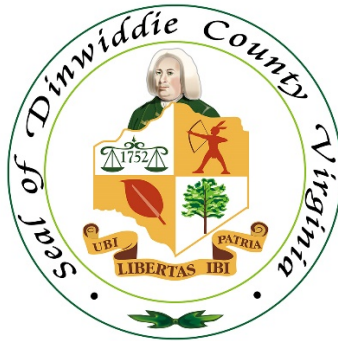


Dinwiddie County Government Services Directory



“Where there is Freedom, There is my Country”
Scale of Justice - Government
Tobacco Leaf and Pine Tree - Major Industry
Indian - Indian History (In original coat-of-arms)

In 1752, Dinwiddie County was created by Act of the General Assembly when Prince George County was divided. The act provided: “Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant-Governor, Council, and Burgesses, of this present General Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, That from and immediately after the first day of May next ensuing, the said County of Prince George be divided into two counties; that is to say: All that part thereof, lying on the upper sided of the run which falls into Appomattox river, between the town of Blandford, and Bolling’s point warehouses, to the outermost line of the glebe land and by a south course to be run from said outermost line of the glebe land, to Surry County, shall be one distinct county, and called and known by the name Dinwiddie and all that other part thereof below the said run and course, shall be one other distinct county and retain the name of Prince George.

From 1702 until 1752 the history of Dinwiddie County is linked to that of Prince George County. Before 1702, both Dinwiddie and Prince George Counties were part of Charles City County created in 1634. Dinwiddie County, except for the town of Blandford, was the parent of the town of Petersburg until 1850 when the legislature granted a charter making Petersburg an independent city. Dinwiddians, in tracing the history of their county up to 1850, should bear in mind that the events and people in Petersburg up to that time were an inseparable part of greater Dinwiddie County.

LOCATION

Dinwiddie County is located in the southeastern section of Virginia, bordered by the counties of Chesterfield on the north, Amelia and Nottoway on the west, Brunswick and Sussex on the south and Prince George on the east. The County's southwestern border is formed by the Nottoway River and its northern border by Namozine Creek and Appomattox River.

Dinwiddie County lies within 500 miles of three of the Nation's major market and population centers and has easy access to these centers through the area's excellent highway, rail, and air networks, nearby market include: Washington, D.C., the nation's Capital, approximately 145 miles to the north; Richmond, the capital of Virginia, 38 miles to the north; and Norfolk and the ports of Hampton Roads, 90 miles to the east. The city of Petersburg adjoins the County at its northeastern limits.

The unincorporated community of Dinwiddie serves as the county seat and is located in the approximate geographic center of the County.

HISTORY

Dinwiddie County was formed from Prince George County in 1752 and named for Robert Dinwiddie, who was the Lt. Governor of Virginia from 1751-1756. The original courthouse was erected in 1852. The new courthouse was dedicated and opened for business on July 5, 1998. Dinwiddie County has figured prominently in our Nation's history. In the campaign of 1781, there was fighting in the County between the forces of the British led by Phillips and Arnold, and the Southside militia under Baron Stueben and Muhlenbery. The title "Cockade City" was earned for the city of Petersburg by the large group of soldiers from this area who participated in the war of 1812. In the Civil War, from June 1864 to April 1865, there was constant fighting in and around Petersburg as General Grant and the Union Army worked toward the city which General Lee and his Confederate troops were finally forced to abandon.

The fifty-odd miles of fortifications and sixty forts and batteries are constant reminders of the Battle of Five Forks and the forty-eight other battles, engagements and skirmishes fought here during the Civil War.

Blandford Church, built in 1735, is now a shrine. Buried in the church yard are soldiers of six wars, among them 30,000 Confederates. Sapony Church, built in 1728, is the oldest in Dinwiddie County and is still in limited use.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DINWIDDIE COUNTY AND TOWN OF MCKENNEY

Virginia's counties function under powers delegated by the state and defined by provisions of the Constitution and laws enacted by the General Assembly. The state, by applying a wide or narrow definition to these provisions, can add to or assume the performance of County functions.

The counties perform a twofold function. They serve as agents of the state in that they administer justice and collect for the state personal income taxes and state license taxes. The counties also function as units of local legislative and administrative bodies, performing such acts as passing and enforcing local ordinances, adopting a county budget and levying taxes.

The government of Dinwiddie County is administered by a five-member Board of Supervisors who are elected to serve a term of four years. There are five election districts with a representative elected in each district. However, these supervisors have no magisterial district functions. It is their duty to act on all matters of government in such a manner as may best serve the county as a whole. The County Administrator and the County Attorney are appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Dinwiddie County provides for the health, welfare and safety of its citizens through the provision of core services. Police protection is provided by a sheriff's department which is assisted by the state police in the area. Fire services are available through six volunteer departments. The County utilizes sixteen full time advanced life support providers, ten part-time EMS providers and over 75 volunteer EMS providers to deliver both advanced and basic life support, first response and transport services. Dinwiddie County utilizes the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code to insure that public buildings and residential development is constructed and maintained in a safe manner.

A Virginia town is a part of that county in which it is located; and therefore, it is affected by that county's ordinances, regulations, and taxes. Consequently, town residents are affected by two local governments-both the town government and the county government – and vote in the elections of official

for these two governments. County residents, however, do not take part in town government.

McKenney incorporated as a town on April 29, 1922, operates today under a charter granted by the General Assembly in 1944 and uses the mayor-council form of government. The town Council is composed of five members elected by popular vote to serve two year terms of office. The Town's Mayor serves as presiding officer at Council and is also elected by popular vote for a two-year term.

LOCAL TAXES – DINWIDDIE COUNTY AND TOWN OF MCKENNEY

Under the Virginia Constitution, only the local governments can levy taxes on real estate, tangible personal property, machinery and tools, merchants' capital and the physical property of public service corporations. The rates applicable to the several classes of property vary in different localities, but the true tax rates of Virginia cities, towns and counties are usually well below the average for the county as a whole.

POPULATION

According to the US Census Bureau, the Dinwiddie County population had its biggest increase from 2000 to 2010. The population increased 14.2% from 2000 (24,533) to 2010 (28,001). The town of McKenney grew from 373 (1990 Census) to 483 people (2010 Census).

LOCAL ECONOMY

Dinwiddie County's local economy is characterized by a growing logistics sector, and a strong industrial and agribusiness presence. Government is the leading employer followed by retail trade.

TOPOGRAPHY

Consisting of 321,000 acres or approximately 504 square miles, Dinwiddie County lies mostly in the Piedmont physiographic province with the extreme eastern portion lying in the Coastal Plain. Topography is generally level to slightly rolling in the east and more rolling in the western three-fourths of the county. Elevations range from 50 feet above sea level to 400 feet. Drainage is provided by the Nottoway River (90%) and the Appomattox River (10%).

CLIMATE

The annual average temperature is 61 degrees. In January the average low temperature is 27 degrees. In July the average high temperature is 91

degrees. The rainfall average is 44 inches a year and snowfall is 8 inches. Southerly winds prevail.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors is the elected body of Dinwiddie County and consists of one supervisor from each of the five electrical districts within the County. The Board meets every month on the third Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. and the public hearing portion of the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Citizen's attendance and participation is welcome and encouraged.

BOARD MEMBERS

Harrison A. Moody	District #1 (804)265-8427
Mark E. Moore	District #2 (804)265-3807
William D. Chavis	District #3 (804)712-7240
Daniel D. Lee	District #4 (804)469-3881
Brenda K. Ebron-Bonner	District #5 (804)732-4507

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

The office of the County Administrator is located at the Pamplin Administration Building and is managed by the County Administrator and Administrative staff. County ordinances, entertainment permits, turkey shoot permits can be requested through the administration office. Requests by County residents can be directed to this office. The office is opened from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The telephone number is (804)469-4500; fax number (804)469-4503.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The County Animal Control responsibilities include enforcement of state and local animal laws and ordinances, animal control, protection and welfare, investigation of animal bites, investigation of rabies cases, investigation of livestock claims due to stray dogs, and investigation of cruelty cases. The Animal Shelter is open for adoptions and turn-ins from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The office is closed on Thursdays, Sundays and Holidays. The Animal Shelter telephone number is (804)469-4547. Animal Control Officers are on duty weekdays from 8:00 a.m.

- 6:00 p.m. as well as being available for emergencies on evenings and weekends. If you need assistance from animal control, contact the Dinwiddie County Emergency Communications Office (804) 469-3755 to have an Animal Control Officer dispatched.

BUILDING INSPECTION

The Building Inspections Department, is the local agency responsible for enforcement of the current Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical permits for new construction, alteration and additions are issued in the Building Inspections Department. Mobile home, underground storage tanks, tents and demolition permits are also issued through this department. After permits are issued, scheduled inspections are made to see that all work is done and complies with the Uniform Statewide Building Code. To see if a "Building Permit" is required for your project, contact a member of staff. The office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (804)469-4500, opt. 6.

CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is the custodian of the court records, land records, marriage licenses, judgments, estate records and other legal documents. Most of the records are available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office. The Clerk of the Circuit Court issues marriage licenses, accepts applications for trade names and processes applications to become a notary public. The Clerk of the Circuit Court accepts deeds and other legal land documents for recordation. We also manage criminal and civil lawsuits consistent with the Code of Virginia.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court has the authority to probate wills, appoint and qualify executors and/or administrators for a decedent's estate and the authority to qualify conservators and guardians. Contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court to obtain information on Decedent's Estates, Testamentary Trustees, Conservators, Guardians for Incapacitated Adults and Guardians for Minors. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office is located in the courthouse in Dinwiddie Government Center Complex. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (804)469-4540.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

The Commissioner of the Revenue's office is located in the Pamplin Administration Building, and is open Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00. The

Commissioner of the Revenue office is an elected office created in 1786 by the General Assembly. The commissioner is the chief assessing officer in Dinwiddie and administers the assessments for businesses and individuals in the areas of real estate, land use, personal property taxes to include tax relief for the elderly and disabled, and veterans, machinery and tools tax, business licenses, and local trust taxes. Additionally, the commissioner's office assists citizens with their annual state income tax returns. For additional information please call (804)469-4500, opt #4 or visit the County website at www.dinwiddieva.us.

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY

The Dinwiddie County Commonwealth Attorney is an elected, Constitutional, law enforcement official. The primary responsibility of the Commonwealth Attorney is the prosecution of criminal cases in the Dinwiddie County Circuit and the two local District Courts. The Commonwealth Attorney acts as legal advisor to the Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies. Located within the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Dinwiddie County Victim-Witness Assistance Program is available to assist both crime victims and witnesses through the criminal justice system. The Commonwealth Attorney's office is located on the ground floor of the courthouse in the Dinwiddie Government Center Complex. The telephone number is (804) 469-4536.

PLANNING, ZONING AND CODE COMPLIANCE

The Planning, Zoning and Code Compliance Department is responsible for present and long-range comprehensive planning, erosion and sedimentation control, storm drainage management, subdivision and zoning control, mobile home regulation control, floodplain management and assistance with residential and commercial development projects. Code violations (conditions or activities on a property that are not permitted by either the zoning ordinance or the County Code) should be reported to the Code Compliance office at (804)469-4500, opt #8.

The office is assisted in its duties by two appointed Boards.

The Board of Zoning Appeals, which consists of five members appointed by the Circuit Court. The Board rules on zoning ordinances, special use permits, variances and appealed decision of the Zoning Administrator.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS

Wilson Yager	District #1	(804)712-2422
Guy Scheid	District #2	(804)733-8188
Tracy Sheets	District #3	(804)691-6406
Lance V. Everett	District #4	(804)468-4549
William P. Seay	District #5	(804)514-5586

The function of the Planning Commission is to advise the Board of Supervisors on planning, zoning and subdivision matters. The seven member commission is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and meets on a monthly basis.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. Everette M. Prosis	District #1	(804)478-4593
Edward Titmus, III	District #2	(804)265-5818
Thomas E. Tucker*	District #2	(804)731-2002
John L. Harvell	District #3	(804)469-3382
Calvin W. Cunningham	District #4	(804)469-9432
Anthony Simmons	District #5	(804)861-2715
Samuel W. Hayes*	District #5	(804)478-5804

* denotes "At-Large" member

The function of property addressing is the responsibility of the Zoning Administrator. As new residential and commercial units are developed, a four or five digit address is assigned for inclusion in the Emergency 911 system. Also, this address information is provided to the Commissioner of the Revenue and the appropriate post office in the area. A corresponding address map is utilized to note the approximate location of the newly addressed sites. For further information concerning addressing, contact the Zoning Administrator at (804)469-4500, opt #8. This office is located in the Pamplin Administration Building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dinwiddie County Economic Development office works on a free and confidential basis with domestic and foreign companies planning to establish new facilities, relocate existing facilities, or expand current facilities. The department also assists existing businesses and industries already located in Dinwiddie with any business related issues. Dinwiddie County Economic Development office can assist with site selection requirements, information and research needs, small business issues, or streamlining regulatory processes. The office is located in the Pamplin Administration Building. For

business assistance or information contact (804) 265-1233 or (804) 265-1226 or go to www.accessdinwiddie.com.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS

Maxwell W. Watkins, Jr.	(804)721-9106
Victoria V. Heller	(804)862-4007
Thomas Hooker	(804)469-3241
W. Alan Kissner	(804)733-8836
David W. Lyle	(804)469-4634
George M. Rapp	(804)691-1815
Jim Van Landingham	(804)

EXTENSION SERVICES

The Dinwiddie County Extension Office, in conjunction with the Virginia Cooperative Extension is available to provide programs and educational resources to the citizens of Dinwiddie County. Emphasis is directed toward meeting the needs of citizens who live on farms, non-farms, suburban and urban, and in communities as well as firms and organizations which provide services to people. Educational programs and activities are planned in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H Youth Development, family resources, community resource development, state technical services, business, architecture, engineering and environmental and urban system. The Extension Office is located in the Farm Bureau Mall. The telephone number is (804)469-4514.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Dinwiddie County Health Department's primary goal is health education and disease prevention. The Health Department offers health services (Childhood Immunizations, Childhood Lead Poisoning, Communicable Disease Services, Sexually Transmitted Disease Services, HIV Services, Crater Child Development Clinic, Family Planning, Pregnancy Testing, WIC Program (Women, Infants and Children) and Maternity Care). The Health Department also provides health promotion and community outreach services. Environmental Health Services provides Restaurant Inspections and Permits, Food Manager Certification Courses, Food Safety Courses Well and Septic Tank Inspections and Permits, Rabies Prevention, Motel and Hotel Inspections Non-Community Water Supplies Inspections and Permits, Health Hazard and General Environmental Complaint Investigation. Death Certificates can also

be obtained from the Health Department. The Health Department is located in the Government Center Complex in Dinwiddie. The telephone number is (804)469-3771.

DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS

Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS is responsible for the delivery of fire services, emergency medical services and the emergency/disaster management program. The Division uses a combination of County personnel and over 250 volunteers to deliver these services.

Fire services are provided by six volunteer fire companies that are located throughout the County. These companies provide fire suppression, fire prevention, public education, hazardous materials response and rescue services. The County has two full time administrative positions that support the fire companies operations.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are provided from four of the County's fire stations. The County utilizes sixteen full time advanced life support providers, ten part-time EMS providers and over 75 volunteer EMS providers to deliver both advanced and basic life support, first response and transport services. The Public Safety Building is located in the Dinwiddie Government Center. The business phone number is (804)469-5388. All emergency calls should dial 911.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department is located in the Eastside Community Enhancement Center and the Dinwiddie County Sports Complex. The department organizes many special events including the County Fair, Winter Wonderland, and a year round program of sports programs and leisure activities that address the recreational needs of county citizens from pre-school age to active adults. These activities include instructional classes, sport leagues, special events, trips, dance and fitness programs, etc. The department also oversees facility management and maintenance of all County-owned parks and athletic fields. For additional information please contact (804)732-1100 (Eastside Enhancement Center) or (804)862-8086 (Dinwiddie County Sports Complex). Additional information can be found at www.playdinwiddie.com.

SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Dinwiddie County Public Schools are governed by an elected School Board. The primary function of the School Board is to develop broad policies

which serve as a framework for the operation of the schools. The Dinwiddie County Public Schools operates five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school, serving approximately 4,800 students each year from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The School Board meets the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at the Pamplin Administration Building unless special arrangements by the Board have been made. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend all open session meetings.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Teresa J. Stump	District #1	(804)731-6844
William R. Haney	District #2	(804)732-6229
Barbara T. Pittman	District #3	(804)861-8501
Mary M. Benjamin	District #4	(434)246-4820
Sherilyn H. Merritt	District #5	(804)861-9647

For additional information regarding Dinwiddie County School System call (804)469-4190.

OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The office Children's Services functions as the coordinator and implementer of the Children's Services Act for At-Risk Youth and Families (1993 Virginia Law), that provides for the pooling of eight specific funding streams to purchase services for high risk youth. These funds are returned to the localities with a required state/local match and are managed by local interagency teams. The purpose of the act is to provide high quality, child centered, family focused, cost-effective services to high risk youth and their families. For assistance contact (804)469-5391.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office is located behind the historic Dinwiddie County Courthouse Square in the village of Dinwiddie. The functions of the Sheriff's office include enforcement of law, traffic control, correctional services, court security, civil process services, school resource officers and community education. The Sheriff and his staff are dedicated to ensuring that Dinwiddie is safe for citizens and visitors alike. The business phone number is (804)469-4550 and is answered 24 hours a day. The emergency number is 911 and is answered by dispatchers.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Department of Social Services provides for people in need, including a wide variety of benefits and services for the citizens of Dinwiddie County. The director of social services administers the programs under the direction of the County Administrator with the support of the Social Services Advisory Board, which is composed of five residents from the County appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Department of Social Services is located in the Historic Southside High School, at 12318 Boydton Plank Rd., Dinwiddie,VA. For assistance or more information regarding the Department of Social Services call (804)469-4524.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dinwiddie County operates a collection system consisting of numerous manned convenience centers and dumpsters for residential refuse strategically located throughout the County. Disposal of solid waste and recycling is provided at no charge to County residents and property owners. Recycling is available for clothing/shoes, paper/cardboard, plastics, metals/appliances, electronics, waste oil and tires. The Dinwiddie County Landfill facility is located near Five Forks at 10817 Wheelers Pond Road and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and on from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sundays . For further information regarding solid waste disposal call (804)469-4545.

TREASURER

The Office of the Treasurer is located in the Pamplin Administration Building in Dinwiddie. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Treasurer, a constitutional officer elected to a four year term, is responsible for responsible for the receipt and collection of revenue, the safekeeping of revenue, and the appropriate accounting for and disbursements of revenue. The Treasurer is responsible for collection of State funds under the Code of Virginia. Real estate and personal property taxes are collected twice a year. The first collection date is June 5th and the second is December 5th. Personal property taxes must be paid before a vehicle license can be issued. For more information regarding the Treasurer Office call (804)469-4500, opt #5.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration is available in the Registrar's Office in the Pamplin Administration Building Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Citizens who register must be 18 years or older on or before the next general election. One may register up to 22 days before each general election. For

additional information and for Electoral District or Precinct information, County citizens can call the Office of the General Registrar at (804)469-4500, opt #7.

DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Fire	911
Rescue	911
Sheriff	911
Non-Emergency Sheriff	469-4550

LIBRARIES

Dinwiddie Branch	469-9450
McKenney Branch	478-4866
Rohoic Branch	732-4119
Carson Depot Branch	246-2900

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Clerk of Circuit Court	469-4540 opt.2
Code Compliance	469-4500 opt.6
County Administration	469-4500 opt.8
County Attorney	469-4500 opt.3
Commissioner of the Revenue	469-4500 opt.4
Commonwealth Attorney	469-4536
Comprehensive Services	469-5391
Court Services	469-4533

Crater Health District	861-6582
Deed Records	469-4540
Department of Forestry	469-7343
Dinwiddie Express Bus (BABS)	(434)292-3025
Dog Tags	469-4500 opt.5
Economic Development	265-1233
Emergency Services	469-5388
Extension Office	469-4514
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Grants and Community Information	469-4500 opt.8
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Historical Society	469-5346
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IT - Information Technology	469-4500 opt.9
Jail/Magistrate	469-4533
Juvenile Court	469-4533
Marriage License	469-4540
Meals Tax	469-4500 opt.4
Parks, Recreation and Tourism	732-1100
Personal Property Taxes	469-4500 opt.4
Planning	469-4500 opt.6
Public Water and Sewer (DCWA)	861-0998
Public Safety	469-5388
Real Estate Taxes	469-4500 opt.4
Registrar	469-4500 opt.7
School Board Office	469-4190
Sheriff's Office	469-4550
Social Services	469-4524
State Income Tax	469-4500 opt.4
Town of McKenney	478-4621
Treasurer	469-4500 opt.5
Traffic Violations	469-4533
VDOT- Local Roads & Highway Maintenance	1-800-367-7623
Victim Witness Assistance	469-5384
Voter Registration	469-4500 opt.7
Waste Disposal/Recycling	469-4545
Well/Septic Inspections	469-3771
Zoning	469-4500 opt.6

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