

Interview with Wayne County Commissioner, Ray Mayo

I met with County Commissioner Ray Mayo at his workplace in Wayne County. He is the Commissioner of the largest district in the County made up of mainly rural communities. Commissioner Mayo has been in this position for about 2 ½ years. He chose to run for this office because of his love of Wayne County and his dedication to do everything he could to serve the people of this great County. It took a lot of hard work and cost a lot of money and perseverance even to run for this office.

He emphasized again that the most enjoyable part of his job is serving the people of Wayne County. Everyone has different motives for running for office. He does not like to be called a politician; he is a public servant.

Unfortunately, the hardest part of his job is trying to compromise with the other commissioners about different issues. Whether it is about policies to do with raising taxes or passing a budget it gets rough when everyone is arguing their point. As a commissioner, one of the best things you can have is common sense and consistency. He also said that common sense is not as common as it used to be. Being sure of your beliefs and opinions is important in a position of leadership. He says, "You're not going to satisfy everyone but you can do the best for the majority."

Mr. Mayo mainly works with the County Manager and the other County Commissioners but he tries to be active in the County and interact often with the citizens. He also works with the Education Department and is involved with the construction of two new school buildings in our county. He is also concerned about getting more jobs for the citizens of Wayne County.

What Commissioner Mayo does influences everyone in the County and surrounding Counties.

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