
SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

Origin: Somerset County was created by an Order in Council in 1666 and named for Lady Mary Somerset, daughter of Thomas Arundell of Wardour, and wife of Sir John Somerset. Lady Somerset was the sister of Lady Anne Arundell, who was the wife of Cecilius Calvert, Second Lord Baltimore.

County Seat: Princess Anne, MD 21853

Form of Government: County Commissioners

Population: 1990 census: 23,440; 2000 census: 24,747

Websites:

Circuit Court: www.courts.state.md.us/somerset.html

District Court: www.courts.state.md.us/district/directories/courtmap.html#somerset

Economic Development Commission: http://skipjack.net/le_shore/somerset

Job Service: www.dlfr.state.md.us/county/somer/

Library: www.some.lib.md.us

Public Schools: www.familyeducation.com/MD/Somerset

Register of Wills: www.registers.state.md.us/county/so/html/somerset.html

Social Services Dept.: www.dhr.state.md.us/somerset.htm

Tourism Dept.: www.visitsomerset.com

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:

C. Samuel Boston (D), *President (chosen by Board, 4-year term), Dist. 4*

James N. Ring (D), *Vice-President (chosen by Board, 4-year term), Dist. 1*

Charles F. Fisher (R), *Dist. 2*

Michael K. McCready (D), *Dist. 3*

Paul T. Ward, Jr. (R), *Dist. 5*

Terms expire 2006.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMISSION ON AGING

Sherree L. Marshall, *Director* (410) 651-3400

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Appointed by Board of County Commissioners with approval of Secretary of Human Resources & advice of Social Services Board:

Patricia M. Mannion, *Director*

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CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN

(Somerset & Worcester Counties)

Somerset County members appointed by Governor to

4-year terms: Deborah C. Abplanalp, 2005; Gertrude

J. Stevenson, 2007; one vacancy.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Elected by Voters to 4-year term:

C. Samuel Boston (D), *President (chosen by Board, 4-year term), 2006*

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ADMINISTRATION

Appointed by Board of County Commissioners:

Charles E. Massey, *County Administrator*

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COUNTY TREASURER

Elected by Voters to 4-year term:

Charles L. Muir (D), *County Treasurer, 2006*

EDUCATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:

Richard F. Scott, Sr., *Chair (chosen by Board in Jan., 1-year term), Dist. 2*

James R. Byrd III, *Vice-Chair (chosen by Board in Jan., 1-year term), Dist. 5*

William McKinley Miles, *Dist. 1*

John A. (Jack) Willing, Jr., *Dist. 3*

John W. (Jack) Paul, *Dist. 4*

Terms expire 2008.

Elected by high school student bodies in June, 1-year term:

Britany Davis, 2006; Christopher Wood, 2006.