

Employment Benefits

Full Time Salaried Employees Only

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Retirement

All full-time employees are automatically enrolled in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and are vested after 5 full years of covered service. Membership includes Group Life Insurance for the employee, at a regular death benefit of two times annual salary and accidental death benefit at four times annual salary. The employee is required to pay a 5% contribution to the Virginia Retirement System. Employees hired January 2014 or later will be members of the Hybrid Plan with the exception of hazardous duty employees. Hybrid Plan employees will be covered by short and long term disability through the Virginia Local Disability Program administered by VRS.

Deferred Compensation Plans

Deferred compensation plans enable employees to save for retirement on a pre-tax basis with a payroll deduction. As of 2023, participants under age 50 may contribute \$22,500 annually; participants age 50 or older may contribute an additional \$7,500. Nelson County offers two 457 plans - Nationwide Retirement and VALIC Retirement.

Paid Leave

Sick: VRS Plan 1 or Plan 2 employees earn 8 hours per month of sick leave and may carry over sick leave from one leave year to the next. Hybrid Plan employees will initially receive an annual allotment of 96 sick leave hours. At hire, this allotment will be pro-rated based on the number of complete pay periods from the date of hire through June 30. Hybrid Plan employees may not carry over sick leave from one leave year to the next due to the short and long term disability benefits provided to these employees.

Vacation: Full-time employees earn at the following rates:

Years of Service	Hours Earned Monthly	Maximum Carryover
Less than 5 years	8 hours per month	192 hours
5 – 9 years	12 hours per month	288 hours
10 or more years	16 hours per month	384 hours

Holidays:

New Year's Day (January 1)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (the third Monday in January)
George Washington Day (the third Monday in February)
Memorial Day (last Monday in May)
Juneteenth (June 19th)
Independence Day (July 4)
Labor Day (first Monday in September)
Columbus Day (the second Monday in October)
Election Day (the first Tuesday in November)
Veterans Day (the 11th day of November)
Day before Thanksgiving (4 hours)
Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November)
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Day (December 25)

Anthem Health Insurance

Medical and dental insurance is available through Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. Employees can choose from two plans; Anthem Key Advantage 500 and Anthem Key Advantage 250. Both plans have comprehensive and preventive dental options. The County currently contributes at least \$8,364 per full-time employee per plan year (for plans with comprehensive dental coverage); the employee pays the remainder of the premium. Employee plus one (minor or spouse) and employee family coverage are also available at additional costs.

Key Adv. 500 Comp. Dental	Monthly	Monthly			Key Adv. 250 Comp. Dental	Monthly	Monthly	
Type	Employee	County	Total		Type	Employee	County	Total
Individual	\$0	\$766	\$766		Individual	\$73	\$773	\$846
Dual	\$411	\$1,005	\$1,416		Dual	\$547	\$1,019	\$1,566
Family	\$824	\$1,244	\$2,068		Family	\$1,021	\$1,264	\$2,285

Key Adv. 500 Prev. Dental	Monthly	Monthly			Key Adv. 250 Prev. Dental	Monthly	Monthly	
Type	Employee	County	Total		Type	Employee	County	Total
Individual	\$0	\$747	\$747		Individual	\$56	\$771	\$827
Dual	\$380	\$1,002	\$1,382		Dual	\$515	\$1,016	\$1,531
Family	\$778	\$1,240	\$2,018		Family	\$975	\$1,259	\$2,234

Employee Assistance Program

As part of the health insurance program, you and any household members have access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This service is free for up to four visits per issue annually and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Whether you're having relationship problems, feeling work-related stress or need assistance with a financial problem, your EAP can help.

Optional Life Insurance

Additional life insurance may be purchased through Minnesota Life. You can select coverage on yourself up to an additional eight times your salary up to a maximum of \$800,000. Your spouse can apply for half of the amount of your coverage, up to a maximum of \$400,000. Children are covered up to \$30,000 based on the employee's selection of coverage. Premium rates are determined by employee's salary, age of employee or spouse, and cost per unit of insurance for the age bracket of the insured.

Voluntary Group Long Term Care Insurance

Voluntary long term care insurance is available to employees and their family members through Genworth Life as provided to VRS members and retirees. Information on rates and enrollment is available online at genworth.com/cov or by calling 1-866-859-6060. Premium payments are not payroll deducted and are the responsibility of the insured.

Anytime Fitness

Enrollment fee and first month waived for new members. Sign up at the Anytime Fitness in Lovington and use your membership at any location. Already a member? Get \$100 off a personal training program at the Lovington location.

Supplemental Insurance

Cancer/Accident/Intensive Care/Disability insurance is available through AFLAC for employee only or family coverage. Some of these benefits may be received on a pre-tax basis through payroll deduction.

Virginia Trailways Federal Credit Union

Employees may elect membership in the Virginia Federal Trailways Credit Union. A variety of services are offered, including but not limited to: savings plans, checking accounts, loan services and other discounts. Contributions to accounts may be payroll deducted.

Weather Line: (434) 263-7005

Employees are encouraged to use this line to access updated closing and delay information on inclement weather days or in cases of emergency. If additional information is required, please contact your direct supervisor for instructions.