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On July 30, 2013 I had the opportunity to interview one of Durham County's Commissioners, Brenda Howerton. I learned a lot of things about County Commissioners' job responsibilities and about some specific issues in my own county. Commissioner Howerton was very open and gracious about talking with me.

County Commissioners serve a four year term, and in Durham County there are five county commissioners. Throughout the interview it was evident that that one of Commissioner Howerton's main focuses and concerns was our children and young people and their education. She brought up the excellent point that the children of this generation are the leaders, workers and citizens of the next generation. If our young people are not properly educated and prepared then they will have more difficulty getting a job as adults. She also talked about how almost every decision she has made has been tough, and all decisions are very serious. Most of the difficult choices have to do with development and trying to discern what is good environmentally and economically. Commissioner Howerton had heard of 4-H and was very aware of what it does and believes it is a great way for youth become more involved, which is what our county needs.

In conclusion, I learned a lot about county commissioners through this interview. Commissioner Howerton was very helpful and informative, and I now know another way to become involved in our counties decision-making.