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Hyde County 4-H

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Meeting w/lt Hyde County Manager Mr. Bill Rich

Mr. Bill Rich, the Hyde County Manager, started work officially on March 1, 2013 but he is no stranger to Hyde County. Mr. Rich is an Ocracoke resident, but resides at his New Lake farm house during the week. He grew up in the New Lake family farm and attended Belhaven High School. He started a career in real estate, The Rich Company. He is excited to be the new County Manger and looks forward to serving his county.

As a County Manager, Mr. Bill Rich makes sure that all county offices operations are align with their objectives and policies. He manages all staff, oversees projects, produces reports and ensures proper financial procedures are in place. He reports to the Board of Commisloners. There are 5 Board of Commissioners; Mr. Barry Swindell, chair, Mr. Dick Tunnell, co-chair, Mr. Anson Bryd, Mr. Earl Pugh Jr. and Mr. John Fletcher. The Clerk to the Board and Hyde County Administrative Assistant is Ms. Lois Stotesberry. There is one Commissioners Meeting on the first Monday of each month. This is where Mr. Rich reports to the County Commisloners.

Mr. Rich works closely with the County Finance Director when it comes to working on the budget. This is Mr. Rich's first time ever doing the county budget. Each Department Head of each office submits a budget and presents it to Mr. Rich. Mr. Rich then looks over each budget carefully and makes cuts as needed. Then Mr. Rich presents the budget to the Board of Commissioners to get approved. The budget for this year has been approved.