

Appendix J - Part 1: Community Activism Summary

Dickinson County Survey - Demographics

# Responses	% Response	Years of Residency
101	10.36%	0-4
85	8.72%	5-9
84	8.62%	10-14
44	4.51%	15-19
661	67.79%	20+
975	100.00%	

RESIDENCY

# Responses	% Response	Residency Status
711	68.50%	Permanent
10	0.96%	Temporary
60	5.78%	Indefinite
257	24.76%	No Response
1038	100.00%	

* Note: Some couples divided term of residency into individual status. Hence, more responses than surveys received.

ACTIVISM

# Responses	% Response	
840	80.92%	Have or plan to retire in Dickinson County.
198	19.08%	Do not plan to retire in Dickinson County.
1038	100.00%	
411	39.60%	Regularly participate in community services or civic projects.
627	60.40%	Do not regularly participate in community service or civic projects.
1038	100.00%	
876	84.39%	Vote in local elections.
162	15.61%	Do not vote in local elections.
1038	100.00%	
903	86.99%	Vote in state / national elections.
135	13.01%	Do not vote in state / national elections.
1038	100.00%	
181	17.44%	Have served as elected officials.
857	82.56%	Have not served as elected officials.
1038	100.00%	

# Responses	% Response	
426	41.04%	Are active volunteers in the community.
612	58.96%	Are not active volunteers in the community.
1038	100.00%	
521	50.19%	Grew up in Dickinson County.
517	49.81%	Did not grow up in Dickinson County.
1038	100.00%	
760	73.22%	Grew up or Have lived on a farm.
278	26.78%	Did not grow up or live on a farm.
1038	100.00%	
766	73.80%	Are confident in Dickinson County's future.
272	26.20%	Are not confident in Dickinson County's future.
1038	100.00%	

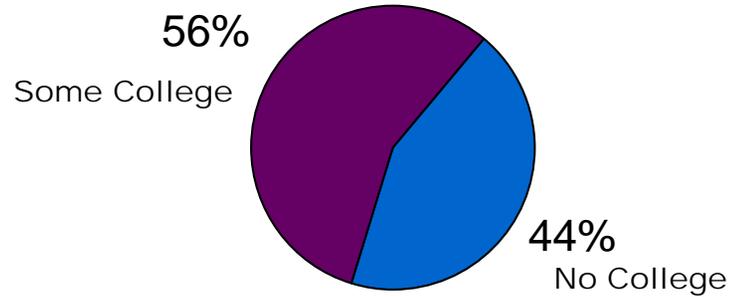
Appendix J - Part 1: Education Level Summary

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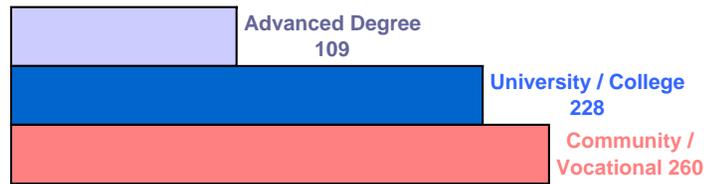
# Responses	% Response	
18	1.70%	Grade/Middle School
429	40.47%	High School
16	1.51%	GED
260	24.53%	Community/Vocational
228	21.51%	University/College
109	10.28%	Advanced Degrees

43.68% NO COLLEGE
56.32% SOME COLLEGE
 100.00%

Education Level



Number of Dickinson County Citizens By Education Level



Education Level

* Data includes those who participated at any level and/or obtained that type of degree



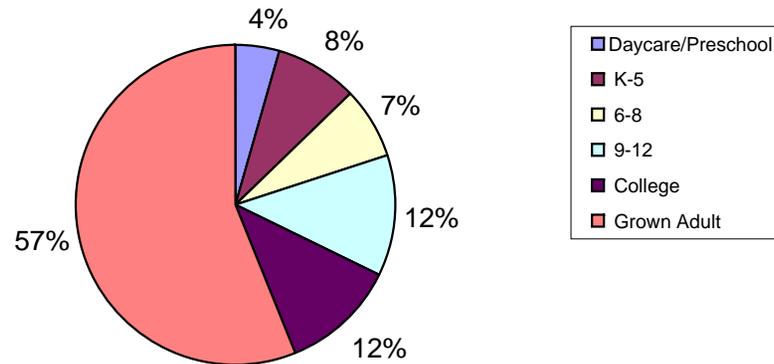
How Many There Are

# Responses	% Response
896	86.32% w/children
142	13.68% no children
1038	100.00%

(About 3 Children per household)

# Responses	% Response
98	10.94% 1 child
295	32.92% 2 children
273	30.47% 3 children
130	14.51% 4 children
100	11.16% 5 or more
896	100.00%

Age of Respondents' Children



Where They Live

# Responses	% Response	Age of Children
266	17.95%	At Home
3	0.20%	With Relative
93	6.28%	At School / College / Other
277	18.69%	Grown - Living in DC
483	32.59%	Grown - Living in Kansas
360	24.29%	Grown - Out-of-state

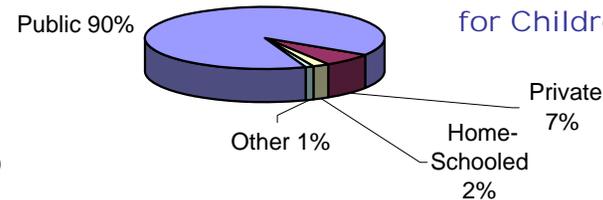
How Old They Are

# Responses	% Response	Age of Children
52	4.33%	Daycare/Preschool
100	8.33%	K-5
88	7.33%	6-8
146	12.16%	9-12
140	11.66%	College
675	56.20%	Grown Adult

Where They Go or Went To School

# Responses	% Response	Education Style for Children
813	89.83%	Public
61	6.74%	Private
22	2.43%	Home-Schooled
9	0.99%	Other (usually includes military, boarding, etc.)

Education Style for Children



Appendix J: Part 2A - Issue Statement Scores

		Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree			
If I had the means, I would start or invest in a small, local business.	NUMBER	178	211	379	155	69	MEAN	2.78	OVERALL
	PERC	17.94%	21.27%	38.21%	15.63%	7.00%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
Commercial real estate is over-priced in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	190	259	438	95	10	MEAN	2.50	OVERALL
	PERC	19.15%	26.11%	44.15%	9.58%	1.01%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
It is too hard for small businesses to survive here.	NUMBER	186	391	268	134	13	MEAN	2.46	OVERALL
	PERC	18.75%	39.42%	27.02%	13.51%	1.31%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Dickinson County towns have nice downtowns for business opportunities.	NUMBER	50	406	263	236	37	MEAN	2.78	OVERALL
	PERC	5.04%	40.93%	26.51%	23.79%	3.73%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
There are no healthy business districts in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	31	177	338	400	46	MEAN	3.33	OVERALL
	PERC	3.13%	40.93%	34.07%	40.32%	4.64%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
The county should offer tax incentives to fill downtown areas.	NUMBER	122	374	304	140	51	MEAN	2.66	OVERALL
	PERC	12.30%	37.70%	30.65%	14.11%	5.14%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Dickinson County's history and architecture should be preserved.	NUMBER	311	506	136	31	8	MEAN	1.88	OVERALL
	PERC	31.35%	51.01%	13.71%	3.13%	0.81%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Old buildings and houses should be torn down for newer construction.	NUMBER	72	190	284	336	110	MEAN	3.21	OVERALL
	PERC	7.26%	19.15%	28.63%	33.87%	11.09%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
I would pay an extra tax to subsidize downtown business development.	NUMBER	16	105	276	340	255	MEAN	3.71	OVERALL
	PERC	1.61%	10.58%	27.82%	34.27%	25.71%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
New business should be along highway corridors instead of downtown.	NUMBER	32	88	329	438	105	MEAN	3.54	OVERALL
	PERC	3.23%	8.87%	33.17%	44.15%	10.58%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
The county should keep all new business development within city limits.	NUMBER	53	144	273	427	95	MEAN	3.40	OVERALL
	PERC	5.34%	14.52%	27.52%	43.04%	9.58%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
The entrances to towns in Dickinson County are unattractive.	NUMBER	44	222	336	355	35	MEAN	3.17	OVERALL
	PERC	4.44%	22.38%	33.87%	35.79%	3.53%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
I would pay extra taxes for improvements to central business districts.	NUMBER	11	100	268	377	236	MEAN	3.77	OVERALL
	PERC	1.11%	10.08%	27.02%	38.00%	23.79%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
Agricultural land should be developed for business and housing.	NUMBER	14	77	231	346	324	MEAN	3.91	OVERALL
	PERC	1.41%	7.76%	23.29%	34.88%	32.66%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
The county should focus on developing technology and energy resources.	NUMBER	140	503	288	51	10	MEAN	2.30	OVERALL
	PERC	14.11%	50.71%	29.03%	5.14%	1.01%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Protecting farmland should be the county's top priority.	NUMBER	245	376	223	122	26	MEAN	2.34	OVERALL
	PERC	24.70%	37.90%	22.48%	12.30%	2.62%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Wind farms will strengthen our economy.	NUMBER	219	411	295	49	18	MEAN	2.22	OVERALL
	PERC	22.08%	41.43%	29.74%	4.94%	1.81%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Wind farms can be attractive.	NUMBER	171	405	305	74	37	MEAN	2.44	OVERALL
	PERC	17.24%	40.83%	30.75%	7.46%	3.73%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
I think large wind mills would ruin my view of the landscape.	NUMBER	31	103	259	425	174	MEAN	3.61	OVERALL
	PERC	17.24%	10.38%	26.11%	42.84%	17.54%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
Wind energy will help us protect other natural resources in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	31	468	245	55	23	MEAN	2.20	OVERALL
	PERC	3.13%	47.18%	24.70%	5.54%	2.32%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
Manufacturing or assembly plants will bring the kind of jobs we need.	NUMBER	201	531	271	70	11	MEAN	2.38	OVERALL
	PERC	20.26%	53.53%	27.32%	7.06%	1.11%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
There is a strong, available workforce in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	109	397	344	154	39	MEAN	2.75	OVERALL
	PERC	10.99%	40.02%	34.68%	15.52%	3.93%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
I would take a job on an assembly line.	NUMBER	15	119	355	279	223	MEAN	3.69	OVERALL
	PERC	1.51%	12.00%	35.79%	28.13%	22.48%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
Local farmers have a high need for employees but can't afford to hire them.	NUMBER	99	313	412	150	18	MEAN	2.67	OVERALL

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There are enough part-time jobs for high-school students.	PERC	9.98%	31.55%	41.53%	15.12%	1.81%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	29	234	374	295	60	MEAN	3.09	OVERALL
High school kids travel too far for entertainment and jobs.	PERC	2.92%	23.59%	37.70%	29.74%	6.05%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	144	449	290	94	15	MEAN	2.38	OVERALL
Middle school kids don't have anything to do with their free time.	PERC	14.52%	45.26%	33.97%	9.48%	1.51%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	101	278	337	241	35	MEAN	2.87	OVERALL
I will support a county-wide effort to provide jobs and volunteer opportunities.	PERC	10.18%	28.02%	33.97%	24.29%	3.53%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	64	503	365	48	12	MEAN	2.41	OVERALL
There should be more places where kids can hang out with their friends.	PERC	6.45%	50.71%	36.79%	4.84%	1.21%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	112	410	321	130	19	MEAN	2.57	OVERALL
Dickinson County has a variety of housing options (rental vs. ownership).	PERC	11.29%	41.33%	32.36%	13.10%	1.92%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	23	409	398	135	27	MEAN	2.74	OVERALL
Real estate and rental rates are less expensive than for surrounding counties.	PERC	2.32%	41.23%	40.12%	13.61%	2.72%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	17	197	464	226	88	MEAN	3.17	OVERALL
Public housing is adequate for Dickinson County's needs.	PERC	1.71%	19.86%	46.77%	22.78%	8.87%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	19	217	552	172	32	MEAN	2.96	OVERALL
Most homes in Dickinson County are in need of repair.	PERC	1.92%	21.88%	55.65%	17.34%	3.23%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	40	230	423	277	22	MEAN	3.04	OVERALL
New housing should be built within city limits or within close proximity.	PERC	4.03%	23.19%	42.64%	27.92%	2.22%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	84	399	311	174	24	MEAN	2.64	OVERALL
More affordable housing is needed for young families.	PERC	8.47%	40.22%	31.35%	17.54%	2.42%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	134	501	298	47	11	MEAN	2.28	OVERALL
The elderly need more housing and assisted living facilities.	PERC	13.51%	50.50%	30.04%	4.74%	1.11%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	88	379	384	125	15	MEAN	2.60	OVERALL
I would participate in a program to keep the elderly in their homes longer.	PERC	8.87%	38.21%	38.71%	12.60%	1.51%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	106	477	333	61	14	MEAN	2.42	OVERALL
Government officials need to ensure more housing options and variety.	PERC	10.69%	48.08%	33.57%	6.15%	4.54%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	48	292	465	141	45	MEAN	2.83	OVERALL
There need to be more apartments, town homes or duplexes.	PERC	4.84%	29.44%	46.88%	14.21%	4.54%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	41	251	495	174	30	MEAN	2.92	OVERALL
Overall, homes in Dickinson County have an above average appearance.	PERC	4.13%	25.30%	49.90%	17.54%	3.02%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	31	468	351	128	13	MEAN	2.62	OVERALL
Code enforcement is inadequate throughout the county.	PERC	3.13%	47.18%	35.38%	12.90%	1.31%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE
	NUMBER	50	196	544	159	41	MEAN	2.92	OVERALL
Enough homes are for sale in the \$80,000 to \$120,000 price range.	PERC	5.04%	19.76%	54.84%	16.03%	4.13%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	35	239	469	198	50	MEAN	3.02	OVERALL
I would buy a condominium or town home if I could afford one.	PERC	3.53%	24.09%	47.28%	19.96%	5.04%	MODE	3	CTY SCOF neutral
	NUMBER	18	101	304	354	214	MEAN	3.74	OVERALL
I would support a program to strengthen community pride and appearance.	PERC	1.81%	10.18%	30.65%	35.69%	21.57%	MODE	4	CTY SCOF DISAGREE
	NUMBER	106	515	300	52	18	MEAN	2.41	OVERALL
	PERC	10.69%	51.92%	30.24%	5.24%	1.81%	MODE	2	CTY SCOF AGREE

Appendix J: Part 2B - Issue Statement Scores

		Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion / Not Sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree					
New housing developments should be spread throughout the county.	NUMBER	57	381	319	147	68	MEAN	2.78	OVERALL		
	PERC	5.86%	39.20%	32.82%	15.12%	7.00%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
There is enough rental property in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	8	182	546	213	23	MEAN	3.06	OVERALL		
	PERC	0.82%	18.72%	56.17%	21.91%	2.37%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Farmers should be allowed to sell and subdivide their land however they want.	NUMBER	163	405	160	173	71	MEAN	2.57	OVERALL		
	PERC	16.77%	41.67%	16.46%	17.80%	7.30%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
Developers should build country estates next to or across from me.	NUMBER	16	74	335	289	258	MEAN	3.72	OVERALL		
	PERC	1.65%	7.61%	34.47%	29.73%	26.54%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
County roads are in good condition.	NUMBER	11	237	141	346	236	MEAN	3.57	OVERALL		
	PERC	1.13%	7.61%	14.51%	35.60%	24.28%	MODE	4	CTY SCORE	DISAGREE	
I would support a program to repair/clean-up homes and lawns.	NUMBER	37	334	367	179	54	MEAN	2.87	OVERALL		
	PERC	3.81%	34.36%	37.76%	18.42%	5.56%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Rural water lines should be available to anyone that wants it.	NUMBER	130	448	219	145	30	MEAN	2.48	OVERALL		
	PERC	13.37%	46.09%	22.53%	14.92%	3.09%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
Developers should pay for new water lines and other infrastructure.	NUMBER	255	515	166	29	7	MEAN	1.99	OVERALL		
	PERC	26.23%	52.98%	17.08%	2.98%	0.72%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
Rural developers should be required to enhance roads and bridges.	NUMBER	168	420	257	107	20	MEAN	2.37	OVERALL		
	PERC	17.28%	43.21%	26.44%	11.01%	2.06%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
I would be willing to pay an additional tax for county road improvements.	NUMBER	25	232	291	284	140	MEAN	3.29	OVERALL		
	PERC	2.57%	23.87%	29.94%	29.22%	14.40%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Public transportation is easily accessible in the county.	NUMBER	6	117	415	307	126	MEAN	3.44	OVERALL		
	PERC	0.62%	12.04%	42.70%	31.58%	12.96%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Police and fire protection are adequate for Dickinson County.	NUMBER	53	447	287	138	47	MEAN	2.67	OVERALL		
	PERC	5.45%	45.99%	29.53%	14.20%	4.84%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
I receive good health care locally.	NUMBER	95	449	201	155	72	MEAN	2.65	OVERALL		
	PERC	9.77%	46.19%	20.68%	15.95%	7.41%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
Good dental care is available in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	97	478	253	103	41	MEAN	2.50	OVERALL		
	PERC	9.98%	49.18%	26.03%	10.60%	4.22%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
I feel that adequate child care is available and affordable.	NUMBER	26	186	587	134	39	MEAN	2.97	OVERALL		
	PERC	2.67%	19.14%	60.39%	13.79%	4.01%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
My kids participate in after-school programs.	NUMBER	42	100	720	63	46	MEAN	2.97	OVERALL		
	PERC	4.32%	10.29%	74.07%	6.48%	4.73%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Good quality education is available in Dickinson County's public schools.	NUMBER	162	502	241	49	18	MEAN	2.24	OVERALL		
	PERC	16.67%	51.65%	24.79%	5.04%	1.85%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE	
There are not enough teachers in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	32	192	503	206	39	MEAN	3.03	OVERALL		
	PERC	3.29%	19.75%	51.75%	21.19%	4.01%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
There are plenty of extracurricular activities and events for kids.	NUMBER	76	323	362	160	51	MEAN	2.78	OVERALL		
	PERC	3.29%	33.23%	37.24%	16.46%	5.25%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Adults and senior citizens don't have enough social interaction.	NUMBER	76	229	480	210	30	MEAN	2.99	OVERALL		
	PERC	7.82%	23.56%	49.38%	21.60%	3.09%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
I often use community centers and/or walk-n-bike paths, tracks or trails.	NUMBER	23	162	415	265	101	MEAN	3.25	OVERALL		
	PERC	2.37%	16.67%	42.70%	27.26%	10.39%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
There are not enough places to exercise, or they are too far away.	NUMBER	29	219	364	269	53	MEAN	3.02	OVERALL		
	PERC	2.98%	22.53%	37.45%	27.67%	5.45%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
Outdoor recreation is limited or non-existent in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	47	191	361	315	58	MEAN	3.15	OVERALL		
	PERC	4.84%	19.65%	37.14%	32.41%	5.97%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral	
I spend time at local or county parks on a regular basis.	NUMBER	40	247	365	274	46	MEAN	3.04	OVERALL		

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	PERC	4.12%	25.41%	37.55%	28.19%	4.73%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Outdoor recreation is an important asset in Dickinson County.	NUMBER	88	515	298	64	6	MEAN	2.36	OVERALL	
	PERC	9.05%	52.98%	30.66%	6.58%	0.62%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
It is important to preserve and share Dickinson County history.	NUMBER	229	573	141	26	3	MEAN	1.97	OVERALL	
	PERC	23.56%	58.95%	37.96%	2.67%	0.31%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
Railroads should be used for industry and business only.	NUMBER	30	153	369	343	77	MEAN	3.29	OVERALL	
	PERC	3.09%	15.74%	37.96%	35.29%	7.92%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Depots and rails should be preserved in conjunction with modern endeavors.	NUMBER	98	457	354	51	12	MEAN	2.41	OVERALL	
	PERC	10.08%	47.02%	36.42%	5.25%	1.23%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
The lakes, reservoir and streambeds are our most important assets.	NUMBER	139	418	289	110	16	MEAN	2.43	OVERALL	
	PERC	14.30%	43.00%	29.73%	11.32%	1.65%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
The prairie is our most important resource for the future of Dickinson County.	NUMBER	104	339	366	153	10	MEAN	2.62	OVERALL	
	PERC	10.70%	34.88%	37.65%	15.74%	1.03%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
The future of Dickinson County is more important than preserving its history.	NUMBER	51	256	323	290	52	MEAN	3.04	OVERALL	
	PERC	5.25%	26.34%	33.23%	29.84%	5.35%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Retaining youth is the key to Dickinson County's future.	NUMBER	158	597	180	34	3	MEAN	2.10	OVERALL	
	PERC	16.26%	61.42%	18.52%	3.50%	0.31%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
Retaining current business is key to Dickinson County's economic survival.	NUMBER	162	611	164	33	2	MEAN	2.08	OVERALL	
	PERC	16.67%	62.86%	16.87%	3.40%	0.21%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
Recruiting new business should be the county's main focus.	NUMBER	148	442	279	94	9	MEAN	2.36	OVERALL	
	PERC	15.23%	45.47%	28.70%	9.67%	0.93%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
County and city governments should be consolidated so more can be done.	NUMBER	90	259	335	179	109	MEAN	2.96	OVERALL	
	PERC	9.26%	26.65%	34.47%	18.42%	11.21%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Growth and development should be carefully managed.	NUMBER	171	585	186	26	4	MEAN	2.08	OVERALL	
	PERC	17.59%	60.19%	19.14%	2.67%	0.41%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
We should partner with neighboring counties for the future of our region.	NUMBER	107	502	271	72	20	MEAN	2.38	OVERALL	
	PERC	11.01%	51.65%	27.88%	7.41%	0.51%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
Overall, Dickinson County is a good place to live.	NUMBER	274	584	90	19	5	MEAN	1.87	OVERALL	
	PERC	28.19%	60.08%	9.26%	1.95%	0.51%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
Dickinson County has a likable rural and small town atmosphere.	NUMBER	261	584	90	34	3	MEAN	1.90	OVERALL	
	PERC	26.85%	60.08%	9.26%	3.50%	0.31%	MODE	2	CTY SCORE	AGREE
There are not enough cultural opportunities, events and activities.	NUMBER	43	265	403	233	28	MEAN	2.94	OVERALL	
	PERC	4.42%	27.26%	41.46%	23.97%	2.88%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
The overall appearance of Dickinson County and its towns needs improved.	NUMBER	48	326	370	216	12	MEAN	2.81	OVERALL	
	PERC	4.94%	33.54%	38.07%	22.22%	1.23%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Local and county government officials are responsive to community needs.	NUMBER	32	263	396	219	62	MEAN	3.02	OVERALL	
	PERC	3.29%	27.06%	40.74%	22.53%	6.38%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Change is slow or stagnant because our elected officials don't initiate it.	NUMBER	85	259	456	148	24	MEAN	2.76	OVERALL	
	PERC	8.74%	26.65%	46.91%	15.23%	2.47%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral
Change is slow or stagnant because voters don't support it.	NUMBER	68	310	432	145	17	MEAN	2.73	OVERALL	
	PERC	7.00%	31.89%	44.44%	14.92%	1.75%	MODE	3	CTY SCORE	neutral

Appendix J - Part 3: Distance Table															
FREQ.															
Local	24	363	551	278	288	224	90	201	196	80	45	130	154	139	
Abilene	29	45	112	154	173	148	231	391	473	219	110	348	211	272	
DC Subt.	53	408	663	432	461	372	321	592	669	299	155	478	365	411	
Salina	518	66	12	29	42	57	209	88	130	296	542	183	74	23	
Junction	80	147	38	32	50	77	20	10	116	40	75	46	11	6	
Manhattan	41	23	4	10	7	5	32	16	2	50	65	39	5	5	
Topeka	1	1	0	0	0	1	26	6	0	17	19	8	1	1	
Lawrence	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	
KC	1	0	0	0	1	3	41	16	0	48	12	17	1	0	
Hutch	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	32	1	4	0	4	2	0	
Wichita	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	5	1	9	9	13	2	6	
online	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	11	5	5	3	
out-state	0	24	3	4	1	10	6	1	0	3	4	13	7	4	
NON DC															
SUBTOT	642	266	59	76	102	155	361	176	250	467	738	328	108	48	
N	695	674	722	508	563	527	682	768	919	766	893	806	473	459	
PERC.															
Local	3.45%	53.86%	76.32%	54.72%	51.15%	42.50%	13.20%	26.17%	21.33%	10.44%	5.04%	16.13%	32.56%	30.28%	
Abilene	4.17%	6.68%	15.51%	30.31%	30.73%	28.08%	33.87%	50.91%	51.47%	28.59%	12.32%	43.18%	44.61%	59.26%	
DC Subt.	7.63%	60.53%	91.83%	85.04%	81.88%	70.59%	47.07%	77.08%	72.80%	39.03%	17.36%	59.31%	77.17%	89.54%	
Salina	74.53%	9.79%	1.66%	5.71%	7.46%	10.82%	30.65%	11.46%	14.15%	38.64%	60.69%	22.70%	15.64%	5.01%	
Junction	11.51%	21.81%	5.26%	6.30%	8.88%	14.61%	2.93%	1.30%	12.62%	5.22%	8.40%	5.71%	2.33%	1.31%	
Manhattan	5.90%	3.41%	0.55%	1.97%	1.24%	0.95%	4.69%	2.08%	0.22%	6.53%	7.28%	4.84%	1.06%	1.09%	
Topeka	0.14%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%	3.81%	0.78%	0.00%	2.22%	2.13%	0.99%	0.21%	0.22%	
Lawrence	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%	0.44%	0.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
KC	0.14%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.18%	0.57%	6.01%	2.08%	0.00%	6.27%	1.34%	2.11%	0.21%	0.00%	
Hutch	0.00%	0.30%	0.14%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	4.17%	0.11%	0.52%	0.00%	0.50%	0.42%	0.00%	
Wichita	0.14%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.79%	0.65%	0.11%	1.17%	1.01%	1.61%	0.42%	1.31%	
online	0.00%	0.15%	0.14%	0.00%	0.18%	0.19%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.23%	0.62%	1.06%	0.65%	
out-state	0.00%	3.56%	0.42%	0.79%	0.18%	1.90%	0.88%	0.13%	0.00%	0.39%	0.45%	1.61%	1.48%	0.87%	
NON DC															
SUBTOT	92.37%	39.47%	8.17%	14.96%	18.12%	29.41%	52.93%	22.92%	27.20%	60.97%	82.64%	40.69%	22.83%	10.46%	
sum	100.00%														
	Entertainment	Outdoor Rec	Outdoor Ex	Play Sports	Indoor Ex	Swimming	Cultural Ev	Fest Fair	Grocery	Furniture	Clothing	Vehicle	Farm Equip	Antiques	

Appendix J - Part 3: Distance Table						
388	210	104	169	163	128	266
417	282	138	274	451	309	184
805	492	242	443	614	437	450
42	294	315	38	126	277	32
44	51	59	59	89	73	24
2	19	29	2	8	45	3
0	0	18	0	1	7	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	6	0	2	3	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	1	9	1	1	2	1
0	0	7	16	0	0	1
0	0	3	2	0	0	1
90	365	447	118	227	407	64
895	857	689	561	841	844	514
43.35%	24.50%	15.09%	30.12%	19.38%	15.17%	51.75%
46.59%	32.91%	20.03%	48.84%	53.63%	36.61%	35.80%
89.94%	57.41%	35.12%	78.97%	73.01%	51.78%	87.55%
4.69%	34.31%	45.72%	6.77%	14.98%	32.82%	6.23%
4.92%	5.95%	8.56%	10.52%	10.58%	8.65%	4.67%
0.22%	2.22%	4.21%	0.36%	0.95%	5.33%	0.58%
0.00%	0.00%	2.61%	0.00%	0.12%	0.83%	0.00%
0.00%	0.00%	0.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
0.00%	0.00%	0.87%	0.00%	0.24%	0.36%	0.19%
0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%
0.22%	0.12%	1.31%	0.18%	0.12%	0.24%	0.19%
0.00%	0.00%	1.02%	2.85%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%
0.00%	0.00%	0.44%	0.36%	0.00%	0.00%	0.19%
10.06%	42.59%	64.88%	21.03%	26.99%	48.22%	12.45%
100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Gas/Conv	Hardware	OtherShop	Movie Rent	Fast Food	Dining	CommGrps

Appendix J - Part 4: Community Rankings Summary

Importance of County Issues Related to Aging/Declining Population:

As Appeared on Survey

Rank

- 1 More Jobs
- 3 Youth Retention
- 5 Senior Housing
- 2 Retaining Business
- 4 Healthcare

Community Ranking Score
1050
121
-1032
623
-140

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
54.07%	485
20.11%	181
6.56%	59
33.26%	299
17.93%	161

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
78.15%	701
42.33%	381
13.01%	117
60.40%	543
52.12%	110

Reordered for Priority

Rank

- 1 More Jobs**
- 2 Retaining Business**
- 3 Youth Retention**
- 4 Healthcare**
- 5 Senior Housing**

Community Ranking Score
1050
623
121
-140
-1032

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
54.07%	485
33.26%	299
20.11%	181
17.93%	161
6.56%	59

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
78.15%	701
60.40%	543
42.33%	381
52.12%	110
13.01%	117

Economic Development - Preferred Industries:

As Appeared on Survey

Rank

- 1 Manufacturing
- 4 Technology
- 3 Energy
- 2 Agriculture
- 5 Other

Community Ranking Score
605
172
428
577
-1552

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
34.76%	309
18.22%	162
27.00%	240
36.97%	329
3.63%	32

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
59.96%	533
39.71%	353
51.74%	460
58.31%	519
4.42%	39

Reordered for Priority

Rank

- 1 Manufacturing**
- 2 Agriculture**
- 3 Energy**
- 4 Technology**
- 5 Other**

Community Ranking Score
605
577
428
172
-1552

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
34.76%	309
36.97%	329
18.22%	162
3.63%	32
27.00%	240

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
59.96%	533
58.31%	519
51.74%	460
39.71%	353
4.42%	39

*Note: Scores for manufacturing, agriculture and energy would be nearly interchangeable.

Appendix J - Part 4: Community Rankings Summary

Most pressing environmental concern in Dickinson County:

As Appeared on Survey

Rank

- 3 Energy
- 2 Agricultural Land
- 4 Soils
- 5 Native Vegetation
- 1 Water

Community Ranking Score
303
315
-420
-917
1296

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
23.83%	214
24.08%	216
7.80%	70
7.25%	65
67.96%	611

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
56.68%	509
44.37%	398
22.07%	198
15.27%	137
86.21%	775

Reordered for Priority

Rank

- 1 Water
- 2 Agricultural Land
- 3 Energy
- 4 Soils
- 5 Native Vegetation

Community Ranking Score
1296
315
303
-420
-917

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
67.96%	611
24.08%	216
23.83%	214
7.80%	70
7.25%	65

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
86.21%	775
44.37%	398
56.68%	509
22.07%	198
15.27%	137

*Note: Scores for agricultural land and energy would be nearly interchangeable.

Dickinson County Retirement Preferences:

As Appeared on Survey

Rank

- 1 In Dickinson County
- 2 Nearby Location
- 3 Within Kansas
- 4 In Another State
- 5 Other

Community Ranking Score
1374
21
-7
-778
-1427

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
78.30%	718
4.48%	41
13.79%	126
9.50%	87
3.18%	29

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
85.93%	788
49.84%	456
29.43%	269
17.03%	156
7.90%	72

Reordered for Priority

Rank

- 1 In Dickinson County
- 2 Nearby Location
- 3 Within Kansas
- 4 In Another State
- 5 Other

Community Ranking Score
1374
21
-7
-778
-1427

Respondents Who Ranked #1	
%	n
78.30%	718
4.48%	41
13.79%	126
9.50%	87
3.18%	29

Respondents Who Ranked #1 or #2	
%	n
85.93%	788
49.84%	456
29.43%	269
17.03%	156
7.90%	72

*Note: This would be expected. Common moves to be with children. Other category might include traveling, another country, etc.

Appendix J - Part 5: Quality to Preserve

Integrity

Heritage

Keep people from purchasing land to build new homes

small, rural community atmosphere

Rural life and values

Hospitality

Farmland

Local History

Agriculture

Quiet living

Life

Family values, friendliness, clean air

Small towns

Agriculture and rural roads

Quality of Life

Roads

Rural landscape

Agricultural economy

Water

Heritage

Hunting

Agriculture

Agribusiness

Farmland

water table

Friendly

History

Water

Safety & friendly atmosphere

Personal safety

Farmland

History

History

Clean water

Heritage

History

Sticking to our roots - agriculture

History

Family

Low crime

History

Agriculture

Commitment to youth & elderly

Country living

History & Traditional Values

Good rural life and communities

Downtown business and buildings

Agriculture

Small town atmosphere

Lots of space

Old Abilene Town (but not moved)

Rural atmosphere
Agricultural economy
Morality
schools & communities
Affordable living
Improve Chisolm Trail Golf Course
History; small towns
Small town atmosphere with historic pride
Farms
Country living
Water supply
Water
Small town atmosphere; neighborliness
Old Abilene town in its current place
Jobs
Crime free environment
Freedom
Great place to live
Farmland (no 5+acre estates)
Family
Agriculture
Youth
Abilene Town
Get kids to come back here after college.
Rural agriculture
Maintaining agricultural emphasis
History
Keep crime, drugs and gambling out.
Strong ag business
History
Ag - and better prices for what we raise
Natural resources
Schools
Water and its sources
Quality of Life
History
Lack of overcrowding
Quality of Life
Water
History
Safe - good law enforcement
Agricultural land - very few young people come back to farm
History
Agriculture
Family and all that it requires to be a family
Agriculture
Jobs with better pay in comparison to surrounding counties
Farmland
History - Old Buildings - Old Abilene
Small town feeling
Ag
Water quality
Historic Sites

Quit pumping river dry - can't even canoe
Beautiful homes and mansions
Agriculture - Family Farms
Friendliness
Clean Air
Rural atmosphere
Small towns
Heritage
Downtowns
Farm and pasture land
Friendly people
Historical Sites
Downtown buildings - Old Abilene town
Water - Farming
Small town community
Safe place to live
Young People
Public land use - hunting, fishing, etc.
Wildlife and streams
Healthcare Facilities
Small town living
Rural small town & school
Past history (Old Town)
Crime & Drug Free
Low population
Heritage
Old Abilene Town where it is
adequate education although it needs improvement
water
history
good water
history
safety and secure small town atmosphere
abilene
youth retention
agriculture land and family farms
history of cattle, rail, etc
historic sites
downtown and local businesses
rural history of cattle trail and pres. Ike
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clean environment
rural emphasis
environment
historical aspects
land for agricultrue
agriculture
clean air, land and water supply
fresh air
small town atmoosphere with low crime rate
energy
rural areas
water

bulidings and culture
rural settings-preserve famlands
friendliness
quality education
heritage of DK should be preserved
roads
community pride
water supply
must be kept local, not military
local food
county is great and safe place to live
abilene's cowtown history
rural communities
family, history, communities
size of population
agriculture
strong Ag basis
low property taxes
small town community
rural atmosphere with amenities
keeping it just how it is
reasonable governments
undeveloped rural areas
history
people that work
all present jobs
public safety
Help smaller towns other than Abilene
Healthcare, Hospitals
History
Low Crime Rate
Retaining present residents
Quality of Life
City roads
Cleanliness
Jobs
People are most important. We need to find ways to focus on this resource.
Good schools
Hometown atmosphere
Small, rural friendly atmosphere
History, including architecture
Available water
Small town rural atmosphere
Wholesomeness
Good, safe place to live & raise a family
tourism
Eisenhower Museum and Western Heritage
History
Farms, grasslands, wildlife habitat
Historical attractions - railroad, Eisenhower, Old West
Old Abilene Town
Rural small town
Friendliness of the people; strong work ethic

Growth
Agricultural Land
Clean water
Community Focus
Historic Value
Quality of Life
Agriculture is the #1 industry
Clean air
Small towns
History
Family-oriente & hometown community atmosphere away from the hustle & bustle
agricultural
keep the townships in the road maintenance
crime rate
friendly neighborhoods
our farmland is disappearing, need to keep a watchful eye
rural, farmland
small town atmosphere
farm land
safety, protection
good ground water
clean, upkeep on towns, homes, downtowns, businesses
honesty
small community feel but oppourtunies, activities available that are found in city
stop buying farmland for useless things
history, eisenhower center
town buildings
teaching childern to become good managers
history of communities, preserve existing buildings
water quality
agriculture
small town atmosphere and cleanliness
Open countryside
Farms
Water
Peace and solitude
History
Ag Land
Farmland
School building maintenance
History
Clean air
Clean air and good water
Farming, Ranching
Safety, security
Quality of Rural lifestyle
Eisenhower Library
Small town atmosphere
History
Heritage (i.e. Eisenhower Center, Old Abilene Town, etc.)
History
Water
Small town living

Small town atmosphere
Our safe environment
Rural communities
Land
Agriculture - God ain't making anymore dirt.
Current business
People
History
Family; friendly
Historical sites
Rural flavor
History; country living; fresh air
Small town feel
Historical
Not being too government-ruled
Keep kids here when they get older; push Boy Scouts
Affordable cost of living
Water
Good people
Farmland
Small town feel
Water, soil and air quality
The right to do what you want on your own property
History
Rural; safe atmosphere
History - older buildings, small town atmosphere
Prairie Land; Water resources
Farmland - keep ownership local
Our freedom to worship, move about safely and raise productive children
Rural living
Jobs
Agriculture
Being known as the greyhound capital
History; heritage
Pace of Life
Ag Land
history
old abilene town
farmland
low crime
historical part of abilene, historical society, chisholm trail
history
water (house hold use)
wildlife
history
not to have over population
agricultural land, water
freedom to making own choices
water
old town
history of county
downtown
president's museum and library

rural-downhome values, preserve the morals
our christian values and morals
history
rural ammenities
small town atmosphere
history
water
quality fo life, rural america
water, land
family living
history
water
value of my home and lifestyle
keeping our water supply
history
integrity of the peoples love of country(USA)
agricultural community
friendliness
small town, home town atmosphere
ag economy
low crime rate
agriculture
county style living
ag land use
agriculture and water
Water
Somewhat safe
Honest people
Friendly small town people
Clean, open air
Historical churches; water resources; farmland; grasslands
Agriculture
Nature - natural vegetation
History
History
Small business
History
Heritage
history
Heritage
Slow, governed growth (small & rural is good)
History
Water
More jobs
Small town living
Peaceful, rural heritage
History
History; willingness to be involved in community
History
Rural lifestyle
People
Old Abilene Town
History of Abilene

Old Abilene Town
History
Ag Land
History
History
History
History
Farming
History; tourism
History
History - Old Abilene, downtowns, etc.
Friendly people
Schools
Small town, rural atmosphere, friendly people
Farming
Agriculture
Heritage
History
Downtown - sidewalks, buildings, streets
Quality of Life in small town, rural Kansas.
Family farms
Farmland
Old Abilene Town
History
Religious values
Good Education
Rural communities
Schools and youth
Ag economy
Water
Ag Land
Water
Rural America
Ag History
Respect for Farm Economy as the County's Lifeblood
History
Water
History; River Beauty
Old Abilene Town
Keeping Farm Ground
Private Land
History
safety and water
feeling of community
water
growth, new business opportunity, maintain population
simple life
accessability to outdoor activities
rural agricultural heritages
county should help independent cities
natural resources
preserve family values and work ethic
rural areas

nice location, heritage, people
our heritage
good schools
open space that is kept attractive and some for public uses
historical sites
small town atmosphere
history
water
farming
local government
people
support for programs that improve quality of life
agriculture
historical sites
heritage, history
hertiage
rural landscape
history
quiet, conservative, communitites
youth
quality of life that come with rural living
good banks and good restaraunts
small town life
small town atmosphere
being happy where you live
water
retain small town feel, rural feel. Don't want a johnson county
business we have to have them
future
water, farmland
small towns
small farms
safety and security
agricultural land
friendly people with high morals
history
jobs
water, farmland
history
community involvement
jobs
home town atmosphere
use common sense, don't infuriate people
environment, quality of life
farmland
historic value
roads
history
Clean, Healthy Environment
History
Population
Historical Look
Rural settings

History; People
Farmland and open space
Relaxed, Friendly Atmosphere
Education
Keeping small communities and rural areas alive
Farmland
History & open space
history
Agriculture - farming
Agriculture
New business and retaining business
Upbeat, friendly people that already live here
Agriculture endeavors
Rural values & character
Rural economy
Ag stability
History
Small towns atmosphere
Small town living - not overpopulated
Ag Land
People working together to make things better for everyone
Historical building
Quality Master Plan
Existing business
Low crime rate - safe for kids
Old Abilene Town
Historical sites
History
History
Small town atmosphere
Ag producers need local value added markets developed to combat rising input costs.
Not losing sight of the little people
History
History of Cow Town - Cowboys - Rural America - Western History
Agriculture as our backbone
Good schools, church, family focus
Small town atmosphere
Grasslands & Farmland (Housing development leads to less land for farmers and ranchers)
Agriculture
History
Quality education (birth to 12th grade)
Old Homes, Mansions, History
Enhance Wages
History
Low crime
What few trees we have
Agriculture
Ag Land
Friendliness; down-to-earth; easy-going attitudes
Small town & community feel
Old Abilene Town
People
The younger couples in the county (low incomes, housing ridiculous)

Education System
Agriculture
Employment opportunities; must have cash flow
Rural & small town living
Neighborliness
Law and Order
Water
Small town; history
Great Plains Theater / Abilene Old Town
Rural Life
Eisenhower Center
Farming Community & Soil
Excellent Public Schools
Agriculture
Western Heritage
Agriculture - Farms
Ag Land
History
History
History
History Culture - Wild West, Agriculture, Eisenhower Center (Identity)
Family Farm
Keeping youth
Small Community Living
Small community atmosphere
Youth
Agriculture & Wildlife Habitat (incl. streams)
History
History
Wildlife
Rodeo & Farming
Small town atmosphere
History
History
Affordability
History & Heritage
Keep youth
Clean Water
A Good Police Force to Keep the Towns All Safe
History
History
Limit the desire for illegal immigrants to move here
Feeling of community
Farms, Jobs, Healthcare
Agriculture
Heritage
Quality of Life
History
History
Rural Roots
Clean, odor-free air
Rural Heritage
Water

Good roads
Good schools
Good street appeal
Fishing, Hunting
Schools & Hospital
History
Lower taxes
Farmers & their land
Agriculture
Quality People
Eisenhower Center / Old Abilene Town
Work together
History
Small town safety (everyone looks out for each other)
Safety of the citizens
Farmland, Eisenhower Center, History
History
Quality Farmland - protect it from development
Agriculture
Ag Land
History
Friendly small town atmosphere
Farming
Ag Land and Water
Natural resources (esp. water)
Rural atmosphere, lifestyle, friendliness, culture (ie. Great Plains theater; library)
History
History
History
Water
Keep business here; more jobs for youth to stay
Farmland
Farming
Quality of Life
History
History
Rural living
Generally safe due to low crime rate
Toss-Up between water & youth
Old Farm Homes, Barns, etc.
Peaceful country life
Environment
Agriculture
History - Old Abilene Town
The rural (not too crowded) aspect
Historical buildings
Rural way of life
Schools
History
Schools
Quality of Life
History
History

Develop tourism of our outstanding farms

Downtowns

Fair and the traditions that go with it

Small town friendliness

Quality of Life

Rural communities

Eisenhower Center / Old Abilene Town

Family-oriented activities, festivals, fairs

Small town atmosphere

Agriculture

Maintain healthy & good conditions to raise families

lower real estate taxes

The fact that we are a farm county

Museums

Rural atmosphere

History

Rural quality of life

Friendly, trusting, lower crime atmosphere

History

Appendix J - Part 5: Most Needed Change

Get rid of Lions Den							
More districts and commissioners							
Keep townspeople in town; not in the country. Leave the farmland to the farmers.							
concentration of most all efforts in Abilene							
"County" commissioners should be from rural Dickinson just like city are from the city							
More employment opportunities							
Better and more eating places							
Increased improvements on current homes							
Stop trying to run off business, even adult stores							
Tax assessment for home improvements and repairs							
Clean up small towns							
Keep property taxes under control							
Government							
Hold down taxes							
New county commissioners							
Stricter zoning							
Need a 5-person county commission							
More recreation							
Elected officials getting along with land owners							
New zoning director							
Keep people here							
Clean up							
More county commissioners							
County roads and highways							
Taxes							
Need things for kids to do							
Indoor/outdoor swimming for senior citizens and all ages							
Township roads							
People need to have more positive attitudes							
Religious interference							
Lower real estate taxes							
County road improvements and speed control							
Need jobs							
Real estate taxes							
The amount charge to outlying communities for water is exorbitant.							
Less Taxes							
More people need to be on county commission - not farm-oriented as is							
The police pay too much attention to petty things and less to more harmful things							
We are too laid back - need more jobs to keep youth here							
Having to go out of county for decent jobs							
Fair and equal decisions by officials							
Stop tearing down historical buildings							
Allow name brand stores in like Dillons, Wal-Mart							
Need bigger cities							

Good jobs								
Old Abilene Town								
Energy								
County working WITH Abilene								
More job opportunities								
Adult Store								
County Commissioners with city agendas - need 5 to add rural reps								
Streamline all government, commission etc. ; Get rid of excess people & spending								
Support of Rural communities								
Less emphasis on recreation								
Good Ol' Boy System								
County Road System								
Better sheriff involvement, especially in smaller towns								
Jobs								
Building on Good Usable Farmland								
Better county commissioners								
Closer fire protection for many rural houses								
Trash being dumped on highways and township roads								
Personal Property Tax is too high.								
County and Township roads need major improvement								
5 Commissioners & put time in as required - not taking off for personal business								
More grocery / department stores								
County Commissioner Views ; County Employee Overseer								
County road upkeep								
Increase our population								
Need to keep property taxes reasonable								
Need a movie theater								
Youth activities								
More industry, jobs, business opportunities								
2 of 3 commissioners need to be from rural areas								
Law enforcement - Courts - Attitude of Growth								
Need more businesses with diverse / good-paying jobs								
The County Roads (grading, obscure signs, maintenance, etc.)								
Honest Law Enforcement								
Lion's Den Bookstore should be closed - not a family-focused message								
Need pro-growth attitude & technology access even in rural areas								
More restaurants and grocery stores								
Give back to Herington what was taken and given to Abilene								
Jobs for young people								
Land Use Codes (i.e. mother-in-law construction)								
Sheriff's Department need to be 2-3 times bigger - very slow response to Woodbine								
More industry - more jobs - so young adults stay								
Enforce clean-up of poorly kept properties								
Letting small local business dictate the economic growth by limiting competition								
County Roads								
Cheap energy								

Property Taxes							
Downtown Parking Meter Lady							
Roads fixed							
lack of entertainment for young couples, movies, dining, etc							
small town bigotry, good ol boy attitude							
this so nothing for people 20-30 to do							
lower taxes							
long-distance busing fo school age children							
business retention							
taxes							
commissioners, better paying jobs							
county commissioners and the care of our county roads							
openess to "outsiders", including ethnic diversity							
attitudes to support local business							
county road dust and check more for large trucks excessive speed							
low rural taxes, good blacktop roads							
zoning lawa							
zoning laws							
need comprehensive plan to attract business growth							
inter-governmental agency bickering							
government interaction in Herington							
rural water to all residents							
local entertainment for partons							
people in abilene not supporting local businesses							
ledership							
water usage							
limit subsidizing large farm operations, help small farmers							
county should be run like a progressive ethical business, looking towar the future, not good ol boys							
energy cuts							
5 comisioners instead of 3							
need movie theatre for people of all ages							
more small business							
good ol boy way of doing things							
jobs for youth retention							
taxes are too high							
abilene							
law enforcement is to hard on youth							
lines of communication need to be open between people and commisioners							
activities and job/job training for youth							
taxes to high, too much waste in county							
modern medications, institutional food of elderly							
county commissioners							
non-local bussinesses destroying infrastructure							
taxes							
property taxes							

Stagnation								
Good health care opportunities								
taxes								
Lower personal property taxes								
More cultural diversity								
Slum Housing - Ridding the county of this would rid us of the scum/nontaxpaying/criminal elements								
Get rid of free loaders								
Need to keep youth in county								
Too high of taxes								
Real estate prices								
Healthcare								
Availability of rural water								
county roads up keep								
pot holes								
schools								
roads								
lower cost housing								
property taxes are outrageous								
change housing acres to 40 in county								
law enforcement at county & city levels has grown out of control								
more clothing stores, espically shoe stores								
it's slowness to react and making things difficult to develop								
poluted ground water								
county & elected officals are unqualified, make horrible decisions.								
citizen involvement, change negative attitude								
poor treatment of employees that happen on a daily basis								
county commissioners, espicall Nold and Biggs								
housing standards, more, variety, upkeep								
stores								
roads, even in small towns								
healthcare, health dept. needs help, needs physicans, dentists								
money spent on gravel roads								
zoning, one size doesn't fit all								
need to add more restaurants								
More youth programs - places to go								
High real estate prices								
It's okay								
Youth programs								
Better job of drug enforcement								
The rural and county roads need fixed								
We all need to work together and Abilene needs to include other cities.								
People's attitudes - need to be open to new ideas								
Improve fire and EMS services								
Building Permits - Max. 45 days to grant after application								

Locate and secure new & improved energy sources								
Job opportunities								
Taxes								
Lower taxes - both personal and property								
Taxes								
Local government								
More Childcare								
Stronger sentences for criminals; Get rid of current county attorney								
Commissioners and leaders need to strive for well being of ALL residents (not just Abilene)								
Property taxes too high								
County government needs to be more efficient with budget								
Commissioners need to speak from their heads, not their wallets.								
Sheriff's office needs improvement								
More jobs for college graduates; clean-up roads and ditches from litter & debris								
2 county commissioners brake the county								
More excitement								
Better-paying jobs								
Officials that work for the people								
More authority to educators and coaches								
Commissioners who don't work for the good of the citizens that voted them in								
Need better doctors - Abilene has the worst								
Availability of illegal drugs/activities								
Clean out County Commissioners								
Some county roads; get rid of adult center								
Lower personal property taxes								
Clean up								
Better education overall - plus continuing ed for adults								
More activities for young people								
Never-Have-Done-It-Like-That-Before Attitude								
5 County commissioners instead of 3								
Lagoons need to be preceded by septic tanks								
Roads								
Gravel / pavement county roads - especially 1400 Ave to Salina								
"Progressive" is not more museum, antique stores, revitalizing downtown; need a different vision								
Roads								
Roads								
Mentality of some elected officials								
Lowering real estate taxes on the elderly								
A decent daily newspaper								
Taxes on elderly's homes								
professionalism in sherrifs office								
county commissioners								
youth retention								
high taxes								

retaining youth, we need a movie theater							
county commisioners							
restrictions on farm irrigator's							
ownership fo land							
own county has abandoned rural roads							
better up keep on county roads, grading							
5 member board of county commisioners would be best							
more jobs, entertainment							
stop the even climbing property taxes							
zoning-quit telling people what they can do on or with their own property							
outside coming in and lowering morals							
people's attitudes, communication between govt and people							
get rid of intangible tax							
domination by declining industry (agriculture)							
zoning director							
job base							
rent for low income to high							
get commisioners that listen							
county commissioners							
inforce city laws							
need more businesses							
lower taxes							
bring new industry to county							
letting new businesses come in							
need new interesting businesses							
repeal the intangible tax							
lower property taxes							
better communication and understanding between local govt and people							
more entertainment businesses, movie theatre, restaurants							
more industry							
more local shopping							
remove adult bookstore							
high property taxes							
government							
gov, cities waste, abuse , mis use of tax money							
govt being responsible for their actions							
no more irragation walls							
more jobs							
Keep county from overspending							
Social cliques							
Nothing available locally or too expensive							
County roads							
Youth leaving for jobs elsewhere							
Communication with local government - especially townships							

Better county roads							
Commissioners							
Lower taxes (both property & sales)							
County / township roads							
Need to welcome and recruit people							
Better rural roads							
Greater participation between entities							
More communication (paper, radio, Leader, communities)							
Property taxes							
Better Roads							
Large store such as Walmart, Kmart, etc.							
Open mind to new energy sources							
Industry							
Roads- (train & supervise workers; fill pot holes; new gravel / pavement)							
Jobs / Wages							
Jobs							
Clean up river							
Attracting new business							
Local attitude							
Landowner Rights							
too much emphasis on youth vs. adults, senior							
jobs							
old abilene, build our foundation up, tourist, local							
give people more freedom to do with their property as they see fit							
county road quality							
taxes lowered							
corrupt elected officials (abilene)							
needs to be more unified rather than cities competing with one another							
adult entertainment businesses need to be removed							
people running the county							
alco							
wished we had a movie theater							
need to build our downtowns, fix county roads							
stagnation, lack of risk taking for new ventures							
lower property taxes							
lack of pay for sherrif's department							
cost of living too high							
rural roads							
spending							
excessive county spending							
need to be more progressive							
support change and improvement for all groups							

storm shelters								
long term plan for safe and plentiful water								
shops, jobs, resturants								
better roads in rural areas								
need moer local jobs								
political asses								
existing businesses need incentives to stay in operation & remain profitable to provied jobs								
fewer antique shops								
ungrade recreational facilities like pool								
weed control along highways								
support of local business								
what we have to offer, what will bring people here?								
quality downtowns								
fixing county rosds away form abilene								
our mindset of thinking on population growth								
water flow								
rural road conditions								
better county roads								
convention center, restraunts								
county commissioners should be rural residents, city commissioners from the city								
people								
better cooperation between county, towns								
stores for shopping, JCPennys								
property taxes need to be reduced								
rural urbanization, houses on 40 acres min								
should not be a retirement community								
lose of jobs for young								
avaiable retail shopping								
way county officials act once in office								
recruting new business								
quality sit down resturaunts								
property tax								
Keep our young teenagers busy								
Better monitoring of rural areas - cleanliness etc.								
Management of county workforce								
More appealing jobs and salaries								
Isolation from outhur cities/counties; legislative gridlock								
Top-Heavy school administration								
County highways								
Honest law enforcement and investigation - not just written law								
Technolgoy - choices of Internet, TV, cable								

Tougher law enforcement (too much drunk driving, etc.)							
County roads							
Roads							
People running the cities don't look at big picture							
Less Taxes							
Lower taxes							
Commissioners need to care more about people in rural areas - not just abilene; ROADS							
Pessimism							
Keep youth							
More law enforcement visibility							
Negativity on growth							
More places to eat							
Rural roads							
High prices							
Cooperation among elected officials to better the county							
County commissioners							
Consolidation of Government Services							
Movie theater/restaurants							
Not stagnating - continue to grow							
If they don't speak English, get rid of them.							
Walking paths - safe places for people to exercise (not on the street)							
More businesses							
Lack of caring							
Lack of new businesses							
Clean up drugs - which is more than cracking down on drunk driving							
City and County governments listening to EVERYONE's opinion							
Roads							
Get people off welfare							
Affordable housing for families (too many rundown homes in certain areas)							
Safer county roads - need shoulders							
Controlled growth to attract new business							
None							
Slow down spending							
More jobs so youth stay							
More diverse leadership							
The County is OK. The City has problems - it can't grow due to such things like Duckwall							
Less government interaction							
Lower property taxes							
More affordable housing							
Growth							
Zoning							
Rundown trashy appearance							
Need to attract technology companies							
Property taxes need to come down							
More progressive thinking by city and county governments							
None							
Above							
Allowing "union" jobs in manufacturing etc.							

Consolidate school administration - too many superintendants									
More industry									
County Roads									
More encouragement to attract new businesses									
Quit letting cities take over land, rural water, etc.; get paper shufflers/golf players out of office									
Chapman needs better ambulance service									
County-wide (rural included) blight control									
County roads in terrible shape									
Resistance to change									
Roads									
Accessibility									
County commissioners should be from 3 separate locations									
County Road conditions									
High Taxes									
Pro-business and Pro-agriculture policies									
More local trash deposit sites									
Rural water									
Available public transportation in rural areas									
More local activities for both adults and children									
How we blacktop our roads									
Country roads need to be kept up - most areas are a mess									
Keep Old Abilene Town in the city - not out in the county									
Energy (electricity is high in cost)									
County roads - some haven't been paved in over 15 years									
Younger generation to stay									
Accessibility; Quality medical providers									
Places to shop for clothing and shoes									
Zoning need to be made simpler and evenly enforced									
Roads									
Too many superintendants - combine school districts									
Stop overthinking negatives of letting bigger businesses in - Take chances for positive results									
Drop Landfill \$12.00 annual charge - this is double taxes!									
Do business better so you don't get sued									
Chamber of Commerce									
Jobs									
Maintain gravel roads frequently									
Success of small-town business									
Growth									
Use budget money more wisely									
Prioritize history; keep closer tabs on how low-income families spend their money									
Landfill charges. Pay \$12 every year and never have used it.									

Taxes								
Consolidate township roads into county maintenance								
Bring tourists by advertising our history/present								
county roads								
Attract more business / industry								
Cleaning up trash from county and township grader ditches								
People claim they will get money to fix up Old Abilene Town - and don't scam								
Free ACCESS to landfill for rural residents more than 1 wk/yr & \$10 fee is much too high								
More development								
Need to have county commissioners spread in all parts of county								
Downtown								
Business								
Growth needs to be managed								
Abilene is historic but needs agriculture to support it								
More doctors								
County commisioners that listen to the people and not do whatever they want								
Opportunities to keep young families here								
Property Tax for Homeowners, esp. the Elderly								
5 school districts ; one county								
Try to retain talented young people								
Limited restaurants - need to invite more to this area								
School District								
Better law enforcement - don't always respond to correct location; Get rid of Lion's Den								
More activities for kids								
Preppy officials doing the "in" thing in local government								
Unity needed								
lower real estate taxes								
Maintenance of county roads								
High property taxes - they raise every year								
More jobs available								
Lower property tax								
Younger people invalued/devalued in decision making								
"Good ol' boy" county government - way past time for change								
Wasting money								
Prohibit porn shops and other degrading influences								
Attitude								

Appendix J - Part 5: Comfortable Place						
Friendly people						
People						
Small town atmosphere & peacefulness of the country						
rural neighbors						
not too populated						
Most services that are needed are available						
Rural community						
Small town atmosphere						
Small town living						
A good balance of lifestyles						
Less crime						
Close to Salina, Junction City and other cities for health care						
Lack of Crime						
Lack of over regulation						
Cost of living						
Low taxes and rural atmosphere						
It's rural and it used to have a low cost of living.						
The people						
Weather						
People						
Quiet						
Less change						
People						
Open space and friendly people						
Good people						
No big cities						
Small town						
Interstate 70						
People						
The rural pace of life						
Small town values						
The area						
That it's still a farming community						
Safe and small communities						
Quiet, peaceful						
Weather						
Rural small town atmosphere						
Location						
Not too crowded; friendly						
Relatively safe place to live						
4-H; Small towns; safe, rural living						
Quiet						

Small community traditions; the people							
Small town atmosphere and friendliness							
Older population							
Good people							
Friendly people; small town community							
Easy access to bigger cities							
Friendly people; good highway access							
Small towns & people							
Rural atmosphere							
Quiet, rural living							
Feeling of safety							
Many good changes over the years; farm living							
Rural living							
Good nature of people; especially those involved in communities							
Safe; less traffic							
Friendly, down-home; Small town USA							
Quiet, close to work							
People							
Personal safety							
Small, friendly towns							
Small County							
Close-knit neighborhood							
Country Drive							
Friendly people							
Friendly people							
Rural							
Rural Atmosphere							
Job							
It's my home							
Rural area							
Safety							
Rural Setting							
Rural atmosphere							
Closeness to each town							
It's home							
Good ag lifestyle							
Adequate shopping; friendly, small town environment							
Small City							
The country and fresh air							
Rural living							
Quiet and friendly							
Small Towns							

The people						
The Current County Commissioners						
Country Living						
People						
Small towns						
Friendly						
Friendly people with pride in their homes						
Being in the county without being so close to your neighbors						
Easy, Low Taxes						
Cheap gas prices						
Rural; friendly, caring people						
We can shop locally and have easy acces for traveling when needed.						
Cost of Living						
People						
For the most part, people are friendly						
Small town feeling						
Good schools, highways and people						
People & clean air						
Not overpopulated						
Lower cost of living; friendly people						
Location						
safe						
Good Schools & Health care						
Small town atmosphere - lack of congestion						
Small Town atmosphere - not overgrown						
Low crime rate						
Smalltown atmosphere						
Low crime rate						
Nothing specific						
Friendly atmosphere						
Small town - friendly stores - easy access						
You have to live somewhere.						
Friendly people and rural atmosphere						
Small communities; people know each other						
Safety						
Slow Pace						
Quiet country living						
Safe						
the people						
Easy highway access to larger cities for shopping, jobs, etc.						
Rural living						
Slower pace of life						
Low violent crime						
Low crime rate						
Good neighbors						
Larger cities are convenient for shopping						
Low population						
Small, rural community						

Population							
The people / church							
Close to Ft. Riley							
small town atmosphere							
isolated rural areas with services conveniently located							
nicer quiet county							
somewhat safe							
good people							
good schools, low crime rate, friendly people							
location							
the people							
small town							
small and personal							
friendly people, low crime rate							
peaceful, safe							
rural atmosphere							
small town atmosphere							
it is america							
Our home, but it just happens to be in DK							
rural, relaxed, not over populated ¹							
rural, relaxed, not over populated							
small town rural setting							
relaxed lifestyle							
small town atmosphere-friendly people							
people and environment							
rural, privacy							
rural setting with enough amenities to not have to go to far							
small clean towns and rural living							
small town feel							
space							
location							
people							
nothing, taxes too high and we spend money like it grows on trees							
light population, crime is low							
good schools, small towns, friendly people							
family							
not abilene							
small town atmosphere							
people							
people							
small town, rural - beautiful place to live							
low population							
poor people need a break							
good people							
caring people							
neighbors and friends							

people							
great mix of rival and downtown areas							
it's home							
lower crime rate than some surrounding areas							
space and friendly							
friendly people							
open spaces, caring citizens, excellent education, theatre, antique stores							
just how it is							
good, solid people							
people							
centralized location							
safety, schools, small town atmosphere							
low crime, not crowded							
good people							
small town atmosphere							
For the most part, friendly people							
Pleasant People - being close to downtown							
Quiet; fairly affordable housing; senior citizen help							
Rural character and friendliness							
Safety, schools, personal atmosphere							
The people							
People & Lower prices							
Nothing - water doesn't even meet federal standards							
Cheaper than big cities; easy to get around							
Good roads, weather and people							
Small towns close to larger cities; friendly							
It has a small town friendly feeling							
Slower, not so hectic, lifestyle							
Rural atmosphere and heritage							
The people							
The people							
Healthcare and friendly people							
Atmosphere							
Affordability and agriculture							
Friendliness of the people							
rural, not a lot of traffic, but need more good restaurants							
Not too far from larger cities when needed & most people are friendly							
Friendly people ; open spaces ; not too many people							
Friendly people							
Friendly People							
Not a lot of drugs and crime							
Freedom of Space							
dark sky, open spaces, small town shopping with little traffic for elderly, friendly people							
Community							
Small town atmosphere							
Rural small town							
Lack of urban problems							

Quiet rural atmosphere						
Friendly people						
space						
Not congested						
Slow pace / open space						
Ease of mobility						
Nearby shopping and service						
Quiet						
People						
Affordable						
Friendly						
Community atmosphere						
Rural atmosphere; not too many people						
rural, agricultural lifestyles slow pace						
quiet						
clean air						
community size						
friendly						
friendliness, friendly businesses						
small towns, friendly atmosphere						
not too crowded						
community						
small town atmosphere, good grocery stores						
rural, not crowded						
people						
small, safe						
small town living						
short commuting distance						
because husband farms here						
small town atmosphere is safe						
fresh air						
people get along with each other						
rural feel, not subdivisions						
clean air						
nothing but cost of living						
access to where ever you need to go						
Small, rural						
The country feeling						
Affordable; close to big cities and rural areas						
Small town atmosphere, sense of community						
Being a bedroom community						
If you live in the right area, people will leave you be.						
Small town - good access to Interstate						
Little crime						
Close to Manhattan; less crime						
Safety; friendly people						
Friendly people; safe environment; low crime						

People							
Friendly people and rural setting							
The communities with each town							
People							
Quiet, nice people; small towns							
Towns are small enough that everyone knows everyone							
Rural community; friendly residents							
Rural setting							
Rural, country attitudes, not in the fast lane							
Nice people							
People - good, friendly							
Peaceful							
Small town							
Nice people							
Country atmosphere							
People; tradition							
Small towns; safety							
Small town; safety							
Hometown							
Friendly; quiet, little towns							
Rural but close enough to larger communities							
Citizens; pretty clean							
People							
People							
Friendly People							
Rural setting							
Knowing your neighbors							
lack of population density							
The people in our rural community							
Rural atmosphere							
Smaller populations							
Low crime							
Small towns, good communities, low crime							
It is safe 99% of the time; little waiting in lines; both keep stress down.							
Rural living							
Lower taxes than neighboring counties							
Small population							
Quiet and low crime							
Slower lifestyle							
Attitude of residents							
wide open spaces							
good people							
safe, friendliness							

no traffic, compared to bigger towns, safe environment						
away from large cities						
open spaces						
loud						
being in rural area						
rural people, rural settings, native grass						
peaceful open county, low crime rate, sense of community						
small community atmosphere						
rural small town atmosphere						
because I grew up here						
small schools, lower crime rate						
rural - small community						
trusting and have a ethical bussiness climate						
lived here entire life, slower pace						
location						
relatively uncrowded						
people						
friendly people						
friendly, clean						
atmosphere						
abilene, it's a wonderful town						
small home town feeling						
clean						
friendly people						
not a lot of crime						
people, history, lay of the land						
sense of security						
friendly small town community that takes pride in it's roots						
convience, helpfulness, and friendleniess of residents						
small town						
lifestyle and people						
low population						
people						
out of the way not crowded, laid back						
hometown, rural communitites						
the quiet						
small communities						
Low crime rate						
Access to Interstate						
People						
Safe and affordable						
Location; safe						

light traffic; good schools; many good churches						
Good schools; Recreational programs						
Less crime						
People						
Friendly, people, easy to get around						
Rural areas						
Most people are friendly						
People						
Great people						
Weather						
Small town environment						
Size of Towns; Home						
Small, close-knit communities; independent farmers and business owners						
Less congested area; Quality of life; rural lifestyle						
Friendly people						
Friendly people						
Good people						
Small town atmosphere; Close to Manhattan / Salina						
Rural setting						
Neighbors, safety, and reasonable cost of living						
Friendly people						
Good County - would enjoy more concerts						
White Population						
Nice people; low crime						
Slow, quiet						
Overall safe						
Small Town						
Mid-sized community turning into a retirement town						
Laidback Atmosphere						
Beauty of country living; still smaller towns						
Small						
Small town atmosphere						
Openness; not crowded						
The environment						
Small town atmosphere						
Friendly						
Low Crime						
I-70						
Small communities; friendly						
Friendly people						
Small Community						
friendliness of people						
It's home						
People						
Atmosphere						
County Life						
The people						
Rural living, slow pace of life, no huge cities						

Small town atmosphere; rural setting					
Safe; economical					
Cleanliness, Upkeep of buildings					
Convenience to shopping					
Not crowded					
Quiet					
Safety due to low crime rate					
Community Involvement					
Good schools and churches					
Small community					
Church					
Slow-paced living					
Country atmosphere ; Milford Lake					
Population					
Rural areas					
People; way of life					
People					
People					
Home					
The people					
Cost of living					
Small, but not too small					
small town atmosphere					
personel safety					
people					
small enough, fills immediate needs, easy access to large cities					
low crime					
good people					
rural agricultural environment					
quiet county living					
comfort of the small town and heart of america atmosphere					
people, small town atmosphere yet close to larger cities					
rural					
quiet					
job					
feeling safe, not like a big metropolis					
nice caring people					
quiet, security					
friendly people					
everyone knows each other					
low crime					
small town values					
small town					
little government intervention					
rural background					
friendly, rural atmosphere					
small town settings					

I feel safe here						
small towns						
small town, location to larger communities						
location and people						
county side, quiet, close to larger cities						
friendly people without overcrowding						
relaxed atmosphere, clean air						
don't know						
rural atmosphere						
small						
rural setting						
low population						
not overcrowded, allot of open space						
less volume of people						
low crime, no gang activity, healthy environment						
small town atmosphere						
family						
space						
low population						
small town living						
low crime rate						
safe						
trustworthy people to do business with						
rural atmosphere, good churches, good schools. Clean air						
schools						
county atmosphere with town amenities						
lived here since 58, feel safe						
wide base of friends around county						
location in state						
people						
cost of living, people						
not to many regulations						
beautiful countysides, great air quality, wonderful place to raise children						
people						
rural, small town atmosphere						
rural areas						
small town atmosphere						
Nice homes; traffic not too bad						
Friendly; great schools; low crime						
Open Country						
Size						
Rural setting						
Pace						
Clean, open spaces						
Neighbors watching out for each other						
Away from larger cities						
Mostly friendly helpful people						
People						
Low taxes						
Service; Hospitality						

Agricultural community					
Friendly people					
Peace & Quiet					
Good land and people					
Friendly people					
Friendly county, good people					
Affordable in beautiful county					
Small town friendliness					
Rural compaction of most residents					
Low crime					
Small town friendliness					
Not crowded					
Rural heritage					
Living in the country					
People					
The people who care about Dickinson County					
Farming community, small town, safe for kids					
There are SOME really nice people here.					
Small town, easy to establish one's self					
Tax-Friendly Environment					
People; cost of living					
Friendly atmosphere; relatively low cost of living					
Low Crime					
People					
REAL people live here					
People; Rural lifestyle					
Numerous multi-generation family units					
Good people					
small town charm					
Open Country (not houses everywhere you look)					
Friendly people					
The people					
Slow Pace					
Quiet; little violent crime					
Not crowded					
Small towns					
Community					
Small town comforts					
Size (population) & attitudes of people					
Smalltown, rural atmosphere; good place to raise children					
Small town					
Small town atmosphere					
Not a lot of crime					
Friendly communities					
Close to larger cities; we remain small					

Peace and quiet							
Small town atmosphere							
Quiet; mostly crime free							
Friendly people							
good neighbors							
Less crime							
Being small enough to know your neighbors							
Rural Living							
Friendly People							
Country							
Not much going on (zoning complaints in paper)							
Small town environment							
Friendly, honest, community-minded people							
Rural							
Central Location							
People, Friends, Economics, Home							
Quiet living with close proximity to many things							
Atmosphere							
The people & cost of living							
Safer than a lot of places							
Convenience							
Safe! Quiet; close to most services							
Rural Environment							
Friendly people							
Low crime & drugs							
Good fire & police protection							
Small town atmosphere							
Amount of open space like farmland and range land							
Cleanliness							
Location							
Rural, peaceful surroundings							
Rural setting							
Not overcrowded							
Space & Safety							
Quiet, Small Towns							
Family farms							
Friendly people							
Not much changes							
Friendly People							
It's home							
Family							
Space, Friendly People							
I like the small town; Friendly People							
Small Town							
Easy access to some shopping							
Small town atmosphere / Rural Living							
Safety, good people							
Space							
Not overpopulated							
Churches, Businesses, Friendly People							
Home							

Centrally Located; Low Crime						
Fresh air; no pollution; low crime						
Knowing your neighbors; Friendliness						
Easy lifestyle						
Space, People, Heritage						
The people						
The people						
Meets most of the needs of most of the people						
Small community atmosphere						
Peaceful						
Small town						
Overall environment						
Home						
Being close to a terminal elevator to sell crops						
Has everything I need						
Good People						
Rural setting						
Peaceful						
Not overpopulated						
People						
It has most of the things people need.						
Country						
Low crime rate; not crowded						
Healthy environment, Low taxes, Safety from most fears						
Not too crowded						
Small town atmosphere						
Friendly small town atmosphere						
Many churches, Friendly police, good schools						
Smaller town						
Reasonably safe and affordable						
Friendliness and accommodation of business personnel						
Quiet; generally low crime rate						
Nice people						
Taxes are Low						
Friendly citizens						
Feel safe						
People						
Fairly Safe						
Laid Back						
Community Activities						
Pride						

Good school systems; good place to raise a family							
The people							
Peaceful							
close to interstate and larger towns							
Country / Small town lifestyle							
Easy access to area businesses in Abilene for shopping; peaceful, quiet area to live in							
The community							
The rural (not too crowded) aspect							
No traffic							
The rural lifestyle							
Friendly and safe							
Close to larger cities							
Laid back							
Low crime, Location, Climate, Natural beauty							
We get to know people; easy access to bigger towns							
Good schools, churches, civic clubs							
Hometown friendliness							
It's quirky							
Small population							
Rural setting							
Rural community that cares about each other							
Crime rate							
Rural, small town; family-oriented atmosphere							
Friendly people							
Familiarity							
Rural life with wonderful small towns							
Cleanliness and friendliness							
right to privacy							
I grew up here on a farm and hope to raise my kids the same way.							
family							
This is where the farm is							
The Country Lifestyle							
Wide open spaces							
Rural setting							
Slow pace							
Small towns with strong moral values							
Rural Living							

Appendix J - Part 5: Outdoor Recreation

walking						
Hunting						
softball/baseball for youth; walking paths for adults						
Golf and running						
Hunting; fishing						
walking						
All						
Nature						
Farming						
Hunting and fishing						
Hunting and fishing						
Hunting, fishing, boating						
Camping, fishing						
Lakes, Fishing						
Fishing						
Dirt bike track						
Hunting						
Fishing						
Walking area						
Lakes and places to walk dogs						
Exercise						
Hunting						
Parks, fair, softball/baseball, swimming						
Walking						
Water Sports						
Hunting, fishing						
Camping, horseback riding						
For our youth						
Parks, walking trails						
Fishing, hunting						
Need some						
parks, walking paths						
Golf, walking						
Most sports, especially hunting, fishing						
Trails						
camping-boating-fishing						

fishing, hunting, walking						
Camping						
Parks						
Hunting						
Walking trails which are safe						
Walking, biking						
Lake camping and boating						
Walking						
Hunting, fishing						
Leisure / gardening						
Sports						
Landscaping						
Flowers, gardening, parks						
Activities for children						
Walking						
Horseback Riding						
Parks, bike riding, picnics						
New swimming pool for the kids						
None						
Fishing						
Firearms						
Fishing						
Golf						
Hunting; fishing						
Hunting; fishing						
Hunting/fishing						
Horseback riding						
Walking						
Hunting, Fishing, Walking						
Hunting, Fishing						
Fishing - need a lake						
Hunting/Fishing						
Pro Football, Fishing, Boating						
Boating, Fishing						
Hunting, Fishing, Parks						
Walking						
Walking						
Fishing, camping, walking						
Boating, ATV Riding, Shooting/Archery						
Hunting						

Walking						
Walking; Swimming						
Fishing, Hunting, Bike Riding						
Walking						
Ball						
Traveling - good roads						
Fishing						
Fishing						
Walking						
Boating, swimming, baseball, hunting						
Hunting, fishing						
Hunting, Fishing						
Walking						
Hunting						
Camping, fishing						
Hunting, fishing						
Fishing, Rodeos						
Fishing						
Fishing, Racing						
Fishing; Horseback Riding						
Hunting						
Viewing the sunset						
Hiking, Biking						
None						
Fishing						
Camping, fishing, off-roading						
tennis, golf, walking, swimming						
Hunting						
Gardening						
Motorcycling, Golf						
The park, flowers, fairground activities						
None						
Hiking, Biking						
Hiking						
Golf						
Too cold in the winter; too hot in the summer; fix the weather machine						
Hunting						
Walk along roads safely						
Trapping, Hunting						
Camping						
Lakes						
RV traveling, antique farm equipment shows, historical re-enactments						
Hiking, biking, riding, skiing						
Sports						
Hunting, Fishing						

Horticulture					
swimming, bicycle riding, horseback riding					
deer hunting					
water activities, canoeing					
walking					
walking					
boating, camping					
activities for family and children					
walking					
golf, swimmming, parks					
water					
boating and camping					
auto racing					
lakes and sports					
horseback riding, target shooting, archery, dog parks					
hiking, biking, hunting, picnicing, camping					
biking, walking, good trails would be nice					
hunting, fishing					
swimming					
2					
hunting, fishing, boating					
golf					
camping, fishing, hunting					
water sports, hunting					
golfing, fishing					
fishing, sports, walking					
walking					
nature trails, walking paths					
hunting, fishing, hiking, horse back riding					
water sports					
county tax dollars need not fund this					
walking trail					
walking, fishing, hunting					
hunting, fishing, family orientated activities					
parks					
work					
golf					
fishing					
sports, family fun, and nature					
walking, tennis, swimming					
hunting, fishing, camping					
motor cross rididn and hunting					
fishing					
hunting, trapping, fishing, boating					

walking, fishing, gardening				
hiking, boating, sports				
peace and quiet, fishing, motorcycle riding				
walking, fishing				
hunting, fishing, boating				
natural areas-hiking, birding, flowers, biking				
swinmming, boating				
walking, woking with dogs, campfires by creek, tennis				
hunting and fishing				
picnicing and camping				
hunting, fishing				
biking, hiking				
hunting, fishing				
wildlife, sports				
fishing				
farm shows, shooting events				
Fishing Lakes & Ponds that are taken care of				
Walking				
Fishing/hunting/shooting/boating				
Lakes and walking trails				
Waliking trails; nice ballfields and tennis courts				
Sports - walking				
Golf, walking				
Walking				
Golf; walking				
Fishing, gardening, walking				
Camping, Fishing				
Lakes				
Walking, hiking, gardening				
Golf				
All types				
hunting, fishing				
Hunting, Running/Walking				
Activities for kids, including teens				
Fishing				
Fishing, hunting, boating, running, hiving				
Swimming pool				
Golf, Walking, Biking				
Walking				
None, at my age				
Rodeo; Kansas Free Fair				
Fishing, hunting				
Fishing, Hunting				
Fishing, hunting, wildlife				
Hunting, fishing				
Fishing				
hiking, biking, canoeing, camping				
Golf, biking, swimming				
Walking, Fishing				
We need bike trails, camp sites, hiking trails				

Hiking; horseback riding						
Hunting, fishing						
Downhill snow skiing / water sports						
Golf, fishing						
Yardwork & neatness						
Hunting, exercise						
None						
Camping						
KSU football						
Hunting						
Hunting, fishing, camping						
flying, shooting sports						
hunting						
kids sports						
hunting, fishing						
softball, baseball, football						
camping, walking						
parks						
hunting, fishing						
hunting, fishing, camping						
walking						
boating, camping						
walking trails						
walking trails						
year round swimming, walking, bike path						
walking, biking, swimming						
trails, canoeing on river (smoky hill), hiking						
golf						
fishing, swimming						
hunting, fishing						
hunting, fishing, gardening						
none, would like a movie theatre						
Hunting, fishing						
Hunting, fishing, walking						
water, hiking, camping						
Fishing, hunting, trapping						
Playing in the yard with animals; gardening						
Natural Resources, Parks, Golf						
Camping, Gardening						
Wildlife, walking						
Hunting, fishing						
hiking, birdwatching, wildlife						
Camping, boating						

Exercise						
Walking						
Camping, fishing, golf						
Horses, Trails, Bikes, Hunting, Walking						
Walking						
Walking						
Biking, walking, running						
Hunting, fishing						
Parks						
Hunting, fishing						
Just enjoy the outdoors						
Walking paths & gardens						
Walking						
No time						
Tennis						
hiking, biking, walking						
Parks; family activities						
Sports, hunting, fishing, equine						
Baseball						
golf, fishing						
Camping, fishing, hunting, hiking						
Golf, Fishing						
None						
Camping						
Hunting						
Golf, Fishing, Hunting						
Youth programs						
Walking; Gardening						
Running, Walking, Biking, Dancing						
Motorcycling, Hunting, Camping, Swimming						
Boating, Gardening						
Fishing, Camping						
Lake, boating, fishing, golf, walking						
Fishing, Walking						
Walking						
Walking, Biking, Socializing						
Boating, Camping, Fishing, Hunting						
Gardening						
Gardening, Fishing						
Water Sports						
to old to care, more movies, a theatre, better swimming						
private land						
swimming						

baseball, softball, football, swimming					
fishing					
golf, gardening, hunting					
hunting, biking, walking					
riding horses					
phesant and quail population					
maintaining our own county property					
water, hunting					
fishing					
after school sports for kids, walking					
camping, fishing					
watching wildlife, taking pictures, hiking, biking, camping					
skate park, pool, parks					
golf, fishing					
fishing, walking					
hunting, fishing					
parks, swimming					
fishing, boating, camping					
fishing, hunting					
hunting, fishing, parks, beaches					
fishing, hunting					
fishing, walking					
fishing					
putput golf, skate boarding, parks, pool					
crusing					
hunting, fishing,					
hunting, fishing, walking, parks					
hiking					
fishing					
oberving nature					
hunting					
hunting, fishing, nature watching					
peace and quiet					
fishing, hunting, trapping					
biking, swimming					
Concerts					
Fishing, Hunting					

Hunting, Fishing					
Golf, Baseball, Basketball					
Hunting, Fishing					
Milford Lake					
Any					
Hiking					
Football, Baseball, Walking Trails					
Golf, Softball, Baseball, Running					
Walking					
Hunting, Motorcycling					
All					
Sports					
horseback riding, swimming, walking					
Lake activities; Hunting					
Hunting					
Camping, Boating					
Milford Lake; golf					
Swimming; Parks; Jogging					
Softball, Fishing, Motorcycling					
None					
Hiking					
Ball, Fair, Concerts, etc.					
Lake areas					
Hunting					
Kids, Swimming					
Walking					
Walking, Fishing					
Walking					
Picnic Areas; Swimming					
We have plenty.					
Yard Work					
Hunting, Fishing, Camping					
wildlife					
Walking					
Sailing					
hunting, golfing					
Kids Sports					
equine events					
Hunting, Fishing					
Hunting					
Motorcycling, Travel, Outdoor activities					
Hunting, Fishing					
Golf					
Lakes					

sports for young people; exercise areas for senior citizens					
Swimming					
Swimming, Walking, Biking					
Fishing, Hunting					
Walking					
Yard work; gardening					
Hunting; Boating					
Walking; sporting events					
Fishing; Racing					
Boating; Fishing					
Walking, Fishing					
Boating; Snowmobiling; Gardening; Wildlife; ORV Areas					
Outdoor Events					
Prairie scenery photography					
Parks, 4-Wheel Facility; Soccer					
Walking Paths					
Kids; Baseball					
Fishing, Hunting					
Hunting, Fishing					
Hike, Boat, Camp					
Hunting, Fishing, Parks					
walking					
hunting, hiking					
horses					
racing, boating					
hunting, fishing, sports					
walking					
enjoying summer nights on the porch					
water, tennis, golf					
parks for picnic and playground					
hunting, fishing					
fishing					
fishing					
our parks can be used for many family fun gatherings					
water skiing					
walking, biking, bird watching, and other natural observations					
activities in public parks					
household duties-animal, landscaping, kids sports and activities					
walking					
safe walking areas, lakes for swimming, hunting, fishing					
fishing					
fishing					
hunting, softball, baseball					
safe walking areas					
hunting, fishing					

walking, boating						
safe places to walk and run, trails						
lakes, pools						
motorcycle riding, hunting, fishing						
hunting, fishing						
waking, exercise, football						
swimming, fishing, camping						
fishing, boating, golfing						
lakes, streams						
running, walking						
walking						
golf, walking, softball						
walking, biking						
hiking, biking, fishing, local rivers, hunting						
safe, easy, access, cost-walking trails, water parks						
gardening, golf						
all kinds						
fishing, bird watching						
golf						
park areas with tennis, basketball courts						
parks						
walking, biking trails						
walking						
hunting						
fishing						
golf						
fish, hunting, bike						
fishing, boating, softball						
fishing, camping						
fishing						
rodeos, hunting						
Lakes, Fishing, Camping						
Gardening						
Fishing						
Walking, Horseback Riding						
Hunting, Fishing						
Fishing						
Fishing, Boating, Exercise						
Hunting, fishing, sporting firearms						
Hunting, Farming, Walking						
Fishing, Camping						
Any						
Hunting, Fishing, Walking						

Horse Events					
Hunting, Fishing					
Walking					
Camping, Boating					
Hiking paths, bicycle lanes					
Football					
Hunting, Fishing					
Walking					
Sports and Fishing					
Racing fairs, Stock shows, watching nature					
Walking, Park					
Hunting, Fishing, Walking					
Gardening, Hunting, Fishing					
hunting, Horseback riding					
Gardening					
Hunting, Fishing					
Parks					
Walking, swimming, biking					
Hunting, Fishing, Music					
Walking					
hunting, fishing					
Swimming, Baseball, Softball					
Golf, Hunting, Fishing					
Camping, Boating					
Places to walk or bike safely					
Camping					
Gardening, Walking					
Hunting, Hiking, Horseback Riding					
Outdoor Living; Walking					
Youth sports					
Walking					
Raising & Breaking Horses					
None					
Hunting, Fishing, Lake Activities					
Fishing, Boating, Camping					
Hunting					
Fishing					
Golf, Softball, Football					
Hunting					
Fishing, Hunting					
Local Lakes					
Hunting, Fishing					
Campng; Biking					
Places for families (parks, water, etc.)					
Walking					
Motorcycling					
Golf, Walking, Youth rec programs					

Sailing						
Camping, Fishing						
None						
Fishing						
Fresh air						
Golf, Fishing						
Fishing, Boating						
Fishing						
Hunting						
Boating, Fishing, Hunting						
Golf, Walking						
Horseback Riding; Target Shooting						
Gardening, Hunting, Fishing						
Hunting, Fishing, Camping						
Sports for kids						
Hunting, Bicycling, Walking						
Boating, Camping, Hiking, etc.						
Hiking, Swimming						
Motorcycling, Jogging, Walking, Biking						
Hunting, Fishing						
Fishing, Watching Softball						
Boating, Hunting, Fishing						
Gardening						
Walking paths/trails, Swimming, Biking trails						
Hunting, Fishing, Trapping						
Fishing, Hunting						
Camping, Gardening						
Sunsets, Walking						
Fishing, Hunting						
Fishing						
Sports						
Walking						
Walking in a safe environment; Swimming for handicapped teens						
Hiking, Fishing						
Training dogs and horses; Walkiing; Motorcycling						
Walking, Bicycling						
Hunting, Soccer, Football, Swimming, Walking						
Garden, Hunting, Fishing						
Swimming; Walking						
Golf, Walking						
Golf						
Fishing, Hunting						
Gardening						
Hunting						
Hunting, Fishing						
None						

Golf						
Walking; Sports						
Hunting, Boating						
Baseball, Hunting						
Walking						
Hunting, Riding						
Hunting						
Golf						
Walking						
Hunting						
Fishing, Hunting, Walking						
Lakes, Parks						
Hunting, Fishing						
Hunting; Nature						
Lake						
Lake						
Walking						
Hunting						
Tennis, Baseball, Soccer						
Hunting, Fishing						
Fishing						
Baseball, Football (for the kids)						
Fishing, Biking, Hiking						
Hunting						
Fishing, Walking						
Swimming						
Putt Putt Golf, Family Recreation, Tennis, Snack Bars, Dances						
Sports, Hunting						
Keep kids busy (swimming, soccer, etc.)						
Bicycling (bike trails to salina?)						
Fishing, Hunting, Hiking						
Fishing, Hunting, Camping						
Hunting, Fishing, Boating						
Hunting, Fishing						
Walking						
Walking						
BBQ						
Walking, Camping						
None						
Family Get-Togethers						
Fishing, Swimming, Hiking						
Jogging, Hiking, Biking (need better trails)						
Walking						

Fishing, Hunting					
Fishing, Hunting					
Hunting, Fishing, Trapping					
walking					
Hunting, fishing, boating					
Fishing					
Muzzle Loading, Fishing, Camping					
Walk in the Park					
Water Park					
Hiking trails, Nature walks					
None					
Hunting, Golf, Fishing					
Baseball, Softball, Rodeo					
Swimming, Fairs, Trails, Fishing					
Hunting, Walking					
None					
Fishing					
Hunting, Nature trails, Camping					
Fishing, Hunting					
No time					
Sports					
Hunting, Fishing					
Walking, Swimming					
Team sports, hunting, fishing					
Boating, Skiing					
Biking, Horseback riding, Hiking					
Fishing, Hiking, Boating					
Hunting, Horseback Riding, Motorcycling					
Fishing, Hunting					
Exercise					
walking, hunting, shooting					
Work					
Walking, Horseback riding					
None					
Hunting, Fishing					
Hunting, Fishing					
Camping					
Walking					
Sports					

Appendix J

Part 6: Priorities for the next 25 years in Dickinson County should be:

Rank	Score	Priority
29	47	1 Recruiting new business, industries, firms
33	98	2 Retaining existing businesses
35	47	3 Jobs and youth retention
39	35	4 Increasing availability and supply of rural water
47	25	5 Focusing on rural road improvement
48	19	6 Wind energy programs and initiatives
48	88	7 Housing, healthcare and support for the aging population
54	89	8 Revitalizing existing business districts
57	91	9 Requiring most new housing developments to locate within existing communities and connect to their services
84	93	10 Other: <u>(generically / as written in by respondents)</u>

Appendix J

Write-In Priorities/Suggestions from Survey Respondents:

(As Ranked by Respondent)

Law Enforcement & Emergency Services

- 8 Retaining good law enforcement & firefighters
- 8 Speed control on rural roads
- 10 Establish countywide rural fire/EMS
- 10 good law enforcement
- 10 Speed bumps and other controls on rural roads

General/Miscellaneous

- 1 Survey too long
- 6 focusing on becoming more diverse community
- 9 Keep current traditions consistent
- 10 Don't expect Fort Riley to save Dickinson County
- 10 Survey is a waste of money
- 10 Survey waste of money
- 10 think positively and don't get stuck in a rut

Taxes

- 1 Cap on retirees property taxes
- 1 Reduce property tax
- 2 proper and constructive use of tax dollars received
- 9 Property tax aid
- 10 Raising taxes
- 10 repeal the intangible tax
- 10 Unfair personal property assessed value must be lowered to retain home owners

Government & Policy

- 1 all communities should work together for everyone's benefits
- 1 county should be equal opportunity employer, not open communication within work place
- 1 Get new county commissioners
- 2 county leadership should live in county not Abilene
- 3 Really need to get zoning under control
- 8 Require elected and government employees to be more responsible
- 9 Protect our communities from pornographic business
- 10 Cooperation between rural & city; indoor swimming; cultural/documentary films at Eisenhower Center
- 10 Townships need to be run by the county

Development & Preservation

- 1 agriculture-not losing farmland to housing/business development
- 1 Keep farm as farms for the county and the country's food supply.
- 1 Make it a historical center - Abilene Town first
- 1 Protect farmland from development
- 1 protecting our farms!
- 10 increasing public land
- 10 land owners more freedom from permits

Healthcare

- 1 more doctors
- 3 Healthcare available in every community no matter how small
- 4 Healthcare for everyone
- 7 Pediatrician in Abilene
- 10 Recruiting young doctors; several close to retirement

Housing

- 1 Affordable Housing for Families (3 bedrooms or more) \$80K - \$120K
- 6 Don't need big living units being built
- 8 Grants to repair older homes
- 10 Remember that Dickinson County residents don't have same type of money as soldiers get for housing
- 10 Rental housing should have to pass inspections.

Technology

- 3 High speed internet availability

Economic Development

- 1 Wal-Mart, Old Navy, Target & help support existing businesses
- 2 Recruiting technology firms
- 2 retiree recruiting
- 2 Supporting agriculture
- 3 jobs for seniors
- 5 Refrain from Salina or Junction City duplication. Asset = bedroom community
- 10 County-wide tourism effort
- 10 It's time to be more than ALCO.
- 10 No subsidizing poor business management
- 10 sit down cafes
- 10 use common sense relating to our ag production base

Quality of Life / Recreation

- 1 Creating places for adult and children's entertainment

- 1 standard of living-population becoming more and more low income
- 1 theatre, restaurants
- 7 adult and kid activities
- 10 indoor swimming; cultural/documentary films at Eisenhower Center
- 10 provide recreation opportunities
- 10 Things for families to do

Environment & Resources

- 1 Cities drilling water wells outside city limits
- 1 energy and water conservation
- 1 Manage agricultural irrigation to not deplete water, aquifers, rivers & creeks in dry years
- 1 Protect our ground water and streams
- 1 Sustaining Agricultural Land
- 1 Water
- 1 Water availability
- 3 Work with other counties to stop sucking the Smoky Hill River dry

Education

- 1 Quality education for all
- 5 Keep five schools open
- 5 quality and affordable childcare, preschools for 3-4 yr olds
- 6 Consolidating small (1A) schools with larger school districts
- 9 high quality schools
- 10 consolidate schools
- 10 Good schools
- 10 Improving education

Religion

- 10 support our churches

Image / Visual Assessment

- 1 Raise image scale; manage county business
- 9 Clean up county and rural towns