



## NACACC Youth Summit

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## **North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Youth Summit**

My name is Hannah Pilgreen an Edgecombe County 4-H'er. I am excited about attending the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Youth Summit in Asheville, North Carolina in mid-August. As a part of my preparation for the summit attended one of my own county commissioners meetings, met our County Manager, Lorenzo Carmon and toured the county's administration building where lots of county government endeavors take place.

On Monday August 4, 2014 I had the privilege to attend Edgecombe county's commissioners meeting as well as meet two county commissioners, Rev. Wayne Hines and Mrs. Evelyn Powell who will be attending their state conference along with me. The meeting was a unique experience and very informational.

The meeting started off with an opening remark, prayer and the past minutes were read. Following the opening, Dr. Deborah Lamm from Edgecombe Community College was called up to present Edgecombe Community College's request for an additional budget appropriation from the county. Dr. Lamm asked for \$75,000 for utilities, security, etc. In the meeting prior to this one, the board decided to raise the taxes approximately 3 cents to provide more income into the county rather than closing down the Department of Social Services in Rocky Mount, NC. A couple of the board members were trying their best to find a way to meet Edgecombe Community College's request while a couple other members were set on the fact that there was no money available to meet their request at this present time. The board then decided that they could not meet Edgecombe Community College's request and the request was denied.

Following Edgecombe Community College's proposal, Mrs. Lyndaker, the Tax Administrator, presented the 2013 Annual Settlement. While the taxes were being presented they thought they had found around \$75,000 extra that could go to Edgecombe Community College but they couldn't find it. During this discussion Wooten made a motion to move \$75,000 from foreclosure to Edgecombe Community College. The board briefly discussed and voted. The motion failed due to a tied vote.

As I was driving home I asked myself what I would have voted or what would I have proposed be done about the situation. I thought about the importance and benefits that Edgecombe Community College brings to Edgecombe county. I also took into account that the \$75,000 was not available, but what if there was a portion of that available? What if they could have taken less than \$75,000 from foreclosure? No, it might not be all that Edgecombe Community College asked for, but it is better than nothing. I know the Edgecombe Community College family would have left with some hope rather than their heads down in despair if they had received some of what they hoped going into the meeting. This motion of giving them a partial amount could have potentially solved the problem or at least shown Edgecombe Community College that Edgecombe county does support them and their needs.

# Touring Around Edgecombe Co. Administration Building



**Met Rev. Hines, Edge.  
County Commissioner prior to the  
August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

## Touring Around the Co. Administration Building



**Co. Manager, Mr. Lorenzo Carmen shares his thoughts about Edgecombe County's economy plight and the county budget.**



**Discovered how the new State DMV changes will help with the county DMV collections and generate budget revenues.**



**The Board of Election is where it all begins for an individual to become a Commissioner.**

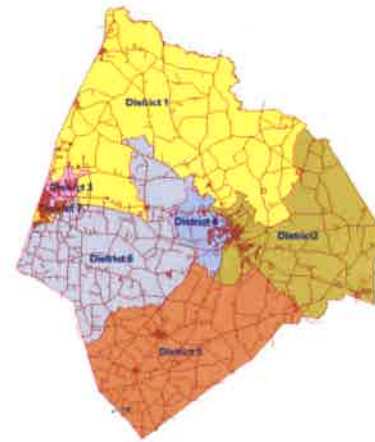




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