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County

For my report I did a telephone interview with County Manager Ms. Worth, and I asked her nine questions about her roles as the county manager.

1 .What is the County Manager's role?

I learned that the county manager serves as the chief executive and that she oversees county operations. While implementing Commission policies and officer preparing an annual operating budget. The position manages all departments under the Board of County Commissioners and coordinates government operations with Constitutional Officers.

2. How long have you served as County Manager?

Ms. Worth has served for eight years.

3 .How do you interact with and report to County Commissioners?

She interacts with and reports to the county commissioners by email, phone, and directly in meetings.

4. What are your priorities or what county issues are most important to you?

The county issues that are most important to her are the ones that will affect citizens well being such as social services and housing.

5. Are there any long term concerns that you have about our County? What role does the County Manager play in addressing those concerns?

A long term concern she has about our county is the ability to provide a sufficient number of jobs. She addresses her concerns by providing input in economic development.

6. What are the biggest issues that citizens ask you about?

The biggest issues citizens ask Ms. Worth about are jobs, transportation, and health concerns. Such as obesity, high rates in cancer, heart attack and stroke. From not eating healthy and getting enough exercise.

7. What are the hardest decisions you have faced as a County Manager?

The hardest decision Ms. Worth has faced as county manager is with the difficult budget do to lost money for commissioners.

8. Can you explain how the annual budget process works?

Plans are sent to each department then the departments decide and she works with the head of each of the twenty departments and agencies along with the board of commissioners.

9. What is the role of the county manager in relationship to the different townships? She works with them to start new plans and Warrenton is the only incorporated municipality with elected town administrators.

This interview taught me about the county that I live in and some of the concerns facing government officials.