

Youth Voice 2014
Fifth Annual NCACC Youth Summit

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On July 21, 2014 the day I interviews Howard Hunter, past president of the board I asked him a few questions to learn about everything he does.

Question: How long have you served on the Board? Will you run for re-election when your current term expires?

He has served for 10 years, and he will not re-run because he was elected to the House of Representatives.

Questions: What are your local priorities, or what county issues hold the most importance to you?

His local priorities include managing peoples money and workforce development. He also has served as the past president of the NCACC, and served on the athletic association in Hertford County.

Question: Are there long-term concerns you have about our county? What role does the Board of Commissioners play in addressing those concerns?

Mr. Howard's long-term concerns are tax rate, and infrastructure. His role in addressing the concerns is to advocate for the DOT, and also expressed that more businesses the less taxes, and the less businesses the more taxes.

Question: What are the biggest issues that citizens ask you about?

Citizen issues include that there is nothing recreational, to much tax rate and not enough jobs in Hertford County so that citizens don't have to travel out of county to work.

Question: What are some of the responsibilities for county governments that you were not aware of when you ran for office?

Mr. Howard was aware of the responsibilities before he ran for office.

Question: What are the hardest decisions you've faced as a county commissioner?

The hardest decisions faced for Mr. Howard are standing along on something that was right and something we did but didn't have a choice. He quotes that it is "Better to walk alone then walk with a crowd in the wrong direction"

I learned a lot during my interview and also experienced a county commissioners meeting on August 4, 2014 where I was able to see first hand the role the county commissioners play in the community and how they have an impact on the citizens of Hertford County.