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On the twenty first of July I attended the Yadkin County commissioner's meeting. Before the meeting I had the opportunity to interview a county commissioner and find out his views and takes on some things. I interviewed David Moxley, who is the vice chairman of Yadkin County board.

Mr. Moxley has lived in Yadkin County all his life and has a wife and two kids that were both in 4-H when they were younger. His daughter has won on state level with presentations, his son has judged dairy cows and both his son and daughter have showed livestock. They started out with sheep and then moved on to showing pigs and then ended with beef cows. Mr. Moxley also voiced his opinions on speaking presentations and said that they have helped his daughter excel in the line of work that she does. Mr. Moxley feels that 4-H and the livestock program has made his children better-rounded and showed them how to take on responsibility so that when they got older they had a better work ethic.

When Moxley was asked what had influenced him to run for county commissioner, he replied that he was a retired high school teacher of 30 years and wanted to get more involved in the county government since he had more time on his hands.

I then asked him what county issues hold the most importance to him and he told me that this was probably the one that he was proud of that has happened while he has been in office. The taxes have been lowered 6 % and they have cut back on county budget but no job positions have been cut.

Some of the biggest issues that the citizens ask him about are lowering the taxes, lowering the fire taxes and lowering the home owner's insurance rates.

I asked him what some of the responsibilities for the county government were that he was not aware of when he ran and he told me that he didn't realize how many non-profit organizations were funded by the county and then he said that he didn't know how long it was to pass something. They have been working on a project for three years. This project is building a building for Yadkin Campus of Surry Community College. It will have spaces for many offices such as 4-H, Soil and Water, Forestry, and large meeting rooms. The reason it has taken so long is the fact that they have had to get land, and loans.

When asked about the meetings he said that they use Roberts's rules of order for small board. They have five members on their board. Most of the meeting runs smooth with no arguing or major disagreements. He said that this group of men has been the best to work with.

I asked him how long he has served on the board and he has served for six years. He is finishing his second four year term. I asked him if he was planning on running for re-elections when his current term expires, he commented that if he and his wife continue in good health, that he would run for re-election.

I could tell that Mr. Moxley was very passionate about being a county commissioner, and that he really cares about many things and seeing if he can help fix them and make them better.

