

Elizabeth Kenney

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North Central District

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Linda H. Massey, Alamance County Commissioner, grew up in Alamance County where she participated in 4-H activities for youth. She did outstanding in college, where she graduated as Summa Cum Laude from NC Central University. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a concentration in Public Administration.

After college, Linda started out on her way into the work force. She was a Haw River Council member for six years and later was the Haw River Mayor for four years. In addition to working at Haw River, Linda was a Real Estate Broker and was a Medical Records Supervisor in the Orange County Health Department. By serving as a council member and as Mayor for Haw River, Linda had great experience holding an office and says that she knew exactly what was expected of her when she ran for County Commissioner.

Linda ran for the office of County Commissioner in 2008 and won. She later was re-elected in 2012 and is currently completing her fifth year as County Commissioner. As a County Commissioner, Linda is greatly involved in various organizations and serves on the board for the Committee for Alamance County Sesquicentennial Celebration; Board of Directors of Haw River Historical Museum, Past President of the Haw River Recreation Association, Past President of Women's Division Area Chamber of Commerce, Past President Board of Directors Cone Mills Credit Union.

Throughout the years, Linda says that the most important issue to her would be taxes. She is concerned with lowering taxes for the local citizens in Alamance and taxes is the biggest subject matter residents come in to see her for. Correspondingly, the hardest decisions Linda has had as a County Commissioner is debating whether or not to raise taxes. Nevertheless, Linda and the other County Commissioners work hard to find the right balance in order to benefit Alamance County to the greatest. In the end, Linda says even though being a County Commissioner is no easy job, it is a very rewarding one too.