

## **Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors**



### **2017 Black History Month Honoree Mr. Thomas Hooker**

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Mr. Thomas Hooker was born in Raleigh, NC, to the late, Nathaniel Hooker, Sr. and Della Hooker. Mrs. Hooker recently celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday!

Thomas Hooker is the youngest of seven children (6 boys and 1 girl). He has been married to Delores Davis Hooker for 50 years and they are the proud parents of three children, Carlos (Robin), Kimberli (Torey), and Renee (Tori). They have three grandchildren. Mr. Hooker is a 1958 graduate of Berry O. Kelly High School and a 1962 graduate of Shaw University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health and Physical Education and a minor in Biology.

Mr. Hooker taught Health and Physical Education and coached basketball and baseball at L.P. Jackson High School in Surry County until 1965, when he came to Dinwiddie County. He taught Health and Physical Education and coached basketball and baseball at Southside High School, the only high school in the County during that time for African American Students. When schools integrated in 1970, Mr. Hooker remained in that location, which was renamed, Dinwiddie County Junior High School. In 1972, Mr. Hooker earned his Master's Degree of Education in Supervision and Administration and became assistant principal of the Junior High School.

For 20 years, Thomas Hooker was an educator in Dinwiddie County. During this time he touched the lives and made an impact on countless students, of all races and ethnic backgrounds, and their families.

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In 1985, Mr. Hooker left Dinwiddie Junior High School and accepted an assistant principal position with Prince George County Public Schools. From there he was named Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Prince George County and remained in this position until his retirement. Following his retirement from Prince George County Public Schools, Mr. Hooker worked part-time as a Business Development Officer for the Bank of McKenney.

Mr. Hooker's love for Dinwiddie County and its citizens is evident in his service to the community, where he has, and continues to serve on a variety of Boards and Commissions:

- Dinwiddie County Youth Commission
- Dinwiddie County Airport Authority
- Dinwiddie County Redistricting Committee
- Dinwiddie County Strategic Planning Committee
- Dinwiddie County Social Services Board
- Dinwiddie County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade
- Historic Southside High School Taskforce Committee
- Dinwiddie County Public Schools Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee
- Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Hooker is also a member of the St. Stephens Lodge #247, 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree where he serves as Treasurer. He is a member of the Virginia Birdies Golf Club and The Omega Psi Phi

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Fraternity, Incorporated. He is a member and serves on the Board of Trustees Ministry of Olive Branch Baptist Church, where his pastor is Reverend Dr. Kevin Northam.