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Alamance County Commissioner Tim Sutton was born in Burlington, North Carolina. Throughout his childhood, his family moved several times, living in Virginia, South Carolina, and Alabama, before returning to Burlington. He attended Campbell College before it became Campbell University. At first, he was undeclared, then decided to pursue a business degree. Later, he switched to philosophy. After college, Mr. Sutton got a job at a local bank. He's worked in North Carolina banks since then.

Sutton first became interested in county politics after attending a county meeting and listening to debates about school budgets. He was not happy with the way budgets were being cut when it came to education, so he ran for office and won the first time. One of the first things he did as a commissioner was challenge the school budgets and a school merger. Along with education, fiscal budgeting and management are a big deal to Mr. Sutton. One of his major concerns as a commissioner is insuring that the tax payer's dollar is well spent.

Over the years, Mr. Sutton has learned quite a bit from serving as a county commissioner. Since becoming a commissioner, he has become more studious and prepared to answer political questions, give his insight on political debates, and defend his beliefs on political topics. Mr. Sutton has served five terms on a county commissioner board, serving a total of twenty years at the end of 2014. He ran for a sixth term, and lost, though the loss has not caused him a great deal of upset. He says that he's given his best in the twenty years he has spent serving Alamance County, and he's grateful for every year he was able to do so.