

**County of Somerset
Boards and Committees
Vacancies as of January, 2012**

The Somerset County Commissioners announce vacancies on various Somerset County Boards and Committees. Additional information can be obtained by visiting the County's website – www.co.somerset.pa.us – under the link "Somerset County Boards and Committees Vacancies." Interested individuals should submit letters of interest along with a brief resume to Carolyn Zambanini, Chief Clerk, Somerset County Commissioners, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 500, Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501, by Friday, February 17, 2012. The current vacancies include:

Appeals Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets on an as-needed basis on the 5th floor of the County Office Building. Four-year terms.

Citizens Advisory Committee to Somerset County Probation and Youth Services – Several Vacancies

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month except July/August at 10:00 a.m. in the CYS Conference Room. Three-year terms.

Drought Task Force – Several Vacancies

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the EMA EOC. Unlimited terms.

General Authority Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room. Five-year terms.

Library Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 11:30 a.m. at the Somerset County Library. Three-year terms.

Planning Commission Board – Three (3) Vacancies (Districts 7, 8, & 9)

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room. Four-year terms. District 7 – Mount Davis; District 8 – Casselman Valley; District 9 – Member At Large.

Redevelopment Authority Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. on the 5th Floor of the County Office Building. Five-year terms.

Zoning Hearing Board – Two (2) Vacancies

Meets on an as-needed basis in the Commissioners' Board Room. Three-year terms.

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Appeals Board – One (1) Vacancy

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Counties of the second class A and third class shall, and counties of the fourth through eighth classes may, establish a board, to be known as the board of assessment appeals, which shall be composed of three members. The members of the board shall be appointed by the county commissioners to serve for terms of four years each. All three members should not be from the same party nor should more than one member be from the same municipality.

In all cases, the Board first takes judicial notice of value in Assessment Record. Thereafter, appellant has burden of proving, through evidence, that the value is wrong. Board will not accept evidence relating to appellant's income or status. The Board shall meet from time to time to hear appeals and may determine that the value be revised as fixed by the assessor.

Previous experience in assessment valuation, appraisals, business, or understanding of property values considered helpful. Occasional classes offered to further knowledge may be available. Decisions determined by the board will affect the value on the property. Said value will affect the revenue that the County, Borough or Township, and School District may collect in the future.

Questions may be directed to Jane Rizzo, Chief Assessor at (814) 445-1536 or rizzoj@co.somerset.pa.us.

Citizens Advisory Committee to Somerset County Probation and Youth Services – Several Vacancies

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month except July/August at 10:00 a.m. in the CYS Conference Room. Three-year terms.

The purpose of this committee is to advise, help and support the Executive Directors of the Children & Youth/Probation agencies and the County Commissioners in the following ways:

1. Act as a sounding board for agency ideas, and then make suggestions for the formulation of policies and procedures for the development and operation of the agencies.
2. Make recommendations to the County Commissioners and Judges on matters referred to them by the Executive Director for consideration and advice, and on

matters initiated by this Committee to promote the effectiveness of the Children, Youth and Families and the Adult and Juvenile Probation Agencies.

3. Help the agencies to maintain focus on the primary mission of the agencies: The protection of children, families, and community members.
4. Promote better public understanding of the objectives and programs of the agencies.
5. Staff recognition annual lunch.
6. Help Support in-home youth summer retreat.
7. Foster Care Christmas Event.

Questions may be directed to Chuck Crimone, Administrator of Children and Youth Services, at (814) 445-1661 or crimonec@co.somerset.pa.us.

Drought Task Force – Several Vacancies

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the EMA EOC. Unlimited terms.

Members report on the water conditions in their respective areas. Members consist of people from local water facilities who report how much precipitation they have received in the last month and if there are any problems. A representative from the Somerset Conservation District is also a member, who monitors abandoned wells throughout Somerset County and passes this information along to the group. Responsibility of a new member would consist of giving a monthly report to the group as to how much precipitation they have received and any problems they are having.

Questions may be directed to Rick Lohr, EMA Director, at (814) 445-1515 or lohrr@co.somerset.pa.us.

General Authority Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room. Five-year terms.

The Somerset County General Authority (SCGA) is a municipal authority created by the Somerset County Board of Commissioners under the Municipality Authorities Act and engages in projects as authorized by the Board of Commissioners. The SCGA is also the owner of real estate and assets for the betterment of the citizens of Somerset County.

Questions may be directed to the Commissioners' Office, at (814) 445-1400 or zamc@co.somerset.pa.us.

Library Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 11:30 a.m. at the Somerset County Library. Three-year terms.

Library Boards are responsible for the following:

- Manage (and have legal authority over) the library's policies, rules, and regulations
- Control all funds
- Plan the library's future and create an action plan
- Advocate & raise funds on behalf of the library
- Accumulate reserve funds for facility enhancements, renovation & construction

Expectations of trustees:

- Attend board meetings every other month
- Devote the time and attention required
- Respect the important role libraries play in the life of the community
- Share your skills on committees
- Understand the community and its needs
- Stay current on library trends & issues
- Avoid conflicts of interest & put personal agendas aside when making decisions
- Support the implementation of board decisions
- Advocate for the library with elected officials & in the community
- Focus on a secure future for the library
- 3 year terms are expected

Questions may be directed to Eve Kline at the Somerset County Library at (814) 445-5907 or ekline@somersetcountypalibraries.org.

Planning Commission Board – Three (3) Vacancies (Districts 7, 8 & 9)

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room. Four-year terms.

District 7 – Mount Davis: Callimont, Garrett, Meyersdale, Salisbury & Wellersburg Boroughs; and Elk Lick, Greenville, Larimer, Southampton & Summit Townships.

District 8 – Casselman Valley: Addison, Casselman, Confluence, New Centerville, Rockwood, Seven Springs & Ursina Boroughs; and Addison, Black, Lower Turkeyfoot, Middlecreek, Milford, & Upper Turkeyfoot Townships.

District 9 – Member-at-Large: Any area within the County.

Board is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on subdivision and land development plans submitted by applicants under the Somerset County Subdivision and Land Development Regulations.

Questions may be directed to Brad Zearfoss, Planning Director, at (814) 445-1544 or zearfossb@co.somerset.pa.us

Redevelopment Authority Board – One (1) Vacancy

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. on the 5th floor of the County Office Building. Five-year terms.

The Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors is comprised of five (5) individuals who are appointed by the County Commissioners.

The Authority administers and manages various federal, state and local funding to undertake infrastructure, housing rehabilitation and other community development projects. The Authority is considered a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and exists under the Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended. Therefore, the Authority exists as a separate legal entity from County government.

A wide range of candidate backgrounds that would be beneficial to the Authority include, but are not limited to: government, construction, engineering, insurance, banking, housing, real estate, legal, etc. The individual should be a full-time Somerset County resident.

Questions may be directed to Steve Spochart, Executive Director at (814) 443-2780 or steve@somersetredevelopment.org.

Zoning Hearing Board – Two (2) Vacancies

Meets on an as-needed basis in the Commissioners' Board Room. Three-year terms.

Board is responsible for hearing and deciding on variance and special exception requests submitted by applicants under the Somerset County Interchange Area Zoning Ordinance.

Questions may be directed to Brad Zearfoss, Planning Director, at (814) 445-1544 or zearfossb@co.somerset.pa.us