

## NCACC 2015 Youth Summit Essay

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What does our county manager do? Our County manager does lots of things, she is a key part in our county government system. Our county manager oversees everyday problems that the county commissioners cannot handle or make decisions right away. She is in charge of hearing out our head of departments. What are the head of departments? Our county complex is divided in to many different departments, and in charge of those departments are the head of departments. One person is in charge for each department he/she run that specific department. The head of departments report to the county manager with their different problems or anything dealing with that specific department. After the county manager has heard from of the departments she takes and reports to the county commissioners, who will then make certain decisions for different departments. Such as budget issues, supplies, and anything else dealing with that department. Some departments require more money than others because they have special operations such as social services, they have to have extra money for these special operations. The county commissioners also give the head of

departments their budgets for the year, different departments require different amounts of money some more some less. Who does our county manager work closely with? Our county manager works closely with our financial director. What is a financial director? A financial director handles all of our money issues she gives the different departments the money for their budgets. The county manager and financial director together start planning our annual budget process. The annual budget process is a set amount of money that we as a county spend/save. The annual budget process is a seven month that goes through a lot of discussion and consideration. The county manager and financial director can start planning the annual budget process up to ten years in the future. The county manager and county commissioners are constantly in touch with each other through email, phone calls and texting. Our county commissioners and county managers all play a key role in our county government system and without them things wouldn't run as smoothly as they do today.