

My name is Alana Jones. I am sixteen years old, and I represented Greene County at the 2014 Youth Summit in Raleigh. I was not originally chosen as our representative, but filled in at the last minute. I enjoyed my trip immensely. I learned so much about county commissioners and their job descriptions and roles in the community.

For my report, I chose to interview the Manager of Greene County, Mr. Richard Hicks. Mr. Hicks has been serving as the part time county manager for 18 months. Prior to his job as the County Manager, he served for 22 years as the Town Manager of Farmville, and has served for 32 total years in local government. The overall role of the county manager is the administration of the county to manage the budget and the county's employees. The County Manager prepares the budget and presents it to the commissioners on June 1. While formulating the budget, he will meet with the 17 department heads of Greene County, and collects their forms and individual budgets. With each individual budget, the manager is able to create the overall budget.

The County Manager interacts with the commissioners on a daily basis, whether it be face to face, on the phone, or at the commissioner meetings. He also works closely with all 17 department heads, and the county finance officer. Mr. Hicks said that for him personally, his hardest decision was dealing with the personnel. He thinks its extremely hard when it effects the employees life, such as if firing people when necessary.