
DORCHESTER COUNTY



The exact date and legal origin of Dorchester County are unknown, but it was in existence by February 16, 1668/69, when a writ was issued to the county sheriff by the Lord Proprietary. The County was named for the Earl of Dorset, a family friend of the Calverts.

Form of Government: County Commissioners

GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Board of County Commissioners P.O. Box 26 County Office Building 501 Court Lane Cambridge, MD 21613	228-1700
Circuit Court P.O. Box 150 Courthouse 206 High St. Cambridge, MD 21613	228-0480
District Court P.O. Box 547 County Office Building 501 Court Lane Cambridge, MD 21613	228-3990

ELECTED BY VOTERS

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Shirley G. McWilliams, <i>Dist. 3, President</i> , 1994	
W. Thomas Ruark, <i>Dist. 1, Vice-President</i> , 1994	
Lemuel D. Chester II, <i>Dist. 2</i>	1994
Jack C. Colbourne, <i>Dist. 4</i>	1994
Robert A. Murphy, <i>Dist. 5</i>	1994

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
Philip L. Cannon, 1994

ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES

Samuel A. Adkins, <i>Chief Judge</i> , 1994	
Mary Lee R. Kincaid	1994
Perry H. Messick	1994

REGISTER OF WILLS
Doris K. Lewis, 1994

SHERIFF
Philip H. McKelvey, 1994

STATE'S ATTORNEY
Michael Maloney, 1994

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
W. Clifton Pritchett, *Chairperson*, 1993
Dorchester County member appointed with House of Delegates advice & consent: Dewey E. Blades, 1991.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Herschel F. Johnson, *President*, 1991
Joseph H. Layton, Jr., *Vice-President*, 1992
Ronald E. Bennett 1993
Brett W. Wilson 1994
S. Hubert Applegarth, Jr. 1995
Marlene K. Feldman 1995

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS
Leon E. Lewis, Sr., *Chairperson*, 1991
Ogle B. Cannon, Jr. 1991
Donna T. James 1991
Substitutes: Keiford O. Jackson; D. Jennings Rickwood.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY
June C. McKelvey, *Director*

FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD
Vacancy, Chairperson
Yvon Camper 1991
Harry Hyser 1991
Debra Lynn Kamshen 1991
Deborah Christopher Weber 1991
Beulah Dickinson 1993
Alternates: Bertha I. Nichols, 1991; Cora Stanley, 1993.

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
C. Rutledge Turner, *Chairperson*, 1991
Earl Abey, *Vice-Chairperson* 1994
Charles E. Payne 1993