

County Manager

A county manager has many duties and responsibilities. They have to work with the commissioners closely. A county manager's job is to deal with the budget. He has the responsibility to take care of the budget. Another one of his duties is to divide the budget into what the county needs. For instance all the schools. A certain amount of that budget has to go to the schools. Our county this year had a budget of 63 million dollars. Our county manager has to deal with these 63 million dollars and basically divide them into the needs. This questionnaire, that I asked, was kind of interesting. This is so because while I asked him who he worked closely with while doing the budget he answered that some places had their own financial agencies.

A county manager's job is also to report to the Commissioners. He works to the Commissioners comfort as I like to call it. This means that if the commissioners ask him to do something he has to do it. Another example of this could mean that if the Commissioners don't like him there is a chance he could get fired. This kind of ties in with the budget making, he also gets to work with every single employee from different counties. Most of their job deals outside of the office. Our County Manager said "If you don't go out and meet people you won't get very far". I think it's really true and that it is great advice.

His job is at the top. Although he reports to the Commissioners he has many people below him. Though no everyone reports to him he still has people. I'm in 4-H which is linked with NC State and Cooperative Extension and I am good friend with our agent so this lead me to liking one thing our County Manager said. He said that he, as County Manager, is in charge of about 50% of our agent's salary. I thought that was pretty funny, although it is serious business.

Meeting and talking to our County Manager was a huge experience for me and I think his job is pretty amazing.