

November 4, 2024

Ten years ago today on 11-4-2014, I was elected to serve as commissioner for the 3rd district of our beloved Sampson County. I have taken great pride in representing the fine folks of District 3. During the entirety of these ten years, I have served as either chair or vice chair.

I was asked to run for this position, and I approached the job with absolutely no agenda other than serving the county to the best of my ability. We all know that high taxes are not conducive to attracting new businesses and also break the backs of our existing businesses and other property owners. During my term, I am proud to say that we have reduced property taxes in two budgets while continuing to fund requests from our departments. On another note, we were able to reduce the county's debt considerably without extending the life of the loans. Also, excellent fiscal management by our staff and board has enabled the county to grow its fund balance to a healthy position.

Speaking of staff, Sampson County has been blessed with incredible personnel that give their all in keeping the county running successfully. Their help has been invaluable, and they are much appreciated.

Over these ten years, there are many issues that we have faced, and I am happy to say that I have worked for Sampson County as an elected official, not a politician. I made my decisions based on what I felt was the best for the whole county and staff. Fun Fact: Tonight is the 120th monthly meeting since that November 4th election, and I have perfect attendance. In reality, the monthly meetings are only the tip of the iceberg for the time that is required to do this job. While I pat myself on the back for this, that is not what I pride myself most on. As an avid sports fan, I will use the term, "I left it all on the field." meaning I have given this job everything I have.

It is only fitting that I choose this date to tender my resignation to be effective on November 30th. To all of my supporters and encouragers, I cannot thank you enough. Your faith in me has made it easy to drown out the noise! And to my family, I owe a huge debt of gratitude for your love and support these ten years.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve, and I pray for God's blessings on Sampson County.

Respectfully yours,

Sue Lee
Vice Chair