom instruction and 45 hours of home study and focus on leadership



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development, duties and responsibilities of public officials, community planning, local government finance, and collaborative governance.

“Congratulations to our newest graduates on completing one of VACo’s premier educational programs,” VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch said. “We now have close to 90 graduates from more than 40 counties since the program’s first class in 2006. I was proud to join the ranks of other graduates in 2016, and I can attest that this is a master’s degree level program. I encourage more supervisors to participate in this unique educational program.”

Virginia Cooperative Extension partners with Virginia Tech and VACo to develop and deliver the program. “This program is a great example of Virginia Cooperative Extension growing its partnership with an organization to strengthen the impact of our community viability efforts and to collaborate with other agencies to provide leadership education,” said Dr. Michael Chandler, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech and one of the program’s instructors, along with Dr. Martha Walker, Extension Viability Specialist.

“I found the course to be extremely engaging and worthwhile. It goes with my philosophy that if you’re not moving forward in life, you’re sliding backwards. I believe that this will allow me to even better serve the citizens and businesses of Orange County,” Vice-Chairman Crozier said.

For more information about the County Supervisors’ Certification Program, visit the VACo website at [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org). Click [here](#) for the complete VACo press release.

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