

Robert L. "Bob Woodard Sr.  
Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners  
Biography

As a young surfer, Woodard began visiting Dare County and immediately fell in love with the area's natural beauty and laid-back atmosphere. Woodard invested in his first property in Kill Devil Hills in 1968, and he and his wife, Linda, moved to the area permanently in 1995.

Before retirement in 2022, Woodard had a distinguished 45-year professional career assisting business owners and their employees with their insurance needs. He most recently served as vice president of Towne Insurance, providing strategic direction for clients in eastern North Carolina.

Woodard has been committed to public service — "paying his civic rent" — since he ran for president of the United States Jaycees in the late 1970s. His public service continued after he moved to the Outer Banks and became involved with the Town of Kill Devil Hills, serving as a Kill Devil Hills commissioner from 1999 to 2001 and as mayor pro tem from 2006 to 2011.

While serving as Dare County commissioner and as chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners, Woodard has brought his passion for identifying creative solutions and developing meaningful and cost-effective programs. He led the effort to bring a new College of The Albemarle campus to Dare County and to establish the Dare Guarantee Scholarship that enables local students to attend the college for free.

Woodard serves as a trustee for the College of The Albemarle, chairman of the Emergency Management "Senior Leaders," and as member of the Capital Improvements Planning Committee, Roanoke Island Historical Association, Dare Bombing Range Advisory Council, 5 on 5 Committee with the Board of Education and the Dare Housing Task Force.

He and his wife, Linda, have two sons and four grandchildren. They enjoy traveling the East Coast in their recreational vehicle while exploring new areas.