

## NCACC Youth Summit Report

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Seven year County Commissioner Jennifer Jordan believes that sometimes your greatest inspiration comes from someone with ill intent. Ms. Jordan is a graduate from East Carolina University, and is a Warren County native. She was recommended for the commissioner position by her cousin. Ms. Jordan agreed to take the position, because she wanted to change the dynamics of the board. She reflected more of women under the age of forty with children. Ms. Jordan ran a completely successful campaign and won the primary in 2008 and was officially installed in December. However, being a county commissioner has its challenges. You have to learn to be more flexible, learn to deal with varying personalities, and learn how to be completely responsible, conscious, and mindful. Due to Ms. Jordan having a family, she often deals with a lot of her time being consumed and having to learn to stretch her salary a long way. Ms. Jordan never lets her challenges stop her from being the best candidate for the job. Through her county commissioner experience, Ms. Jordan has gotten to engage a lot more with the community. As well as being more involved she has also gained lots of networking opportunities. In conclusion, you could look at Ms. Jordan as being a well grounded, responsible woman who is taking on great challenges while being a commissioner. For the seven years she has served, and the future years she will serve Ms. Jordan will continue to help balance out the county and changing it for the better.