

Shen Witt, Ted Heckfeld, Ed Shouse, John Whitehead, Larson Jay, Ron Rochelle and many others.

Susano has been serving as Collections Coordinator and Legal Assistant to the Knox County Trustee's Office. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife live in West Hills and have been married for 20 years and have two children.

As an archeologist for UT he managed teams with the goal of preserving the history of Knox County and the East Tennessee area.

In thanking his supporters he said his father, Judge Charles D. Susano



The family of Charlie Susano turned out for his campaign kickoff for Circuit Court Clerk Thursday. Charlie is now standing with wife Robin, mother Carolyn and daughter Sophie. Seated is his father, Judge Charles D. Susano Jr.

Jr., had instructed him to "keep it short" and he thanked his family for support, especially his wife Robin. Referring to public service, Susano said the

most important person is "standing in front of you." Susano's humor was apparent in his brief remarks.

He thanked Trustee Ed Shouse for his guidance

during Susano's five years in that office and thanked Dean LaRue, Susano's campaign manager.

Susano says he is a "lifelong Knoxville" and grew

up here going to school, worshipping, playing sports and learning the importance of a tight-knit community."

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Stretching the Almighty Dollar Budget Time at Knox County Schools

By Anna Priem

The two and a half month process of creating a budget for fiscal

year 2016-2017 will not be evident until July of 2016. The student population in Knox County Schools looks like it will be flat at this time

Amber Rountree seeks re-election to BOE seat

Amber Rountree has announced her intention to run for re-election to represent the 9th District on the Knox County School Board.



year. The 2016-2017 year pays \$138,432.04 each year with an \$8,400.08 travel allowance. Only incumbent Mike Hammond has tied to keep his position. The Register of Deeds position pays \$128,829.66 with an \$8,399.82 travel allowance. Only Rick McBride has a petition for that position.

At least three Republican candidates have indicated they will seek to become the Knox County Mayor, a job that will pay \$172,738.02. Two county commissioners and an insurance agent all want that job. They are Bob Thomas, Brad Anders and Glenn Jacobs. On Friday Honda Gallman picked up a petition for county mayor in the Democratic Primary.

Five people want to be the Circuit Court Clerk, which pays \$158,574.08 each year. Republicans in the primary race are Don Ridings, Scott Smith, Charlie Susano and Tom Wheeler. Shen Ridgeway is the lone Democrat and will face the Republican