

BAILES PURSUES FUNDING GOAL

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John Bailes, a Democratic candidate for Hamilton County Commission, is hoping to raise \$14,000 by the end of February in an effort to reach \$30,000.

Mr. Bailes, who is trying to unseat incumbent Curtis Adams, initially set out to raise \$30,000 by the end of January. He said raising the money as soon as possible remains critical as he tries to boost his name recognition.

In a podcast on his campaign blog, Mr. Bailes put out a call for 140 donors to contribute \$100 each.

"It has been 18 years since my opponent took office," Mr. Bailes said. "He's been there too long. He knows it."

Mr. Adams said that will be up for voters to decide. He said his time on the commission makes him more effective.

"I'm highly experienced, and I know county government like the back of my hand," Mr. Adams said.

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