

Franklin County currently has fourteen (14) various authorities, boards and committees (listed below) in which the County solicits community volunteers to serve on. Most board vacancies will be posted to www.franklincountypa.gov and www.facebook.com/franklincountypa

A few boards are by recommendation as shown below.

The following board appointments are advertised:

- * Franklin County Board of Assessment Appeals
- * Franklin County General Authority (FCGA)
- * Franklin County Housing Authority (FCHA)
- * Franklin County Industrial Development Authority (FCIDA)
- * Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority (LIDA)
- * Franklin County Library Board (FCLB)
- * Redevelopment Authority (RDA)

The following board appointments are by recommendation only:

- * Agriculture Land Preservation Board
- * Blighted Property Review Committee
- * Conservation District Board of Directors
- * Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- * Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- * Planning Commission
- * Visitors Bureau Board

Agricultural Land Preservation Board:

Responsibilities: The goals of this board are to administer the County's program for the purchase of agriculture conservation easements within agricultural security areas; promote efforts to support the agricultural community in Franklin County; encourage the use of additional farmland preservation techniques; and preserve the prime agricultural soils.

Board members: 9 volunteer members who are citizens of and reside in Franklin County. All members of the board have some involvement within the agriculture community of the County.

Meetings: Quarterly in March/June/September/December

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to Steve Thomas (information below)

For further information: Steve Thomas, Director of Planning at sithomas@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3855

Blighted Property Review Committee:

Responsibilities: This committee certifies to the Franklin County Redevelopment Authority Board properties that may be considered for holding, clearing, managing, or disposing of property for potential residential and related reuse and commercial or industrial reuse.

Board members: 4 appointed volunteer members, one Franklin County Commissioner, The Chairperson of the Redevelopment Authority or designee, and the Chairperson of the FC Planning Commission or designee.

Meetings: To be determined

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to the Planning Director (information below)

For further information: Steve Thomas at sjthomas@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3855

Board of Assessment Appeals:

Responsibilities: The Franklin County Board of Assessment Appeals is an independent Board, authorized by statute and appointed by the County Commissioners, established for the primary purpose of hearing real estate tax assessment valuation cases.

This board has been established to:

1. Determine the current market value of all Franklin County properties and calculate the appropriate assessment.
2. Prescribe lawful procedures to be followed in the assessment appeal process.
3. Review and consider all relevant evidence and documentation presented at the tax appeal hearing.
4. Consult with the county's chief assessor and the Board of Assessment solicitor, as needed, to make a final determination of fair market value post-hearing.
5. Interact with other county and community officials, agencies, realtors, appraisers and attorneys in regards to assessment appeals.
6. Attend meetings/trainings/hearings, as necessary.
7. Stay apprised of current real estate market activity, trends, values, and laws.
8. Performs other job related duties, as required.

Board members: 3 appointed members to be paid a per diem rate of \$80 for four or less hours worked in a day. Time worked in a day over four hours will be paid a rate of \$19.25 per hour. These positions will be part-time positions and will not receive county benefits. It is anticipated the members will not exceed 1000 work hours on an annual bases and will not be eligible to participate in the county's retirement plan.

Tax Appeals Hearings: To be determined

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to the Tax Assessment Director (information below)

For further information: Jodi Martin, Tax Assessment Director at ilmartin@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3801.

Conservation District Board of Directors:

Responsibilities: has the responsibility for assuring that conservation district policies and practices enhance the natural resources in his/her county. This requires identification of local natural resource needs and issues, development. Requires an individual to be familiar with the district's resources; generally acquainted with the people and resource conservation problems of the district; and sufficiently concerned to search for and provide solutions to these problems assuring that conservation district policies and practices enhance the natural resources in his/her county.

Board members: 4 Farmer Directors and 3 Public Directors volunteer members for 4-year terms; A Farmer Director is defined as an individual who is actively engaged in production agriculture and derives a major portion of his or her income from the sale of farm commodities, including forest and nursery products. Spouses of farmers and retired farmers who previously met the qualifications also qualify as a farmer director. Individuals not meeting the definition of a farmer director can qualify as a public director.

Meetings: Second Monday of each month at 8:30 AM.

Application Form: Members are nominated by approved nominating organizations (a list is maintained at the Commissioner's Office or the Conservation District Office).

For further information: Franklin County Conservation District at 717-264-5499.

Franklin County General Authority (FCGA):

Responsibilities: A municipal authority created to manage the water and wastewater within the Cumberland Valley Business Park and the Letterkenny Army Depot. Mission statement says, “We are a county general authority which manages the available resources to provide supportive services to enhance the success of the Cumberland Valley Business Park.”

Board members: 5 volunteer members for 5-year terms; provided staff services from LIDA staff via administrative agreement.

Meetings: Fourth Wednesday of every other month at 8:00 AM.

Application form: Must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners’ Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201 or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Kip Feldman at Feldman@cvbp.com or 717-267-9351.

Franklin County Housing Authority (FCHA):

Responsibilities: Responsible for the overseeing of approximately 700 housing units, which are primarily occupied by low and moderate income citizens of the county. Board members are non-paid officials appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners. The board should reflect a diversity of age, gender, race, and geographic residency. Members should represent both political parties. A minimum of a high school education is preferable in order to understand the documents reviewed at board meetings. Only one member must be a low-income tenant. At least one member should have knowledge of housing issues. At least one member should have an understanding of budgeting and financial management. Members vote on and pass or deny the recommendations made by the Chairman.

Board members: 5 volunteer members for 5-year terms, one of which is a tenant member; 1 paid position filled by the FCHA Executive Director.

Meetings: Third Monday of each month, rotating between Chambersburg and Waynesboro.

Application form: Must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners’ Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Call 717-263-4200 or contact Lisa Bryan at lbryan@fcha.net or Jessica Runshaw at jrunshaw@fcha.net

Franklin County Industrial Development Authority (FCIDA):

Responsibilities: Considers requests for tax-exempt financing for commercial and industrial projects in Franklin County. Board consists of all regions of the county by business and community leaders working toward area development. Members review requests and determine their eligibility.

Board members: 12 volunteer members for 3-year terms.

Meetings: called on an “as needed” basis and circulate in the Franklin County area to accommodate all members.

Letter of application: must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners’ Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201 or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Angela Schaeffer at aschaeffer@chambersburg.org or call 717-264-7101 and ask for the Franklin County Industrial Development Authority.

Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority (LIDA):

Responsibilities: Responsible for the oversight of the redevelopment of excess portions on the Letterkenny Army Depot as a result of the Base Realignment and Closure decision of 1995. This property, when transferred from the Department of Army, becomes part of the Cumberland Valley Business Park. This real estate function of receiving, managing, marketing and selling land to private sector business also include the management of the electrical distribution utility within the business park and the Letterkenny Army Dept. Also manages the rail utility systems within the Cumberland Valley Business Park and the Letterkenny Army Depot. Deliver economic advantages by attracting private investment, enhance all LIDA customer support, assure LIDA financial stability, implement strategic development of the CVBP and foster community benefits.

Board members: 15 volunteer members for 5-year terms

Meetings: First Monday of every other month at 8:30 AM.

Application form: must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners' Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201 or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Kip Feldman at feldman@cvbp.com or 717-267-9351

Franklin County Library Board:

Responsibilities: Advocates for the library locally, and at state and national level as needed. Develops strategic plans for local libraries and monitors their achievements. Nurtures fiscal responsibility through library budgets and spending practices. Crafts policies in compliance with laws forming a framework for library practices. Ensures quality library leadership through appointing and evaluating the executive director.

Board members: 8 volunteer members for 2-year terms

Application form: must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners' Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201 or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Andrew Vickers at avickers@fcslpa.org or 717-709-0282.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Responsibilities: The committee is established in accordance with the requirements of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 and the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act 1990-165 to promote safety concerning hazardous materials within the County.

Board members: All members are volunteers consisting of a minimum of nine members which must have the following representation: the County Board of Commissioners; County Emergency Management Coordinator; Local elected official; law enforcement, First Aid, Health, Local Environmental, Hospital or Transportation representative; Fire Service Representative; Civil defense and Emergency Management personnel; Broadcast and print media representative; and Community Group Representative. All for 3-year terms

Meetings: Once a quarter the last Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM during the months of January, April, July and October

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to Matthew Kendall (information below)

For further information: For more information contact Matthew Kendall at matthew.r.kendall11.civ@army.mil or 717-377-4981.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board:

Responsibilities: The MPO is a transportation policy-making and decision-making entity made up of community members representing transportation and business interests, and local and state governments. MPOs are mandated to implement the metropolitan transportation planning process outlined in the federal transportation regulations (23 USC 134 and 49 USC 5303). The MPO coordinates with PennDOT in planning for the transportation needs of the county. The MPO is responsible for developing a unified planning work program, updating the transportation improvement program and preparing a long range transportation plan among other planning tasks.

Board members: 13 volunteer voting members

Meetings: Quarterly - February/May/August/November

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to the Planning Director (information below)

For further information: Steve Thomas at sjthomas@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3855

Franklin County Planning Commission:

Responsibilities: The goals of the Planning Commission are to support and implement the Comprehensive Plan; promote agricultural land preservation in the County; continue to support and implement the Recreation, Park & Open Space Plan and the Greenway Plan; coordinate transportation planning with the Franklin County MPO; support economic development initiatives; broaden community development initiatives; and encourage water resource planning.

Board members: 9 volunteer members who are citizens of and reside in Franklin County.

Meetings: Quarterly - February/May/August/November

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to the Planning Director (information below)

For further information: Steve Thomas at sjthomas@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3855

Redevelopment Authority Board (RDA):

Responsibilities: The goals of the authority are the redevelopment of older business areas; the strengthening of the downtowns as business, civic, institutional and cultural centers for the surrounding communities; the protection of the livability of residential areas with an emphasis on strengthening older neighborhoods; the preservation and rehabilitation of historically significant architecture; the attraction of new business development and expansion in appropriate areas; and the encouragement of the expansion of existing businesses.

Board members: 5 volunteer members who are citizens of and reside in Franklin County.

Meetings: Third Tuesdays of every other month: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov., at 7:00 PM at the Franklin County Area Development Corporation, 1900 Wayne Road, Chambersburg, PA.

Application form: Must be submitted to Franklin County Commissioners' Office, 272 N. Second St., Chambersburg, PA 17201 or email to commissioners@franklincountypa.gov

For further information: Steve Thomas at sjthomas@franklincountypa.gov or 717-261-3855

Visitors Bureau Board (FCVB)

Responsibilities: The FCVB Board is comprised by directors from areas throughout Franklin County and has seats to represent the mission of FCVB, business and education, and members at large. As well, each Chamber in the county has a representative on the board and Franklin County has a Commissioner Representative to the board.

Board members: 15 volunteer board members

Meetings: Meetings are every other month on the fourth Monday of the week at 2 PM held at the Visitors Bureau at 15 South Main Street, Chambersburg. Meetings begin in January.

Application form: Requests are to be submitted to the Franklin County Visitors Bureau Board Director (information below)

For more information: contact Janet Pollard at jpollard@explorefranklincountypa.com or 717-552-2977, Ext. 103