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For this report on Greene County's County Manager I had the pleasure of interviewing Kyle DeHaven. Mr. DeHaven has been at this job since February of this year, and says that he "enjoys it greatly".

The county managers role is to work at the "pleasure" of the county commissioners. Basically he makes the budget for the county and is an Administrative Executive. Specific tasks that a county manager must complete are the budget, contracts, and other physical responsibilities. He is required to make sure that no one goes over budget on any circumstances because it "is the taxpayers money."

Interacting and reporting to the county commissioners is a very important part in making sure that the different departments get the amount of funding departments get the amount of funding that is needed to keep their programs running. Mr. DeHaven keeps in touch with Greene County's Commissioners by calling them informally every day that he is in the office. He does this to keep them in the loop with any of his plans and also to see if they would like to see them. Formally, he attends the county commissioner meetings twice a month. The commissioners are essential to making sure the budget gets passed.

The annual budget process is the process in which every county must come up with the amount of money that they need for the up coming year. In February, the county manager asks the department heads for their budget for the year. Even though this is what they need he must go through the requested budget and make changes as needed.

Next the manager must take the changed budgets to the county commissioners and make sure they are balanced. Finally the Commissioners have a public hearing to put the budget into local law.

People who the County Manager work closely with are the Department heads and are the county commissioners. There are around twenty department heads and five commissioners that he must keep in contact with.