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Mike Felts, Granville County Manager

I decided for my essay I would interview our County Manager. Michael Felts is our newly elected county manager. I did not know him so that's why I decided to write my essay about him. The first question I asked Mr. Felts was, "What is the County Manager's role?" He replied to me saying that the County Manager's major duties included coordinating and supervising of county funded departments depending on the relationship between him and the Board of Commissioners. Attached to this essay is a chart that will better explain the relationship between them. In general, the county manager is responsible for ensuring all ordinances and policies of the board are implemented--making recommendations on business matters, recommending the annual budget, and keeping the board informed of the county's financial condition. All in all, the County Manager serves as budget officer, personnel officer, and the purchasing official.

The next question I asked him was, "How do you interact and report to county commissioners?" He said the Board appoints the County Manager, and he/she reports directly to the Board of Commissioners. I then asked him, "How does the annual budget process work?" He gave me a budget calendar and flow chart in which I also attached to this essay.

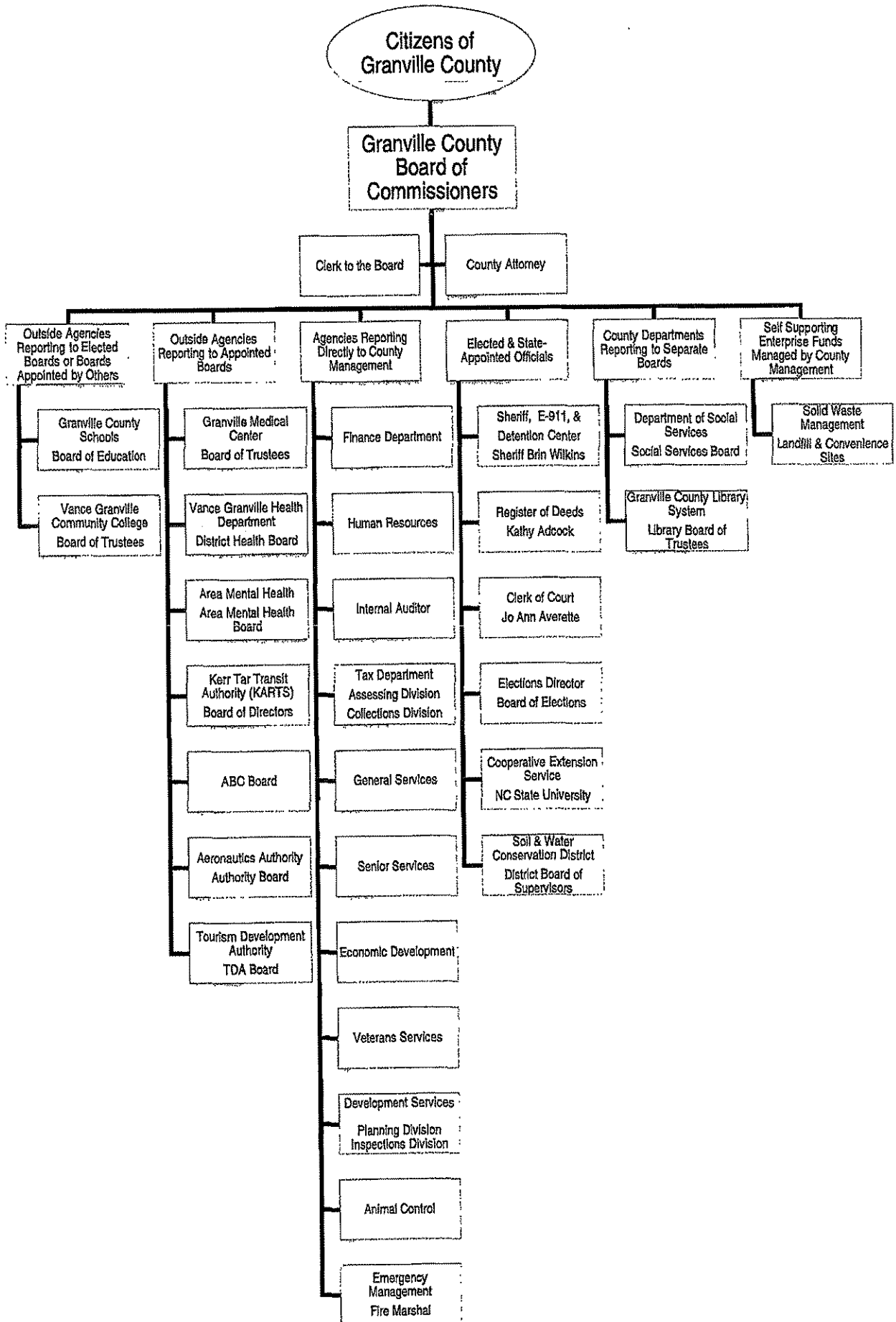
The next question we discussed was: "What county do you work close with when drafting a budget proposal?" I found out that he works mostly with the Finance Director, but Mr. Felts also works with the Board of Commissioners.

To get off the subject of County Manager roles, I asked him what were his views of 4-H. He told me that the 4-H program has a long history in Granville County and has a great impact on the youth of the county. Liking what I was hearing I decided to continue with my 4-H topic. I asked, "How do you think 4-H helps our youth?" He said that 4-H provides many valuable learning opportunities for youth and helps to build good character."

To wrap up my interview, I asked a question that comes up a lot. It was something I wanted to know what he thought about, and it was a good answer (in my opinion)! "What problems do you see in our youth today?" He seriously replied that the youth today have more activities to choose from, but not all

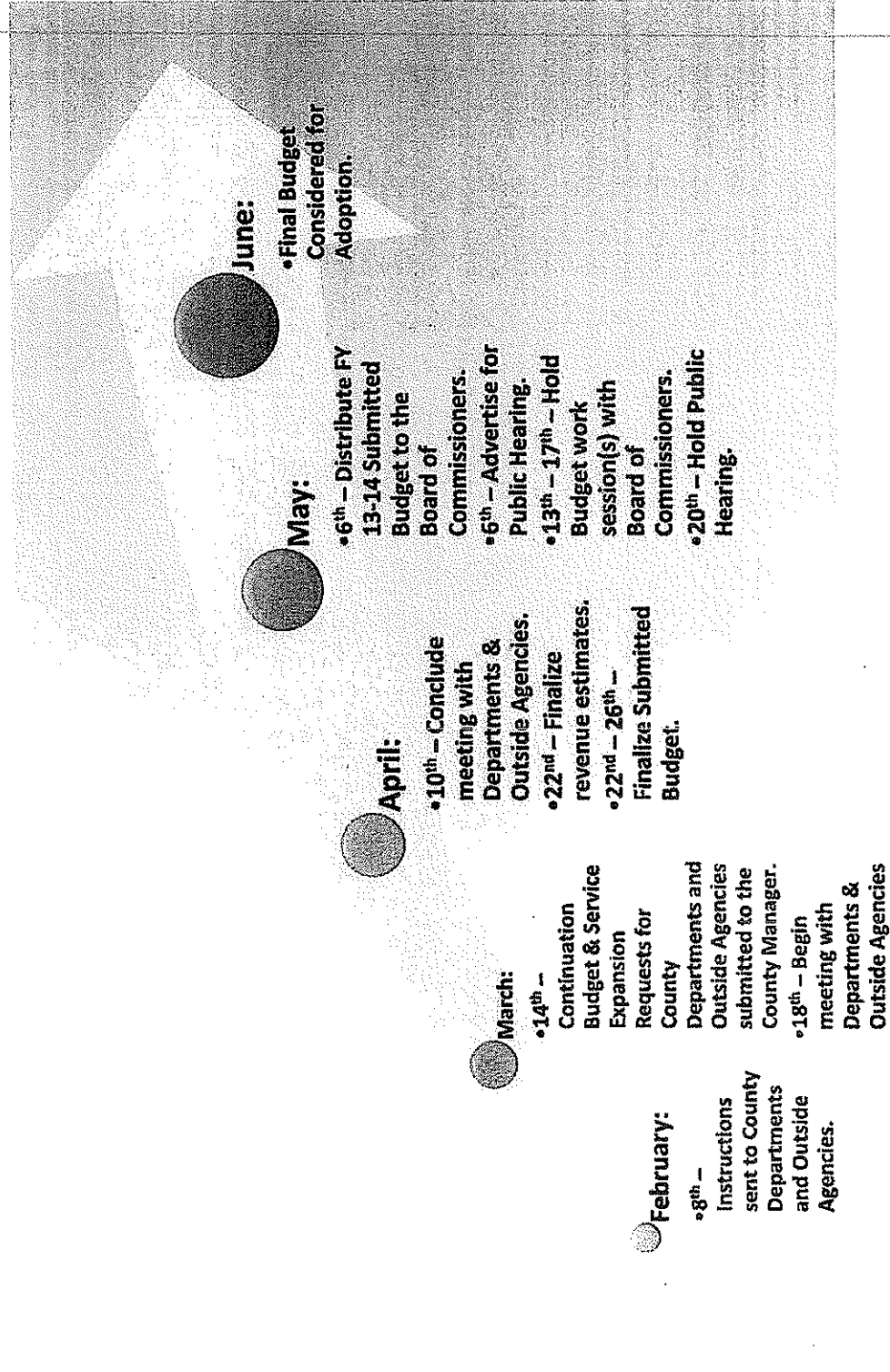
activities are productive. Youth today need to realize the benefits and opportunities, which are available to them and choose those activities that will build their character and help them achieve success in an ever-changing world.

# Granville County Government Organizational Chart



# Granville County Government Budget Calendar

## Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014



# Granville County Long-Term Financial Planning and Budget Process Flow Chart

