
SOMERSET COUNTY

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.

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

Form of Government: County Commissioners

County Seat: Princess Anne, MD 21853

Web sites:

Economic Development Commission: skipjack.net/le_shore/somerset

Job Service: www.careernet.state.md.us/county/somerset.htm

Library: sailor.lib.md.us/docs/libdir/some.html

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.: skipjack.net/le_shore/visitsomerset

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Elected by Voters to 4-year terms:

Phillip L. Gerald (R), *President (chosen by Board, 4-year term), Dist. 5*

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

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

Clarence I. Laird (D), *Dist. 3*

M. William Ward (D), *Dist. 4*

Terms expire 2002.

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Elected by Voters to 4-year term:

Phillip L. Gerald (R), *President, Dist 5, 2002*

ADMINISTRATION

Appointed by Board of County Commissioners:

Charles E. Massey, *County Administrator & Clerk*
(410) 651-0320

COUNTY TREASURER

Elected by Voters to 4-year term:

Charles L. Muir (D), *County Treasurer, 2002*
(410) 651-1440

COMMUNITY SERVICES

COMMISSION ON AGING

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

SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Somerset Office Complex

11916 Somerset Ave., Princess Anne, MD 21853
(410) 651-0020

JOB SERVICE & UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Brian T. Veditz, *Manager*

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P. O. Box 448

11781 Somerset Ave., Princess Anne, MD 21853 - 0448

(410) 651-0801

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*

P. O. Box 369

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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, 2001; Gary W. Frye, 2003.