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Rowan County

South Central District

On July 7, 2014, my Mom and I attended our county commissioner's meeting. It was held in the county administrative building on Innes Street. Before the meeting I got to go back into the area where the county commissioners each have an office. I shook hands with commissioners Jim Sides and Chad Mitchell. Then I interviewed Mike Caskey, one of our Rowan commissioners. I recorded the interview and it was interesting.

He said he had been interested in government since he was young.

He said he thought everyone would like to be in charge, but found that most people didn't!

Some months it takes 10 hours a week to be a commissioner, but some weeks it takes a lot more. They get about \$16,000 a year to be a commissioner.

I asked about the new school central office, and the mall purchase and he explained that he was in favor of the office to get it over with and that the mall would help with a lot of storage and also a new regional 911 backup center for Rowan, Davidson and Davie Counties.

I asked his favorite places to eat, and it was Mumbo Grill and Thelmas!

At the meeting, the citizens talked about issues like the Duke Power cleanup of the coal ash ponds and how it is affecting their lives; the housing authority chair; and the leaving of the Salisbury city manager. I knew some of the people that spoke. They had three minutes each to talk.

There was an agenda to follow and they talked about the Veterans Home in Spencer that didn't work out, and how to sell it. Also they read out a bunch of names to be on different committees and boards. Then they appointed a delegate to NCACC! It was Mike Caskey! Also, Mr. Gary Page will go because Mr. Caskey has to leave early to go back to his regular job as policeman.

After the meeting, we went up and met Mr. Page, and he said he would look for me at the Youth Summit.