

Interview with Wayne Vest, Moore County Manager
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1. What is the County Mangers' role?

The County Manager serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Moore County Government. In addition to carrying out the day-to-day management and administration of the County, the County Manager is responsible for implementing policies established by the Board of Commissioners, coordinating the work of all County agencies, and representing the County in dealings with other governmental units and agencies. The Manager's duties include preparing and presenting to the Board of Commissioners the proposed County of Moore budget, recommending new and revised policies and programs to the Board of Commissioners, and implementing policies, procedures, projects, programs, and services as directed by the Board of Commissioners.

2. How do you interact with the county commissioners?

We meet bi-monthly to discuss agenda items for commissioner's meetings. Most discussions are during budget preparations for the new fiscal year. I have to make sure we have a balanced budget. Other times, we meet as needed.

3. How do you report to the county commissioners?

I report to the commissioners by memo and at county meetings.

4. How does the annual budget process work?

The budget process begins in February. County departments submit departmental budgets to county finance. The county manger meets with school board, community college, and other county departments to discuss their budgets. The commissioners have a retreat in April to review budget recommendations. In May, all departments meet with the budget committee, a public hearing is held in May. Proposed budget submitted to Commissioners in June for their approval. They have two weeks in June to complete and make their decision to approve and adopt the budget that will take effect July 1.

5. What other county employees do you work with?

All county departments, Moore County Schools, and Sandhills Community College.

6. Do you work with state officials?

Not really, only though county commissioners

7. Tell me about yourself.

I grew up in Moore County and graduated from Union Pines High School. I attended NC State University and majored in textiles. I am married with two children. I have been employed with the County of Moore for several years as the Director of the tax department. I love Moore County and enjoy working for the people.

8. What is 3 key issues in Moore county do you want to work on?

Budget- spend less

Water needs are critical, especially in rural areas

Schools

Make sure county staff has tools/resources needed to work their best

9. When did you apply?

Did not apply for the position of county manager. When the former county manager retired November 30, 2012, I was asked to serve as interim. After three months, I was hired as full time manager March 19, 2013.

10. How long do you plan to stay?

A long time! I want to help in the county as long as I can.

11. Do you plan on being at the NCACC?

Maybe

Have you heard of NC 4-H?

Yes, love to see the youth involved in a great program like 4-H.