

Chase Hardison
Pamlico County 4-H
Youth Summit Commissioner Interview

My name is Chase Hardison. I am 14 years old and I am a resident of Pamlico County. I interviewed Mrs. Ann Holton and this is what I learned. The biggest challenge she faces is to try and meet the needs of the county and keep the tax rate low. She plans to stay as long as the voters want her and she has been in office for 10.5 years and is currently on her third term. She chose to take on this role because she had a desire to serve the county. She has worked in governmental programs for 25 years and with Pamlico for 10 years. She felt that experience would be useful to help serve the county. Two of her biggest accomplishments were building a new social services building and building a new jail. The biggest problem attempting to be solved currently is water pressure and water quality. She travels to Raleigh every other month because she serves on the board of directors on North Carolina's Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). She also serves on NCACC's risk management program, which is like insurance. Youth programs are something she thinks are most improved, especially the 4-H program and the Recreational department. In 5 years she doesn't really know what Pamlico County will be like but she think that Residential Development will increase and more jobs will be available in construction. I enjoyed my time with Mrs. Ann and she really helped expand my knowledge on the role as a county commissioner.