

Duplin County Commissioner

Anita Powers, Attorney At Law

by Lauren Hardin

Anita Powers attended college at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte, North Carolina. She majored in Political Science and then moved on to Law School. She is now a successful attorney and county commissioner. That being said, she is very busy and I was honored that she was able to work my little interview into her schedule.

Serving as a county commissioner was not one of the things that Anita Powers added to her list of things to do. “It happened by happen stance, really.” Stated Mrs. Powers. What is ironic is her father served as a commissioner, as well!

Serving as a commissioner just fell into place for Mrs. Powers.

When a county commissioner resigned, Mrs. Powers started getting calls left and right, wanting her to consider the position! She was careful with her decision, however, and wanted to be absolutely sure she was able to dedicate the time require for the job. With her ideas and views for Duplin County, she felt like she was capable to handle the job.

Mrs. Powers wants Duplin County to flourish. She wants this to be a place people can call home. If someone leaves Duplin County, it should be the kind of place where they crave to return. It should not be a place where people leave and never come back.



Mrs. Powers views economic development as a major issue for Duplin County. Economic development is necessary for everything in the county to thrive and flourish. If the funds for something aren't there, then they just aren't there! Mrs. Powers says, "You have to work with what you already have." She wants to see Duplin County take what they have and make it into something even better. Now that sounds familiar, to make the best better is the 4-H motto. Yes, Mrs. Powers was in 4-H!

She believes that recreation is an issue for Duplin County, as well. The youth need good, productive things in which to participate. Mrs. Powers says that 4-H is an example of the type of activity in which the youth should take part. Other suggestions were to volunteer at a soup kitchen or donate to a food bank. To give back and not be self-centered, in hopes that when the day comes and the youth are in charge the county will continue to be productive.

With Mrs. Powers serving along with our other commissioners, Duplin County can be sure that they are in capable hands. Mrs. Powers wants the best for her county. Though she has faced challenges, she says that she has thoroughly enjoyed serving as a commissioner and will continue to do so! It was an inspiration to meet Commissioner Anita Powers, Attorney At Law, a former 4-Her' who has successfully followed her dreams and dedicates her time and talents to service our community.