

My interactions with county government are greatly different from each interaction to each interaction. All of these interactions have been nothing but positive, but they do vary from being very casual to business professional standards. In April of this year I was involved in an altercation in which I was attacked, when I was taken to the police station (To identify the attackers) I actually met my county commissioner Glen Webb. I recently saw Mr. Webb again and he asked and checked up on how I was doing since then. Recently I also interviewed Mr. Webb and gained his opinion on several parts of his job. We discussed how his decisions affect almost 180,000 people and that this not only weighs greatly on his conscious and how he decides how to make any decisions.

Mr. Webb has had a 16 year career with the City of Greenville, beginning as a police officer and having a five year political career. Mr. Webb is currently in office and is the president elect for the NCACC and will be put into office this year. Mr. Webb will also be in office until 2018 when he will either run for re-election or continue his career in a different direction.

At the Board of Commissioners meeting I attended there were several topics discussed and voted upon. The meeting was held at six PM, and was scarcely attended. The meeting was started by congratulating three Boy Scouts of America who were being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. After some short formalities then began the more intense subjects including discussion of funding, payment of trust bonds, and the idea of building new buildings at the local community college.

There was also an update on the attempt to remove a mysterious odor from the local jailhouse, which has been a problem for almost eight years now. There have been many different forms of fixture, ranging from air specialists to replacing carpet. There was also the 2016 Tax Administration Schedule of Values. This new schedule of values was made public earlier in the year to be audited by locals and government officials. The website hosting the new schedule of values also includes a Q&A section, a short presentation to explain what a schedule of values is, as well as a public forum for new questions.

Finally the meeting ended just after the discussion of the NCACC returning to Pitt County, and how they have been preparing for it since last year. Pitt County hosted the NCACC State Meeting last in 2010, which is a relatively short amount of time between general hosting. After the meeting ended I began talking to one of the men who had spoken during a public hearing. We were discussing how difficult it is for many citizens who either work full time or even part time to attend these meetings, which are held either at six in the evening or ten in the morning.

I find that The Board of Commissioners meetings are very diverse and are something that every tax payer should attend, assuming that they are able to do so. County Government plays a great role in day to day life for many citizens, even if they do not quite realize it.