

# Volunteer Civic Participation Opportunities in WICOMICO COUNTY

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***Positions now are listed for:***

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If you are interested in serving on any of the following county boards, commissions, and others, County Exec. Rick Pollitt would like to hear from you via e-mail. He said that he is particularly interested in hearing from a diverse range of citizens so that he can balance the county's boards by race, gender and geography in order to have a system that reflects the true "face of Wicomico County." Send the e-mail to [rickpollitt@wicomicocounty.org](mailto:rickpollitt@wicomicocounty.org) with your contact info, which groups on which you would like to serve, and a brief statement of background you could bring to the task.

### ***Adult Public Guardianship Review Board***

Purpose: To provide impartial oversight of public guardianship cases to ensure that wards receive the services and treatment appropriate to their disabilities.

Term: 3 years. The board meets twice per year, in the spring and fall.

### ***Commission on Aging***

Purpose: Assists the aging in the county with health, social, economic, recreational and environmental problems; provides assistance in solving local problems concerning the elderly.

Term: 3 years. Meets 4 to 5 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at Mallard Landing.

### ***Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board***

Purpose: The board is required by state law to assist local farmers in selling development rights to the state. The board reviews all applications prior to the establishment of an Agricultural District.

Term: 5 years.

### ***Agricultural Reconciliation Committee***

Purpose: Sect. 186.95 of Bill 1997-5 calls for the creation of this committee to arbitrate and mediate disputes involving agricultural operations conducted on agricultural lands and issue opinions on whether such operations are conducted in a manner consistent with generally accepted agricultural management practices.

Term: On-going.

***Wicomico County Airport Commission***

Purpose: The commission shall operate, maintain and improve the airport; shall prepare and recommend a capital budget; execute and enforce any leases, contracts, or concessions pertaining to airport property, as prepared and approved by the county attorney.

Term: 3 members serve one year, 2 members serve two years; 1 Salisbury City Council representative; 1 Wicomico County Council representative; and 1 Worcester County Commissioner representative.

***Board of Appeals***

Purpose: To hear and decide appeals, special exceptions, and interpretation issues submitted to the Board as a result of enforcing the county's zoning code, subdivision regulations and historic district regulations.

Term: 3 years

***Board of Electrical Examiners***

Purpose: Issues licenses for electricians to do work in this area, as well as, the issuance of permits for work done in this area and incorporated towns. They also hear complaints regarding work done by electricians and complaints of work being done without authorization.

Term: 3 years – Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m.

***Compensation and Allowance Commission***

Purpose: The commission, pursuant to the county charter, shall study compensation and allowances paid to the county executive and the members of the Wicomico County Council. It shall submit to the council its recommendation for compensation and allowances within 15 days after the beginning of the fourth year of the term of each council.

***Wicomico County Core Service Agency Mental Health Advisory Board***

Purpose:

Term: 3 years – Meets Mondays in September, November, February, April, and June from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Pinto Room at 108 E. Main St., Salisbury.

***Drug Abuse Prevention Programs Coordinating Committee***

Purpose: Administer a program to combat drug abuse by networking with other agencies state-wide.

Term: Ongoing.

***Ethics Commission***

Purpose: Provides advisory opinions to individuals concerning conflicts of interest involving county officials and employees. Hears complaints filed by anyone concerning conflicts of interest.

Term: 4 years

***Wicomico County Health Planning Board***

Purpose: To improve the health of residents in the county, increase accessibility, continuity, availability and quality of health services. Optimize the cost-effectiveness of providing health services and prevent unnecessary duplication health sources. Review all certificates of need for new facilities.

Term: 3 years – Meets first Friday of each month, 9 a.m., Pinto Room, 108 E. Main St., Salisbury.

***Historic District Commission***

Purpose: To safeguard and promote the history and heritage of the county by preserving areas, structures, and sites of cultural, social, economic, political, architectural or historical significance; thereby strengthening and improving the local economy by stabilizing and improving property values.

Term: 3 years

***Wicomico County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners***

Purpose: Provide decent, safe and sanitary low-cost, federally-subsidized housing.

Term: 5 years – Meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m.

***Wicomico County Library Board of Trustees***

Purpose: Board sets policies and procedural guidelines for the library. The board oversees proposed and approved budget operations.

Term: 3 years – Meets the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

***Local Emergency Planning Committee***

Purpose: Coordinate local public safety, medical and community services to create a plan of operation to respond to emergency situations in the county.

***Local Management Board***

Purpose: Promote a safe, healthy and stable environment for all county children and families by achieving a comprehensive system of education, health and human services whose effectiveness and responsiveness addresses the needs of children and families through public and private interagency collaboration.

***Wicomico County Personnel Board***

Purpose: Meets when there is a formal grievance with personnel or a policy issue or change.

Term: 3 years

***Planning Commission***

Purpose: A joint commission established by the City of Salisbury and Wicomico County to review and advise the two councils on planning, zoning and related development activities. Three members are appointed by each jurisdiction, with the seventh member appointed after consultation among the mayor, and the city and county councils.

Term: 5 years

***Recreation Commission***

Purpose: Advises on the formulation of plans and policies for public recreation; the establishment of recreation programs and creation of its policies. To provide adequate recreational programs for all age groups and persons of all races and creeds, male and female, residing in the county.

Term: 3 years

***School Building Commission***

Purpose: To assist the Wicomico County Board of Education in planning, building construction, rehabilitation and maintenance projects as required. Audit building designs, specifications and contracts prepared by architects and/or contractors to determine the best technical and most practical approaches for the benefit of the community.

Term: On-going

***Social Services Advisory Board***

Purpose: To select the local director in the county, to advise the local director and the state director as to the local application of state policies or procedures, to review the periodic evaluation of the local department and to consult with the local director as to the proper implementation or recommendations prepared by the state administration; to take active steps to secure the appropriation of local funds by the local governing authority to meet needs not financed by or available through any other federal, state or local plan, project or program, which are not in conflict with the state plan.

Term: 3 years

***Tourism Advisory Board***

Purpose: This board of hoteliers, restaurateurs, business/corporate people express ideas and hear plans regarding tourism in the county and how best to promote it.

Term: 3 years

***Commission for Women***

Purpose: The commission works to bring about changes in conditions that create inequities for women in this county. Its program and activities offer services that enable women to gain skills and develop resources necessary to effectively participate in a rapidly-changing social environment.

Term: 3 years