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Political News and Notes

Fundraising Filings

The semiannual campaign finance filing deadline for upcoming elections was this past Monday. Below is a breakdown of all the major races and where the candidates currently stand.

Governor's Race

In the Governor's race, U.S. Rep Jim Renacci raised the most of the candidates with \$5.575 million with \$4.379 million on hand. Secretary of State Jon Husted had \$2.022 million raised with \$4.277 million available, Attorney General Mike DeWine raised \$1.264 million and reported \$4.674 million on hand, and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor had \$639,573 raised with \$436,883 on hand. On the Democratic side, former Rep Connie Pillich led with \$547,060 raised and \$720,525 in the bank. Next, Senator Joe Schiavoni had \$341,755 raised with \$245,251 on hand, followed by former U.S. Rep Betty Sutton with \$275,048 raised and \$209,680 available. Finally, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley reported \$455,131 with \$394,662 on hand.

Attorney General

Former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach outraised Auditor Dave Yost this period, however Yost has an advantage in cash in hand amount. Dettelbach reported \$732,523 in cash on hand compared to Yost's \$1.45 million.

Secretary of State

In the race for Secretary of State, Senator Frank LaRose has the advantage against Rep Dorothy Pelanda for the primary. LaRose raised \$455,040 and ended July with \$555,717 in cash on hand, whereas Pelanda garnered \$130,268 in donations and \$93,054 on hand. On the Democratic side, Rep Kathleen Clyde raised \$342,580 during the period, with \$425,576 in cash on hand.

State Treasurer

Rep Robert Sprague raised \$439,974 during the period with \$375,392 in the bank. Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo brought in \$200,115 with \$120,739 on hand. Democratic candidate Rob Richardson did not file his report by the Monday deadline.

State House

The Ohio Republican Organizational Committee reported \$2.801 million in donations with \$2.591 million on hand. As for leaders, Speaker Rosenberger had \$507,085 in contributions with \$354,514 on hand, Rep Ryan Smith raised \$461,515 with \$473,632 cash on hand, and Rep Larry Householder has raised \$715,872 with \$666,717 on hand. Householder may have to return some of this money, however, due to contribution limits from county parties.

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