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Portland man decides to file for presiding commissioner

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Gary Jungermann of Portland has announced he will file as a Republican candidate for presiding commissioner of the Callaway County Court.

Jungermann has served as a member of the South Callaway School Board for the last five years.

A construction firm co-owner, Jungermann is a 1982 graduate of South Callaway High School in Mokane. With his brother, Jungermann operates Jungermann Brothers Construction Co. of Wentzville, a business they started in 1998.

Jungermann said he decided to file for presiding commissioner because he believes not enough is being done in Callaway County to generate jobs. He wants to create more businesses and he says that also will increase county revenue. Jungermann said he also believes the county needs to create a comprehensive plan for development of the county.

"There's also been too much turnover at the County's Emergency Operations Center. We need to get a handle on that situation and we also need to boost the economy so it will produce more revenue to provide badly needed pay raises for county employees," Jungermann said.

"One thing we do not need to do is to increase taxes, especially in a declining economy. Raising taxes is not an option," Jungermann said.

"I am hoping the economy will turn around next year. But right now the economy is not doing what it ought to be doing in Callaway County," Jungermann said.

"If the people of Callaway County elect me, I will be a full-time presiding commissioner," Jungermann said.

"Over the years, several people have urged me to file for presiding commissioner. After a lot of discussion and prayer with my family, I have now reached the conclusion that this is what I want to do because I believe I can help the people of Callaway County to reach their full potential," Jungermann said.

He now has established a Citizens for Jungermann Committee with Roger Horstman as chairman, James R. Buffington as treasurer and Nancy Hinnah as deputy treasurer.

Jungermann said he decided to run for office last summer. He has attended numerous events since last summer indicating his interest in the office. He had floats in the Fulton Street Fair parade last summer and in Christmas parades in Fulton, New Bloomfield and Holts Summit.

