

# Boards & Commissions Application



I am interested in serving on the following boards/commissions. (Please indicate the order of preference).

1. Harrisonburg Electric Commission 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**As an applicant/member of a Council-appointed Board or Commission, your name, address, and phone number will be available to the press and public. Information will be kept on file for three years. Public discussion of information contained herein may occur in the meeting at which appointments are considered by the City Council.**

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Miss.  Dr.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name: Ashworth Samuel T Date: 1/14/19  
(Last) (First) (M.I)

Home Address: 163 Fairway Drive, Harrisonburg, Va. 22802 Own/Rent? Own

Phone Number: 540-433-8100 Alternate Phone: 540-229-3976

Occupation: Banker Employer/Organization: Virginia National Bank

E-mail: samuel.ashworth@vnb.com Harrisonburg resident for 21 years.

Were you referred by anyone:  Yes  No Name of Referring Party: Richard Yancey

How did you hear about volunteering on a board or commission?  Cable  Website  Council Meeting  
 Other: Richard Yancey

### Why do you wish to serve on a board or commission?

As a banker and business person for over 40 years, I feel my experience will be valuable to the Commission in their mission to continue to provide dependable, affordable and sustainable energy to our community. A sound business approach is necessary to continue to make sure the Commission maintains economically affordable energy to our City.

### What relevant experience or education do you have to this board or commission?

See attached resume.

**What other interests or concerns do you have regarding the community?**

The City needs to practice fiscal responsibility in all matters such that to cost of living in our community does not get usurious on our citizens.

**Please list any past or present community involvement e.g. City Council, Board and Commissions, Citizen Academy, etc. in Harrisonburg or elsewhere:**

See attached Resume.

**-Please return completed application to the City Manager's Office-**

*Applicants are encouraged to attach a resume or other supporting information that may be helpful to Council in considering their application.*

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# Sam T. Ashworth

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## Education

- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University – Blacksburg, Virginia
- B.S. Agricultural Economics – 1972
  
- Virginia Bankers School – University of Virginia – Charlottesville, Virginia
- 1977-1979
  
- Stonier Graduate School of Banking – Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ
- 1980-1983
  
- Numerous RMA and Commercial Lending Courses

## Experience

September 20, 2016 to Present

**Market President/Shenandoah Valley/Commercial Banking – Virginia National Bank**

I opened a Commercial Loan Production office for VNB and was able to produce \$10mm in new funded loan within the first 12 months. I was promoted to Executive Vice President and placed on VNB's Executive committee in 2017.

January 4, 2015 to July 13, 2016

**Senior Vice President/Area Executive/Commercial Banking - Ameriserv Financial Bank**

I opened the Commercial Loan Production Office for Virginia. Ameriserv is headquartered in Johnstown, PA and the Virginia footprint is the Shenandoah Valley and the Charlottesville Virginia market. I was able to on boarded two additional commercial lenders.

August 1, 2012 to January 1, 2015

**Market President-Harrisonburg/First Vice President/Core Commercial –SunTrust Bank**

I provided commercial banking services to clients and prospect from Lexington to Winchester, Virginia. Core Commercial was segmented to operating companies with revenue of \$10mm to \$150mm.

October 2005 to June 2012

**Senior Lender to Executive Vice President/Commercial Banking – Planters Bank to StellarOne**

I was Senior Commercial Lender for Planters Bank which became StellarOne with a merger. At Planters I was responsible for commercial lending in the Shenandoah Valley, Lynchburg and Farmville Virginia. Following the merger and formation of StellarOne, I served as Regional Banking Manager for the Eastern Region which included the Shenandoah Valley, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Fredericksburg and for a portion of the time Richmond, Virginia.

October 1993 to October 2015

**Senior Vice President/Area Executive – First Citizens Bank**

I joined First Citizens as Area Executive for the Nash Area which included Rocky Mount, Roanoke Rapids, Tarboro, Nashville, Conway and Weldon North Carolina. I supervised both retail and commercial banking operations in that role.

In November of 1997 I returned to Virginia for First Citizens as Market Executive in Harrisonburg. This was a devono entry and we opened 2 branch locations in the market. Over time we opened operations in Front Royal, Winchester and Staunton Virginia and I became Area Executive for the Shenandoah Area.

June 1974 to October 1993

**Various positions with Dominion Bancshares (State Mortgage Corporation and First National Exchange Bank)**

I begin my banking career as Branch Manager of the Roanoke Office of State Mortgage Corporation, an affiliate of Dominion and worked with the FNEB bank branches in Roanoke and southwestern Virginia. I transferred to FNEB in 1976 and moved to Lexington Virginia as a retail banker. I served as branch manager of the Buena Vista office from 1981 to 1983. I was promoted to Community Bank Manager for FNEB and relocated to Wytheville Virginia, where I supervised the entire banking operation in Wythe County. Dominion was acquired by First Union Bank in January 1993 and I served as a Commercial Banker for First Union covering 3 counties in southwestern Virginia.

**Acknowledgments and Community Involvement**

Over time I've been involved in many community service organization and Non-Profit organizations. To list a few:

Chairman of the Mount Rogers Economic Development Partnership

Board of Directors of the Wythe County Community Hospital

President of the Lexington Rockbridge Jaycees

President of the Wytheville Rotary Club

Board of Directors of Blue Ridge Public Television

Board of Directors Harrisonburg Rockingham Free Clinic

Board of Directors of Shenandoah Valley Economic Development Partnership