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To the Editor,

With the South Dakota Primary Election coming up on 07 June I offer my opinion on the Yankton County Commission race.

I have previously served on the Yankton County Planning Commission for about 10 years and have participated in moving Yankton forward from 2003 and served on the jail/ police station community board and many other points of community involvement.

In the last four years observation of the Yankton County Commission news, I remind everyone that when Dan Klimisch was first sworn into office one of his first comments after being sworn in was "We now have two sides". This can be referenced on the meeting video of that evening. How can you have sides in an effective county government where everyone should be treated the same.

In his term of office, the turmoil that has been reported on the different events that the elected commission was part of include:

Improper hiring actions, improper employee termination actions, the cost of revoking permits, all led to costly litigation paid for by the taxpayers of Yankton County. He was directly involved in those hiring and termination actions and permit revocations and a party in the lawsuits that were filed.

He was the key player in revoking already issued building permits that had been approved and allowed by the previously serving county commission members. These permits were revoked in many cases where materials and financing had already moved beyond the planning phases.

Another instance where Dan Klimisch was a "leader" moving Yankton County in reverse was the amount in miles of paved roads that disappeared under his leadership reverting back to Gravel.

In a county where most of our economic activity is based on the value of agriculture, Dan Klimisch has actively demonstrated his pure disdain for agriculture producers who live in Yankton County.

Under his leadership the Hwy 52 sector out to the lake looks like the biggest RV park in the world as he was an approver of the conditional use permits that allowed that to happen.

With a list of many qualified candidates for Yankton County Commission, I would recommend that people vote for ANY candidate but Dan Klimisch and then a government for the people will be restored.

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