

4 fail to meet campaign report deadline

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The 30-day deadline for filing campaign finance reports in the 2004 county elections has passed.

As of Monday, four candidates had not filed the required financial disclosure form, which was due Feb. 10.

They were Greg Parker, candidate for Precinct 3 commissioner; Bob Wickman, candidate for Precinct 1 commissioner; Joe Gomez, candidate for Precinct 3 constable, and Kenneth Smith, candidate for Precinct 2 constable.

Gomez and Smith also failed to file on time reports due Jan. 15.

Wickman and Parker said Saturday their failure to file had been an oversight. Both filed the forms Tuesday.

Unopposed races:

In Sheriff Bob Holder and County Tax Assessor/Collector Sherman Krause reported raising — and spending — no money this period in their unopposed bids for re-election.

In Ben Scroggin, running unopposed in his bid to be Precinct 1 constable, reported no contributions or expenditures.

In the Precinct 2 constable race, candidate Kenneth Smith had not filed his paperwork as of midafternoon Monday — marking the second campaign filing he has missed in less than one month.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jack Dawson, seeking his third term, reported raising no new money this filing period. He spent \$256.39, mostly for campaign mailers.

In the first filing period, which ended Jan. 15, Dawson reported raising \$5,070 and lending his campaign another \$452.75. He spent \$3,361.82 during the first period — mostly on campaign signage.

Diane Dasher, who is seeking to unseat Dawson in the March 9 primary, raised \$350 this reporting period, spending \$63.31, mostly for campaign sign stakes.

In the first reporting period, Dasher reported raising \$355 and receiving a \$6,000 campaign loan from her husband, John. Her campaign expenditures were \$5,977.42 — mostly for mailers and campaign signs.

Bob Wickman reported raising \$1,215 this reporting period and spending \$1,350.04. In the first reporting period.

Wickman raised \$6,600 and spent \$4,695.18, making him the big fund-raiser so far in the Precinct 1 race with \$7,815, followed by Dasher at \$6,705 and Dawson at \$5,522.75.

In the Precinct 3 Commissioner race, three-term incumbent Cristina Zamora reported raising no money in the first campaign period in January. She spent \$298.39 of her own money.

This reporting period, Zamora reported raising \$870 and spending \$2,543.42 — mostly for campaign signs.

Her primary opponent, Ramon Chapa Jr., reported raising \$270 and spending \$4,335.27 during the current reporting period.

Greg Parker, the Republican who will face either Zamora or Chapa in the November general election, raised \$2,025 in this reporting period and reports no campaign spending.

Parker reported raising \$14,040 during the first reporting period in his bid to unseat Zamora and spending \$2,072.80. The majority of Parker's funding, \$13,500, was listed in in-kind services for his Web site, consulting and graphic design.

In the race for the County Court-at-Law 2 bench, appointed Judge Charles Stephens reported raising \$11,291.50 during the first reporting period and spending \$7,729.61.

In the report filed this week, Stephens reported raising an additional \$5,610 and spending \$3,294.78, mostly in postage.

Opponent Randy Gray reported raising \$1,270 and spending \$6,238.89 in January, listing campaign loans of \$10,800. This week, Gray reported contributions of \$4,455 and expenditures of \$2,844.47, mostly in sign materials.

Assistant District Attorney Joe Soane, who is also seeking the County Court-at-Law 2 bench, reported contributions of \$4,025 and expenditures of \$3,280.36 in January.

This week, Soane reported contributions of \$1,185 and expenditures of \$1,377.50, mostly for signs.

In the Precinct 4 Constable race, retired New Braunfels Assistant Chief of Police Doug Dunlap reported raising \$675 and spending \$1,743.28 in January.

This week, Dunlap reported raising \$2,050 and spending \$2,736.68, mostly for signs.

Opponent Al Marin of Spring Branch, a former San Antonio police officer, reported raising \$400 and spending \$601.03 in January.

This past week, he reported raising \$50 and spending \$278.36, mostly for campaign pens.

Jason Rapp, deputy Precinct 4 constable who is seeking to replace Scroggin in the position, reported raising \$3,275 and spending \$3,655.20 in January.

This week, he reported raising \$275 and spending \$972.49.

Retired police officer Robert Svoboda, who reported raising \$125 and spending \$582.20 in January, had not reported Monday.