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## KENT COUNTY

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*Origin:* Kent was first mentioned as a county in 1642, when the Governor and Council appointed commissioners for the Isle and County of Kent. The County was named for the county of the same name bordering the English Channel in the southeast of England.

*Population:* 19,197 (2000 census); 17,842 (1990 census)

*Form of Government:* Code Home Rule since 1970

*County Seat:* Chestertown, MD 21620

*Websites:*

Chesapeake College: [www.chesapeake.edu](http://www.chesapeake.edu)

Chestertown: [www.chestertown.com](http://www.chestertown.com)

County Commissioners: [www.kentcounty.com/gov/commissioners](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/commissioners)

County Government: [www.kentcounty.com/gov](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov)

Economic Development Office: [www.kentcounty.com/bus](http://www.kentcounty.com/bus)

Elections Board: [www.kentcounty.com/gov/elections](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/elections)

Kent County: [www.kentcounty.com](http://www.kentcounty.com)

Job Service: [www.careernet.state.md.us/county/kent.htm](http://www.careernet.state.md.us/county/kent.htm)

Library: [www.kent.lib.md.us](http://www.kent.lib.md.us)

Parks & Recreation Dept.: [www.kentcounty.com/gov/parkrec](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/parkrec)

Planning & Zoning Dept.: [www.kentcounty.com/gov/planzone/pandz.htm](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/planzone/pandz.htm)

Public Schools: [www.kent.k12.md.us](http://www.kent.k12.md.us)

Public Works Dept.: [www.kentcounty.com/gov/pubworks](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/pubworks)

Register of Wills: [www.registers.state.md.us/county/ke/html/kent.html](http://www.registers.state.md.us/county/ke/html/kent.html)

Social Services Dept.: [www.dhr.state.md.us/kent.htm](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/kent.htm)

Tourism Office: [www.kentcounty.com/tourism](http://www.kentcounty.com/tourism)

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### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:*

Ronald H. Fithian (D), *President (chosen by Board, 4-year term)*, 2002

Larry B. Beck (R), 2002

W. Michael Newnam (D), 2002

County Government Center

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### EXECUTIVE BRANCH

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#### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Elected by Voters to 4-year term:*

Ronald H. Fithian (D), *President*, 2002

##### ADMINISTRATION

*Appointed by Board of County Commissioners:*

J. Edward Robinson, *County Administrator*  
(410) 778-7428

e-mail: [erobinson@kentcounty.com](mailto:erobinson@kentcounty.com)

#### COUNTY TREASURER

*Elected by Voters to 4-year term:*

W. Roger Williams (D), *County Treasurer*, 2002  
(410) 778-7444

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

##### UPPER SHORE AGING

Carl E. Burke, *Director*

201 Talbot Blvd., Suite C, Chestertown, MD 21620

(410) 778-6000

##### SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Senior Center

118 North Cross St., Chestertown, MD 21620

(410) 778-2564

#### JOB SERVICE & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Peggy O. MacLauchlan, *Manager*

P.O. Box 528

126 Philosophers Terrace, Chestertown, MD 21620 - 0528

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e-mail: [peggym@careernet.state.md.us](mailto:peggym@careernet.state.md.us)

#### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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