

Brazos County residents will pick 2 county commissioners Nov. 8

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Brazos County residents will choose two county commissioners Tuesday, including the one in Texas A&M's precinct.

In the Precinct 3 race, Democrat W.F. "Bubba" Moore, owner of the *College Station Press* newspaper, is running against Republican Randy Sims, who owns Randy Sims Barbecue House.

Moore's main campaign thrust is that he's the only candidate who is willing to work full time at the commissioner's job.

"My opponent feels that he can run a business full-time and work part-time at the courthouse," Moore said. "I believe that the job doesn't need a part-time commissioner."

Moore said if he is elected, he will step down from the newspaper and go to work full-time at the courthouse.

In an appeal for the student vote, Moore promised to be available 24 hours, seven days a week for Aggie functions and fundraisers.

He said he is the only candidate who will be able to give all his time to the commissioner's job.

Sims said that although he will continue to work at his restaurant, he is willing to spend as many hours as necessary at the commissioner's job if elected.

He said the recent hiring of a county engineer has taken a tremendous workload off the commissioners, making the job less demanding.

To go along with this lessened workload, he said, he supports cutting the commissioner's salary from about \$38,000 per year to \$25,000 per year.

Moore also supports the cut in salary. Sims stresses more citizen participation in county government in his campaign.

He proposed to set up a citizen's advisory committee to help put together a "roadmap" to indicate the perceived areas of growth in Brazos County over the next 15 years.

"I think this, in conjunction with long-range planning, is something that is so needed in Brazos County that I don't think we have had in the past," Sims said.

Moore also said he supports long-range planning and more citizen involvement.

Sims has a degree in business administration from Texas A&M.

He was a commissioner from 1973-76 and was on the Bryan City Council from 1986-87.

He said he also has been a vice president in the Chamber of Commerce and has served on their board.

Moore said his qualifications for the county commissioner's office are derived from being an independent businessman for the past 20 years.

In the Precinct 1 commissioner's race, Democratic incumbent Bill Cooley faces a challenge from Republican Gary Norton.

Cooley has been commissioner for four terms, and said he is seeking reelection because of the economic condition of Brazos County.

He said economic recovery is the biggest problem facing Brazos County, and said his experience is what is needed to lead the county through the recovery.

Cooley said he is a former College Station councilman, is a member of the Brazos County Industrial Foundation, and is a charter member of the College Station Economic Development Foundation.

"I think my background speaks for itself," Cooley said.

Cooley said he supports continued county support of A&M's Easterwood Airport, and is in favor of a decrease in commissioners' salaries.

Cooley's challenger, Norton, is a College Station police sergeant.

Norton is the only one of the four candidates in the two commissioner races that is not for a decrease in salary.

Instead, he said, he is in favor of expanding the commissioner's duties.

This expansion, he said, will save the county money in the long run.

One of the ways he will save money is through long-term planning in the commissioner's court, he said.

This lack of planning is costing taxpayers a tremendous amount of money, he said.

He said he also wants more involvement by county commissioners in the budgetary process.

"I believe that we need a system of checks and balances," Norton said. "We need more accountability in our budgetary process."

"Our budget right now is primarily handled by a county judge, with very little input from our commissioners."

Norton said he wants to implement a quarterly budgetary review with all elected officials and department heads in the county.

Opening up county government to the people is another of Norton's major points.

"One of the first things I would do," Norton said, "is try to see what I could do about moving the county commissioner's meeting from 10 o'clock in the morning to an evening session . . . to encourage more citizens to participate in our county's business."

Norton also said he would implement quarterly meetings with constituents in his precinct and form a citizen's advisory committee.

Norton said as administrative assistant to the police chief, he has gained valuable experience in research and planning, policies and procedures, and budgeting.

He also headed up recruiting and training and was public information officer for the department, he said.

Race will decide future for office of Brazos attorney

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A local lawyer is putting the office of county attorney on trial.

Hub Kennady has charged the elected position of Brazos County attorney with being out-of-date and inefficient. He has asked for the death penalty.

County Attorney Jim Kuboviak is defending the office. He said it provides important services to the county, and is not costing taxpayers extra money.

Both Kennady and Kuboviak are running as write-in candidates for the position of county attorney.

Kennady, the challenger, is running a one-issue campaign against the incumbent Kuboviak. He said that if he wins, he will work on consolidating the county and district attorneys' offices. Once he did this, he said, he would eliminate his own position.

Under the present system, the county attorney's office in charge of prosecuting misdemeanor cases while the district attorney's office is in charge of prosecuting felony cases.

One of the disadvantages of having two separate offices in charge of prosecuting crime, Kennady said, is that cases slip through the cracks.

"The county prosecution doesn't know what the felony prosecutors are doing," he said.

Many counties with major cities, including Bexar, Harris and Dallas counties have consolidated their prosecution system, Kennady said.

Kennady said the basis for him wanting to consolidate the two offices is a study done by the non-partisan Texas District and County Attorney's Office in 1974, "which recommends exactly what I'm promoting," he said.

But Kuboviak disputes the validity of the study.

"No county since that study came out followed that study," Kuboviak said, "and some counties are even trying to become like us."

Kuboviak said that even if Kennady became county attorney, he couldn't guarantee that the Legislature would approve the consolidation.

If the consolidation wasn't approved, he said, then the county would be stuck with an unqualified county attorney.

Another major reason to eliminate the county attorney position is to cut costs, Kennady said.

Two offices cost more than one, he said, and the county attorney's position could be eliminated because right now it only is an administrative position, he said.

But County Attorney Kuboviak says Kennady has not shown how combining the offices will save money.

"Somebody still would have to do my job," Kuboviak said, "and every model that he's proposed uses someone to do my job."

Kuboviak said that in his four years as county attorney, he has actually brought money to Brazos County by going after \$161,000 in grants.

The grants include a family violence grant, grants to enhance DWI prosecution, and a grant to create a mental health unit.

Kuboviak also said that vigorous prosecution of hot-check writers by his office has made it easier for students to cash checks locally.

Candidates compete for local JP posts

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Out of all the local officials who will be elected Tuesday, justices of the peace will have the most contact with students, faculty and staff at Texas A&M.

There are two contested races for justice of the peace in Brazos County. One of them is for Precinct 7, Place 1, which is made up of all of College Station, including the Texas A&M campus.

Justice's of the peace handle small claims court and Class C misdemeanors with a fine of less than \$200, which includes minors in possession, failure to take breath tests and traffic tickets issued by state highway patrolmen.

In the College Station race, Republican George Boyett is running against Democrat Jim Locke.

Boyett, who owns several local apartment complexes, stresses that he intends to be a full-time justice of the peace if elected.

"I intend to operate the office myself," Boyett said, "while my opponent intends to continue his law practice, which is officed in Bryan, and operate the thing from afar with a clerk running the thing."

Boyett said if he is elected, he will operate the office from his own property on Boyett Street in College Station.

He said he has turned the management of his apartment complexes over to a management company.

Boyett, who is an Aggie, has lived in College Station community all his life, he said. This knowledge of the community will be an asset as justice of the peace, he said.

His opponent, Locke, who has practiced law for 10 years, emphasizes the fact that he is the only lawyer in the race.

"It's just a matter of fact that you can do the job better if you have the better legal training," Locke said. "It's not just a matter of technical knowledge of the law but the experience of trying cases."

He also stressed that his three years as student legal adviser at A&M helps him understand the perspective of students.

"The JP court is going to hear small claims court, which includes landlord-tenant, and virtually all the student body has a landlord-tenant relationship," Locke said.

In Precinct 4 justice-of-the-peace race for Place 1, Democratic incumbent B.H. Dewey Jr. faces a challenge from Republican David Horne.

Dewey is relying on his experience at the job to get elected.

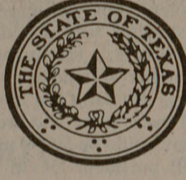
He said his 24 years as justice of the peace make him the most qualified.

Horne, who is a car salesman, has criticized Dewey for not giving an automatic 90-day driver's license suspension to everyone who refuses to take an intoxilyzer test.

Dewey has defended his actions by stating that each case should be reviewed individually, and has said that some cases warrant probation.

In addition to the mandatory license suspensions, Horne's platform includes utilizing community service as punishment for small crimes, he said, especially when dealing with youngsters.

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BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS

Dear Aggies:

My opponent wants to abolish the office of the County Attorney. Ask these Texas A&M Students who worked their way through College in the County Attorney's Office about Jim Kuboviak:

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Suzanne Davis	Barbra Frybert
Terry Wellborn	Carol Cooper Stark
Susan Coffman	Marion Emery
Cathy Criswell	Sheryl Holton

Ask these Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice majors that did their Internship through the County Attorney's Office how they feel about Jim Kuboviak:

Tom Jagielski (Presently)	Spencer Giles (Presently)
Chris Wagnon (Presently)	Kevin Morgan
Carlos Castandda	Todd Phillips
Rufus Rodriguez	Sharean Eideon
David Wagner	Kenneth Clark
Lori Lawrence	Donna DeMott
Susan Haas	Steve Frank
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Ask the 117 students that took Politics and the Administration of Justice at Texas A&M about Jim Kuboviak.

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