

PRIMARY 2014

Candidates gear up for primary fight

The filing time for the March party primary election closed with several local races being challenged for the Republican Party nomination.

No candidates filed in local races for the Democratic Party ballot so, for most GOP hopefuls, a win in the March primary will be almost certain victory headed into the November general election.

— Compiled by Mark J. Armstrong

A look at the candidates

COUNTY JUDGE

The county judge is the chief financial officer for the county and the symbolic head of the county government. The judge is required to submit an annual budget to commissioners and also sits on the bench for juvenile cases.



Tom Pollard



Bob Waller

KERR COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW JUDGE

Incumbent Spencer Brown announced earlier this year he would retire after 23 years on the bench, leaving an open race for the seat. The court hears misdemeanor criminal cases and some civil matters.



Susan Harris



Rob Kelly



Pat Maguire



Gordon Morris

DISTRICT CLERK

Longtime deputy clerk Robbin Burlew was appointed early this year to fill the unexpired term of Linda Uecker after her retirement. The office holds the records for all district court cases in Kerr County and serves as a local passport office.



Robbin Burlew*



Evelyn Beth Manry

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The county attorney is the chief prosecutor for county misdemeanor cases and represents the county in most other legal matters. Incumbent Rob Henneke is seeking the legislative seat currently held by Harvey Hilderbran, who is running for comptroller.



Ralph Behrens



Heather Stebbins

COUNTY CLERK

The county clerk's office is the repository for many county records, including commissioners' court, county court, county court-at-law, juvenile mental health hearings and probate. The office also records vital statistics such as birth and death records and marriage licenses.



Rebecca Bolin



Jannett Pieper*

* Indicates incumbent
All candidates are
Republican unless
otherwise noted.

Early voting:
Feb. 18-Feb. 28

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1

Justices of the peace have jurisdiction over misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only, and they hear most civil cases with disputed values of \$10,000 or less. They also act as magistrate, conduct inquests and hold administrative hearings.



Jane Trolinger



Mitzi French



Thomas Rodriguez Sr.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

County commissioners are elected from four county precincts, two this year and two next year. They serve on the court that is the governing body for the county.



Stan Kubenka



Tom Moser*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Matt McCall
Lamar Smith*
Michael J. Smith

COMPTROLLER

Mike Collier (Democrat)
Glenn Hegar
Harvey Hilderbran

Debra Medina
Raul Torres

TEXAS HOUSE DISTRICT 53

Karen Harris
Rob Henneke
Andrew Murr

Tink Nathan
Wayne Ramsay

UNCONTESTED RACES

The following races have only drawn one candidate in the upcoming primary.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4: Bruce Oehler*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2: J.R. Hoyne*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 3: Kathy Mitchell*

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4: Bill Ragsdale*

COUNTY TREASURER: Tracy Soldan*

COUNTY SURVEYOR: Lee Voelkel*