

**Democracy in Action**  
**Pennington County Commission Candidate Questionnaire**

2008 Election Season

- While Pennington County contains the second largest city in South Dakota, much of the county is rural. What qualifications do you think are necessary for a County Commissioner to serve both the urban and rural populations successfully? Do you have those qualifications? Explain.
- The concept of “smart growth” has been adopted in many cities across the United States. What are your feelings about planning, zoning and “smart growth” in Pennington County? Please be specific.
- Should churches be used as polling places? If so, should any restrictions be placed on them?
- Black-footed ferret re-introduction, prairie dogs, ranchers and cattle are still front page stories in the county. Where do you stand on this complicated issue? Please be specific.
- The City of Rapid City has proposed that septic tanks be inspected and permitted every three years, and has extended its proposal to portions of Pennington County outside the Rapid City limits. Do you support this policy? Why or why not?
- As our population increases, how can Pennington County fund the increasing costs of law enforcement and fire protection to keep our citizens safe? Please be specific.
- Do you have close friendships, familial relationships or business relationships with any local, county or state real estate developers or construction companies? If yes, which ones? How will you, as a Pennington County Commissioner, deal fairly with those people?

The Pennington County Commission meets twice a month on Tuesday mornings. Most of the citizens of Pennington County work during the day and cannot attend meetings. Would you support a change to evening or weekend meetings to allow more citizens access to the commission? Why or why not?