

ECONOMY DOMINATES THE DISCUSSION AT KINGSTON SPRINGS CANDIDATE FORUM

The four candidates for the Kingston Springs City Commission agreed that the economy is the biggest issue facing their town as they fielded questions posed by residents and elected officials at a forum on Tuesday, January 19, sponsored by the Public Policy Committee of the Cheatham County Chamber of Commerce.

About six dozen people attended the 90-minute forum at Harpeth High School to hear from the candidates: incumbent Gary Corlew, former Mayor Tony Campbell, Keith Honchell and Gordon Lampley.

Moderators asked questions submitted by residents, officials and audience members. Many of the questions addressed the city budget, as well as the local, state and national economy.

The election will be on Saturday, February 6, at Harpeth High. Early voting is in progress at Kingston Springs City Hall through Monday, February 1. Voters will choose two candidates; the pair who receive the most votes will be seated on the City Commission.

After the election, commissioners will appoint a mayor and vice-mayor from among the members.

“We offered this forum so that the people of Kingston Springs can be informed voters. The Chamber will host additional candidate forums in the future as a public service,” Finley said. “We recognize our responsibility to the community and offer a conduit for candidates to express their views. However, the Chamber has not endorsed, nor will it endorse, any candidate for any elected position ”

Finley offered appreciation to the candidates and the Public Policy Committee, along with Harpeth High drama teacher Anita DeFrancesca for making the school’s theater available for the forum.