



2010 IMAGIN Annual Conference and Expo Monday, May 3, 2010 Keynote Speaker

Commissioner Randy Johnson Hennepin County, Minnesota

Commissioner Randy Johnson's district includes 160,000 people who live in the cities of Richfield, Bloomington, and Eden Prairie. He chaired the Hennepin County Board in 2004-2008 and in 1997-2001.

He was elected in 1978 and re-elected nine successive times. He chaired the 1998 and 2002 Republican State Conventions and has been endorsed by the Republican party and almost every major labor union.

In 1997-1998 Commissioner Johnson was president of the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACo).



As President of NACo, Commissioner Johnson stressed the importance of helping counties become more "global, digital, and sustainable". He accepted the first invitation ever offered by the Chinese Government to lead a delegation of locally elected county officials as guests of the People's Republic of China.

Commissioner Johnson has been invited to testify before Congress more often and on more issues than any elected county official in history.

Commissioner Johnson is a strong advocate of geo-spatial information systems (GIS) and serves on the National Geo-Spatial Advisory Committee for the Department of Interior.

In Washington, D.C., Commissioner Johnson has served on various advisory committees for EPA, HUD, FCC, OMB, Interior and the National Academy of Sciences.

Commissioner Johnson is one of the few elected county officials to be named one of the 500 Fellows of the Congressionally Chartered [National Academy for Public Administration](#) in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Johnson co-chaired the Governor's Bi-partisan Blue-Ribbon Commission on Welfare Reform which broke a bitter legislative deadlock and unanimously set the framework for Minnesota's innovative welfare reform efforts. He has chaired or served on the boards of many metropolitan agencies and non-profit organizations.

In 2006, Commissioner Johnson oversaw a major change in governance of the Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC), a 600 bed public teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Minnesota. He is one of two Commissioners serving on the new HCMC board of directors.

Commissioner Johnson received a J.D. degree "cum laude" from the University of Minnesota Law School where he was a member of the Law Review; and a B.A. degree in Political Science from Macalester College in St. Paul.