

Hello my name is Cooper McAuley and I served on the Cabarrus County Youth Council the past year. I have met some of the commissioners that serve our county. I wish to learn more by attending this event about local government.

The County Commissioners duties include setting the county budget, and setting county ordinances (laws), and appointing several committees like the Cabarrus Youth Council. Since all of our commissioners are republican our spending is very conservative.

There are five at-large commissioners in Cabarrus County that each serve a four-year term. The commissioners' terms are staggered, so that we don't vote on more than all them at the same time. This allows some continuity on the board, so that not everyone is brand new to the board after an election.

The five member board elects a board chairman, and a vice chairman to preside over each of their meetings. At each of their meeting that have the County Manager, and a County appointed attorney that provide input to the board members as needed. The county manager gives advice on the day-to-day operations, while the attorney provides legal advice.

I served on the Cabarrus County Youth Council this past year where we got to be in the government building and attend committee and regular meetings. I have also got to sit in on County Commissioners meetings and see how local government works. I have seen them set county ordinances or laws. I also got to see the public comments part of the meeting. This is where anyone in the county is allowed to speak to the commissioners on anything they want.

The board meets on the first Monday of every month at 4:00 pm for an agenda work session and on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm for a regular business meeting.

I hope to learn a lot more by attending the Youth Council Conference.