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More differences were apparent when they were asked about county assets and economic development. Smith felt it was wrong that the county commissioners decided to sell the county building that was located in Cave Junction: “Because the people paid taxes on it and it belonged to the people, it should have stayed as an asset to the people in Cave Junction and the Illinois Valley.” Additionally, Smith felt that “building a Sucker Creek Dam would make the Valley boom and draw people around the world to our area.”

Fowler argued that the money brought in by selling the county building was a positive action because the money was slated to stay in the Illinois Valley to be used for city improvements such as better lighting in Cave Junction and installing public safety cameras downtown. With regards to economic development, Fowler would like to see increased business development on existing county properties.

Sheriff candidate Jonathon Knapp was present at the forum without his opponent, incumbent Sheriff Dave Daniel. Knapp explained his 30 years of experience that included the military and being sergeant with Maricopa Sheriff’s Office. When Knapp was asked how he planned to get nighttime patrols in the county when none of the presiding sheriffs

has been able to achieve this. Knapp stated that “priority of funding” is how he will get the job done. With the current \$4.8 million budget, it should be possible to have four deputies, with a person on at night. “They could be on a rotating schedule for night shifts; that way there is coverage.”

Also present at the forum were the two county clerks running for office: Rhiannon Henkels and Sandi Cassanelli. Henkels, the current county clerk, has been in office since April 2006. She feels she has the experience, knowledge and dedication to stay in her position. She said she and her husband were “invested in the community” and welcomes people to come into her office and “observe the process of the election.” She added that she is always looking for volunteers to help with the elections.

Cassanelli, former county commissioner and political activist, said she is running because she “feels there needs to be more transparency with ballots” and wants more “public involvement.” Cassanelli would like to see more accountability in the clerk’s office by having a volunteer committee established to oversee the election process. She would also like to expand the office hours.

When Mancuso asked Henkels how much voter fraud there is out of 50,000 voters, she said there was about 200- 250 invalid signatures.

The two Cave Junction mayoral candidates were available for questions: Tony Paulson and Meadow Martell. Mancuso asked them what the

biggest problem was in the city. Paulson believes that “law enforcement is not a priority.” There is a petty crime problem, but “finding funding to do other things for the city besides law enforcement” would be his priority. He feels the biggest problem is funding. Paulson is running again for mayor because he enjoyed it before and wants to get involved again. He said he has a “good rapport with everybody because he is willing to listen to both sides. He is open and fair with everyone.” He also said, “The job of the city is to help implement business design, but it is the business owners’ responsibility, not the city. We need to let business owners decide what they want to build, it’s not the city’s job.”

Martell feels “law enforcement is the biggest problem; public safety is a very important issue.” She wants to make sure CJ is getting its fair share of the county money. “Businesses need to look good to attract tourism and with improved lighting and cameras it will assure people that we take law enforcement seriously.” Martell explained that she knows how to manage big budgets with her experience working for Siskiyou Community Health Center. She emphasized that she cares about the community and believes in giving back. “I know how to find resources, I’m a skilled researcher.” She added that she doesn’t want to hear just the problems; she wants to hear solutions from people in order to help the community.

Dan Bosh is running unopposed for his council seat, but he promises he will do the best

he can for another four years. Bosh explained that law enforcement could be helped by enforcing city ordinances we already have on the books.

Councilor Jean Ann Miles and Jesse Dugas are running for Cave Junction Council Seat 3. When they were asked what the major problems in the city were, Miles said that Cave Junction has “an image problem.” She described many of the ways she has been working on this problem that included how she has been planning a Welcome Center at the current Illinois Valley Visitors Center and is currently going to the League of Oregon Cities workshops. Miles has been working on fire reduction and rapid response teams due to the summer wildfires. She feels her No. 2 priority is to work on economic development. She feels the city could be friendlier to the business community.

Dugas, who coaches several youth sports in the Valley, feels the No. 1 problem in the city is the lack of youth involvement. “The youth need help; it is not a safe place for them right now and there is nothing for them to do with their time.” He would like to give the youth more opportunities so that they will not make bad choices. He is very supportive of improving the baseball field at Jubilee Park in hopes of hosting tournaments in the future that will draw in many visitors to the Valley. He also thinks public safety is a prominent problem. “We need to take the community back. I am a fighter and I am ready to fight!”

STALKING ...
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The processes are similar, composed of the initial court hearing, granting a temporary order, followed by the respondent being served. However, in restraining order cases the respondent decides whether or not to ask for a second hearing, and only to contest the order, or portions thereof. Restraining orders are only in effect for one year. Petitioners must reapply each year for one year at a time.

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