

Interview with County Commissioner, Walter Marshall

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I've never really interviewed anyone but there's always a first time for everything. I hadn't met Walter Marshall or seen him in person. I wasn't nervous at all before the interview took place. Matter of fact I was somewhat excited. Meeting someone that takes a big role in my community is huge for me and I was interested in what he does as a county commissioner.

Interviewing Mr. Marshall made me feel like a business woman. I had my handy dandy notebook, pencil, and some background information that I already searched and printed out. He was really easy to talk to and he knew his information quit well too.

How long have you served on the board?

"Seventeen years. This is my 17th year serving as county commissioner."

Will you run for re-election when your current term expires?

"I'm debating on whether I should or shouldn't"

What are the biggest issues that citizens ask you about?

Mr. Marshall continued to say that all issues were generally asked about. Some such as the focus on education, taxes; because they are collected by the county, DSS (Department of Social Services); welfare, recession, food, and housing. These issues are normally seen throughout our county.

Were there any responsibilities that you weren't aware of when you ran for office?

"No. I've been active for a long time." Mr. Marshall has been active throughout the community for a along time now and was aware of the many different issues that he would soon face as the county commissioner.

What are the hardest decisions you've faced as a county commissioner?

Mr. Marshall continued to say that most of the decisions he had to make were generally hard for him especially when you realize when you absolutely cannot help someone. What Mr. Marshall does as a county commissioner is help people. When there is nothing you can do, its heart felt and there are some tough decisions he has to make.

I enjoyed speaking with the Forsyth County Commissioner, Walter Marshall. I learned what he does being in that role and I hope to learn so much more about a county commissioner's job. It seems interesting to do and Mr. Marshall seems to enjoy helping others.