

Large turnout for District 8 Meet and Greet

By Ken Lay

Local leaders seeking re-election stumped at the Corryton Community and Senior Center Tuesday night.

County Commissioner Richie Beeler, Knox County Property Assessor John R. Whitehead and Knox County Law Clerk candidate David Buuck appeared at a community get-together.

One person seeking

re-election was absent as Knox County Board of Education member Mike McMillan, who is hospitalized, continues to battle pneumonia. *Knoxville Focus* Publisher Steve Hunley spoke on behalf of his friend.

Beeler, who is running unopposed for the Eighth District seat on county commission, served as emcee at the dinner, where hot dogs, cole slaw and potato chips were served to community

members.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as your county commissioner after replacing Dave Wright (who moved on to the Tennessee State Assembly), and I look forward to serving as your county commissioner for at least the next four years," Beeler said. "I'm probably the least qualified person to run unopposed in this room.

"But that's the way the Good

Lord would have it. We're facing an important election. You hear that all the time. The next election is always important. But this election is extremely important. It's important for our nation, our county and our community."

Buuck was the one candidate at Tuesday night's meeting who is not an incumbent. He's looking to succeed the term-limited

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the Board of Education does in its meeting this Wednesday. Work session items discussed will go on to the regular meeting on February 24.

The school board has the proposed move of the Knox County Schools system from the Andrew Johnson Building to the TVA Towers on their agenda. That vote, to accept or deny, will determine what the commission will discuss.

Item 14 on the commission agenda is "approving a memorandum of agreement between the Board of Education regarding relocation of the central offices to the TVA East Tower." Should the school board move to reject the move that item would be mute.

The second item on the commission agenda that depends on a school board vote is to approve selling the Andrew Johnson Building for \$6 million to RMA Associates

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Stephanie

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