

Application for NCACC Youth Summit 2013
County Commissioner Meeting

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Gates County

On June 5, 2013, I had the opportunity to attend the Gates County Board of Commissioners Meeting. Informing you we currently have five members on board. My district commissioner was Jack Owens, Vice Chairman, and Gatesville District. They serve four overlapping terms.

A few issues that were discussed were; The County felt that the need for a new library was not needed. A public comment was that there were two major leaks in the county. It was over 50 gallons leaking onto the road a day. The biggest issue that affects me was the sanitation department in the county, lacking funds.

I had the opportunity to interview Henry Jordan, Chairman. The main points he pointed out to me, was that they are chief elective officials for the county. They set policy for county employees. They are the local highest government. They are part time, a have to meet once a month by law. They have assembled by telephone and have special meetings. Their meetings are posted online for the citizens to see. The city manager works for the commissioner. The biggest point I saw he mentioning was they are direct over the tax department and set tax rates for citizens.

At the end of the interview, I asked Mr. Jordan what advice he would give to someone interested in seeking government office. He recommended to stay informed on local issues and concerns, attending County Commissioner meetings, and to read the local newspaper. The workings of the local government have always interested me. After hearing the issues discussed, and having the informative chance to discuss these topics. I look forward to attending meetings in the future. If given the chance to attend the Youth Summit, I would love to discover how other counties in North Carolina deal with similar concerns.



Regular Meeting of the Gates County
Board of County Commissioners
June 5, 2013 10:00am

- Prayer and Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
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- III. Agenda Adjustments
 - 2. Adjustments to the agenda and approval thereof
- IV. Delegations
 - 3. Delegations
 - a. Unannounced delegations
Please refer to the sign-in sheet for unannounced delegations/citizen comment
 - b. Announced delegations
None
- V. Administrative Reports
 - 4. Administrative Reports
 - a. County Manager's Report
 - b. Finance & Tax Reports
 - c. Personnel Report
 - d. Departmental Reports
 - e. Correspondence
 - f. Articles of Interest
 - g. County Calendar
- VI. Public Hearings
 - 5. Public Hearings:
None
- VII. Old Business
 - 6. Second Reading and Adoption of the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2013-2014
 - 7. Consideration of appointments to various Boards and Commissions
 - 8. Consideration of finalized Library Dedication Plaque

VIII. New Business

- 9. Consideration of a Request to surplus lawn maintenance equipment
- 10. Consideration of Budget Amendment 51 to reallocate capital funds for the sewer project
- 11. Consideration of Budget Amendment 52 to rectify payments to the volunteer fire departments from the previous fiscal year
- 12. Consideration of Budget Amendment 53 to reallocate water and sewer funds to close the fiscal year
- 13. Consideration of Budget Amendment 54 to reallocate general fund departments to close the fiscal year
- 14. Consideration of Budget Amendment 55 to reallocate solid waste funds to close the fiscal year
- 15. Consideration of Budget Amendment 56 to reallocate funds within the general fund for the Sheriff's Office ^{Budget Amendment 57 - DSS}
- 16. Consideration to allow employees to voluntarily, and individually participate in the NC Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan
- 17. Consideration of 2013 County Records Retention & Disposition Schedule
- 18. Consideration of a Request to support a pardon by the Governor for Mr. Eric Earhart

IX. Comments

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- a. Citizen Comments
- b. Commissioner Comments

X. Closed Session

Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) Economic Development, (a) (6) Personnel

XI. Adjournment