

Mike Johnson

From: Johnson, Lonnie [ljohns2@vt.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 11:47 AM
To: Mike Johnson
Subject: RE: Southampton County

Mike,

At this point in time Wes has not completed the forms for retirement, but I am sure that they will be coming soon. Therefore he should still be employed as the Extension Agent for Southampton County. I do understand the Counties eagerness to fill behind Wes as soon as possible as I would like to see that happen as well. Unfortunately, VCE has experienced budgets cuts from the State during mid-cycle of this year that will continue into next fiscal year. These budget cuts have resulted in all vacant positions being held open until the State Budget situation becomes clearer. We will be unable to immediately fill behind Wes due to this situation. In the past we have hired Agents in restricted positions, paid for by the locality, as a way to continue services to the community. I would be more than happy to talk to you about how we may approach this issue. Please feel free to call me at 804-524-5272. Thanks.

Lonnie Johnson

From: Mike Johnson [mailto:mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us]
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2009 9:47 AM
To: Johnson, Lonnie
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Lonnie,
I wanted to touch base with you to see what VT's plans are to fill the agent position recently vacated by Wes Alexander upon his retirement – I've gotten several inquiries from Board of Supervisors members who are eager to fill it as soon as possible. Has it already been advertised? When might we expect the screening process to begin? Will we be invited to participate in the screening process? I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thanks,
Mike

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