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### **Race for state Senate**

#### **Kehoe keeps fund-raising lead at end of 2009**

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For the second straight quarter, Jefferson City car dealer Mike Kehoe raised the most money among the five Republicans who had expressed an interest in succeeding state Sen. Carl Vogel, who must leave the Senate at the end of this year because of term limits.

Filing for state offices, including the Legislature, runs from Feb. 23-March 30. The primary election is Aug. 3 and the general election is Nov. 2.

Kehoe also led the quintet in spending, based on the quarterly campaign reports covering Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2009, that all five filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission last week.

Kehoe raised \$88,293.69 and spent \$17,384.48. He ended the quarter with the most cash on hand, \$156,447.21.

Second-place in the fundraising went to state Rep. Kenny Jones, R-Clarksburg, with \$41,667.65 received. But his \$8,509.86 in spending was good only for third place, behind state Rep. Mark Bruns, R-Wardsville, who spent \$8,118.03. Jones had \$102,936.38 cash on hand, also good for second place.

Bruns announced in November he was dropping out of the race, and placed last in fund-raising for the quarter, with only \$7,050 collected. He also had the least cash left over, \$4,041.61.

CPA and Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Harry Otto, R-Jefferson City, placed third with a \$12,395 total on the fund-raising side, while spending \$2,543.24 - last on the expenditures side. He ended the quarter with \$29,013.20 cash on hand.

Rep. Bill Deeken, R-Jefferson City, raised \$10,725 - enough for fourth-place in fund-raising. He spent \$8,118.03, second only to Kehoe. Deeken had \$18,212.07 on hand at the end of December.

The campaign finance reports due by Jan. 15 show Otto as the only one of the five with a campaign debt - and that's \$2,500.

None of the five reported receiving any loans during the last quarter.

Kehoe reported the largest donations, with \$5,001 from billionaire lobbyist Rex Sinefield and \$5,000 each from local businessman Clyde Lear and the Jefferson City-based group "Dealers Interested in

Government."

Central Missouri Biofuels of Jefferson City contributed \$3,500 to Kehoe's campaign and Osage Industries of Linn and Jefferson City resident Joseph Scheppers each contributed \$2,500.

Kehoe received \$6,750.11 in in-kind contributions from his Ford dealership.

And he received 24 \$500 contributions, a \$750 donation, 10 donations of \$1,000 each, three for \$1,500 each and a \$1,250 contribution.

The state Senate's 6th District covers Cole, Callaway, Moniteau, Miller and Morgan counties.

Jones is the only candidate who lives outside of Cole County.

He also received a donation from Rex Sinquefield and his wife, Jeanne, for \$2,500, and a \$2,000 contribution from Olean Seed Co.

Jones also received three \$1,000 donations, from the Drury Development company, St. Louis; Brent P. Evans, Ballwin; and the Jefferson City based Coalition for Disability Rights.

And Jones collected 20 \$500 donations, and three for \$750 each.

Otto received nine donations of \$500 each, a \$2,500 contribution from F. Joe DeLong III, and two \$1,000 donations from Paul Wentzien of St. Louis and the group "Friends of Carl Vogel."

Deeken received one \$1,000 donation, from retiree N.W. Westhues. He also collected five \$500 donations.