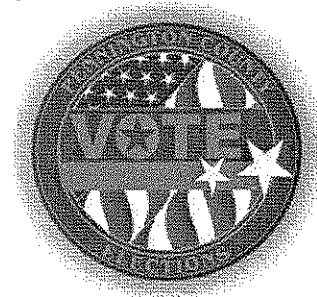


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December 10, 2009

Pauline Sumption  
City of Rapid City  
300 6th Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Combined Election Agreement for Primary Election of June 8, 2010

Dear Pauline:

Enclosed please find a Combined Election Agreement for the City of Rapid City for the upcoming Primary Election to be held on June 8, 2010. If you desire to participate in a combined election with Pennington County, please insert the date your Board met and authorized the combined election, sign and return the Combined Election Agreement to me.

January 1, 2010 is the first day a candidate may begin petition circulation for the Primary Election, and I would like to begin accumulating information. Please provide a current list of your elected officials and which offices are up for re-election in 2010. Please return this information to me even if you decline to combine your election with Pennington County, so that I am able to provide accurate information to callers.

If you will be combining your election with Pennington County for the Primary Election, I will be asking for certification of your ballot information after the petition filing deadline (March 30, 2010) so as to confirm the offices, terms, and spelling of names of candidates in your district.

If you choose not to combine your election with Pennington County, please call me or email me at [loris@co.pennington.sd.us](mailto:loris@co.pennington.sd.us) to inform me of your choice and to provide the list of your current elected officers, who is up for re-election and the term of the office.

Please call me if you have any questions at (605) 721-5532. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Severson".

Lori Severson, CERA  
Election Supervisor  
Enclosure



**COMBINED ELECTION AGREEMENT**  
City of Rapid City and Pennington County

This agreement is entered into between City of Rapid City, hereinafter referred to as the "City", and Pennington County, hereinafter referred to as the "County", both governmental subdivisions of the State of South Dakota, for the purpose of conducting a combined election as provided under the provisions of SDCL 13-7-10.3 and 12-2-5.

The acting Board of the City of Rapid City approved combining their City election with the Pennington County Primary Election at its regular meeting on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_. Both entities are in agreement to hold a combined election with the Pennington County Auditor's Office conducting said election in those precincts for the areas of the City of Rapid City located in Pennington County. The City authorizes the staff of the Pennington County Auditor's Office to handle and tabulate the City ballots in those precincts and to forward the returns to the City Finance Officer.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This agreement shall become effective on the date that all parties have signed the agreement.

**PURPOSE:** It is the purpose of this agreement for the parties to conduct their individually required elections in one combined election. The combined election will be held on *June 8, 2010*, which is the date of the State of South Dakota, Pennington County Primary Election.

**COST SHARING:** The parties to this agreement shall share the costs of the combined election as set forth herein or a minimum of \$100, which ever is more:

The City shall initiate, publish and pay for its own required notices. SDCL 9-13-6 or 9-13-40 & 5:02:04:06; 13-7-5 & 5:02:04:14 and/or 13-7-10.2:

1. Notice of Vacancies/Time & Place of Election.

The County shall initiate and publish the following required notices with costs shared between combined entities:

1. Notice of Voter Registration Deadline;
2. Notice of Combined Election;
3. Notice of Testing of Automated Voting Equipment;
4. Publication of Sample Ballot.

The County shall layout the ballot from the information provided by the City. The City shall provide a Certificate of Ballot certifying offices, terms, spelling of candidate names, and language to be placed on the ballot.

The City agrees to reimburse the County on a cost-share basis for the costs of ballot stock, printing, programming, absentee costs, rent, publications, postage, precinct boards, supplies and temporary/full time staff.

**ABSENTEE/EARLY BALLOTS:** Absentee/Early Ballots shall be available at the Office of the County Auditor for voters in the precincts in Pennington County who wish to vote absentee or early. Absentee costs including postage and forms will be assessed on a cost per absentee voter per district basis.

**RUN-OFF ELECTION AND/OR RECOUNT:** All costs for a run-off election will be borne fully by the entity requiring a run-off and will include Auditor's and staff wages. All costs for a recount will be borne fully by the entity requiring a recount and will include Auditor's and staff wages.

**RECORDS RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION:** Pennington County shall maintain official election records as required for federal elections for 22 months.

**CANVASSING OF THE VOTE:** The County shall forward copies of the precinct-by-precinct Unofficial Returns the day after the Election. Unofficial Returns will be available the night of the election. Provisional ballots are not evaluated or counted until the day the Provisional Ballot Counting Board meets which is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2010. After which meeting, the Auditor will provide Official Returns on June 10, 2010. Each entity shall perform its own official canvass.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

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Julie A. Pearson, Auditor  
Pennington County

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 in \_\_\_\_\_, South Dakota.

(SEAL)

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Pauline Sumption  
Assistant Finance Officer  
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