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### **Area candidates file campaign spending reports**

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Democratic incumbents Sydney Carlin and Tom Hawk will begin the fall campaign with substantial financial advantages over their Republican opponents, according to finance reports filed Monday in the Riley County Clerk's office. But Republican Bob Strawn, who is challenging Carlin, raised nearly as much as Carlin in the the most recent reporting period.

Carlin, who is seeking a third term as 66th District state representative, started the reporting period with \$7,798 on hand and took in \$15,621 in contributions for a total of \$23,420. Carlin spent \$2,643 and has \$20,777 left for the fall campaign. Carlin received contributions of \$500 from the Kansas AFL-CIO Cope Fund, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Carpenters Local 918 PAC, and Local 1445 Carpenters.

Republican challenger Bob Strawn started the period with no money and took in \$11,690 in total contributions. Strawn spent \$2,438 and reported \$9,252 at the close of the period. Strawn received \$500 contributions from Charles Hostetler, David Dreiling, William Nason, Roland Smith, Roger Fingland, Julia Strawn, Charles Gillum, Michael Daniels, Stephen Furbacher (The Woodlands, Texas) and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce PAC.

Hawk, who is seeking a second term as 67th District state representative, began the period with \$12,558 and took in contributions totaling \$4,831 for a total of \$17,389. Hawk spent \$1,885 and has \$15,504 left for the fall campaign. Contributions of \$500 came from Kansas AFL-CIO Cope Fund, United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 168, Carpenters District Council of Kansas City and Vicinity, and Carpenters Local 918.

Republican challenger Dick Miller started the period with no money and received \$2,785 in contributions. Miller spent \$1,916 and begins the fall campaign with \$869. All of Miller's contributions were under \$500.

Republican incumbent Mike Kearns, who is unopposed for the First District seat on the Riley County Commission in both the Aug. 1 primary election and Nov. 7 general election, reported \$0 at the start of the period and took in \$1,255 in contributions. Kearns spent \$47 and has \$1,208 left. Kearns received a \$500 contribution from Coldwell Banker Realty Group One of Manhattan.

The reporting period covers Jan. 1 (2006) to July 20 and the reports were due in the county clerk's office Monday. Candidates will turn in another report about a week prior to the general election.

Corwin Seamans enjoyed a distinct financial advantage over his opponents in the four-candidate Republican primary for the 1st District seat on the Pottawatomie County

Commission. Seamans had \$0 at the start of the period and received \$3,370 in contributions. He spent \$3,031 and had \$339 left at the end of the period. Seamans received a \$1,000 contribution from Lee and Mary Borch; and \$500 contributions from Zenith Inc., Charles Williams (Gladstone, Mo.), Duane Miller and GTM Sportswear.

Arthur Doolittle had \$0 at the start of the period and received \$625 in contributions. Doolittle spent \$542 and had about \$83 left at the close of the period.

Gary Yenzer had \$0 at the beginning of the period and raised \$170. Yenzer spent \$152 for a closing balance of \$18.

Steve Bellinger did not submit a report since he had signed an affidavit agreeing not to spend more than \$500.

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