

## **2024: Dinwiddie Citizens Academy (Dinwiddie County, Virginia)**

The Dinwiddie Citizens Academy, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, was established to increase awareness and transparency in local government. The goal is to create a cohort of well-informed citizens equipped to serve as ambassadors for the County in their communities. The Academy enlists the support and participation of all facets of County government including the Board of Supervisors, Constitutional Officers, and all County departments. During the eight-week series, participants receive in-person presentations from each individual and have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback. Participants enjoy exposure to all County facilities and graduate from the Academy with a better understanding of Dinwiddie County operations and a desire to become more involved in local government processes.