



By Rose King

Tuesday's Knox County Primaries will determine the candidates for the August General Election. The Republican nominee for mayor could very well be the mayor of Knox County for the next five years.

Current County Commissioner at Large Bob Thomas believes he has the business experience and commitment to the community to successfully lead the county. He says his experience in operating a successful business, working within budgets and meeting payroll has helped him develop skills needed to manage Knox County's \$600M annual operating budget efficiently and effectively. He also pointed out that "working in the broadcasting industry for 30 years has added business management and communication skills that are essential to working with government agencies, regulators and citizens to achieve positive growth for Knox County."

Bob told The Forum, "As my dad always said, 'There is no teacher like experience.' I've owned a successful business and have developed the experience and skills necessary to lead Knox County forward."

Early voting as heavy as expected

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The Republican Primary for Knox County Mayor and Sheriff drew twice as many early voters as four years ago and

