

# Adams County Commissioners Candidate Questions

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**Campaign statements often include "lower taxes," but, as costs increase, how do you prioritize realistic choices?**

Public safety, education, and economic development are my top priorities. People need to feel safe in their community. High-quality education for all students is essential. Increased economic activities will provide the funding required to achieve these goals. I prefer to generate revenue with economic activity rather than just taxing property. Economic activity helps spread the costs out equally, controlling tax increases.

**What is your vision for the growth and development of Hastings/Adams County businesses and industries?**

I see many positive changes in our community. Working together to remove barriers to new opportunities with grants and low-interest or no-interest loans. TIF financing will encourage new entrepreneurs to bring in new projects. Loan forgiveness plans to help existing businesses expand.

**Are there any additional areas of potential cooperation between county government and other local government entities that you would support?**

I would improve communication with rural areas and the Hastings area. Many of the programs could benefit rural areas.

**As an elected leader, how will you help to shape a positive, growth-oriented narrative for the Hastings community?**

Positive, open communication creates a comfortable environment to encourage more people to participate. I encourage people to be involved in meetings and voice their ideas. I would share ideas and offer assistance with this process.



**What experience(s) or education do you have that would better prepare you for this position?**

My time on the Village of Juniata board of trustees gave me experience in many areas of the day-to-day operation of local government.