

Hello. It's Saturday, February 18, 2006.

I have good news. It is absolutely clear now that I am running unopposed in the Democratic primary in District 8. Running unopposed will provide my campaign with three benefits.

One, I am by default the presumptive Democratic candidate for District 8 county commissioner for the general election in August.

Two, I can focus all of my resources and message immediately on unseating my opponent.

Three, I can raise money more easily without a Democratic contender.

Which brings me to this morning's Times Free Press and an article headlined "Bailes pursues funding goal."

It accurately reports that I am currently pursuing a goal of \$30,000 by the end of February. We reached \$16,000 at the end of January, and we are closing in on \$20,000 as I speak. This is exciting news!

Just think of the number of stakeholders inside and outside District 8 who want a change in the direction in Hamilton County. They want a change by unseating my opponent, Curtis Adams, in August this year.

That Times Free Press article also reports that my opponent claims he knows county government like the back of his hand. I'm not sure what the back of his hand looks like, but I don't think Mr. Adams is talking about the same government that all of the rest of us expect. The rest of us expect that our local government will work hard and smart for everyone, educating children, supporting families, renewing business spirit, and promoting community.

Help me today by making a donation of at least \$100 to my campaign for education, jobs, and trust in Hamilton County. I'm counting on you.