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Candidates for county attorney spent most during recent elections

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County Attorney-elect Richard Bohling outspent his challenger Cal Rerucha by \$1,174, according to election reports released this week by the Albany County Clerk's Office.

Bohling spent \$19,266 during the primary and general elections, compared to Rerucha's \$18,092. But Rerucha's total contributions nearly doubled Bohling's, \$11,464 to \$6,502.

The total expenditures for the county attorney race far outpaced any other campaign in the county, excluding the Albany County Republican Party, which spent \$34,608 during the general election.

Bohling filed his campaign finances under the political committee, "People for Bohling." He is chairman of that group, and his wife, Annette, is treasurer. Bohling personally contributed \$10,000 toward his campaign efforts. Rerucha personally devoted \$5,215 towards his own campaign.

Both received loans totaling \$7,450.

Other high spenders included Janice Sexton Martini and Lisa Kinney, who both ran for Clerk of District Court. Sexton Martini, who won the race, outspent her opponent during the general election. Sexton Martini spent \$6,169 to Kinney's \$5,191. Both totals include the expenditures of each candidate's political committee.

Jodi Guerin spent more than any other city council candidate during the general election. The at-large winner spent \$1,903. However, Guerin also received more contributions than any other candidate, which totaled \$2,150.

The most money spent for any other city council candidate was \$562, by the "Committee to Elect Jack Doerges." Doerges also ran for the at-large seat.

Michelle Jones spent \$4,580 for the county commissioner race. Although she ran a highly publicized campaign, and spent more than any other commissioner candidate, Jones lost the general election race. She was defeated by current commissioners Tim Chesnut and Pat Gabriel. Chesnut spent no money on his re-election efforts, and Gabriel spent \$477.

Linda Simpson, who narrowly won the Albany County Treasurer seat, spent \$852



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during the general election. Unsuccessful incumbent Sandra Dimasi-Valdez spent \$2,080.

State law requires all candidates for Wyoming offices to file expenses and contributions within 10 days after an election. Candidates must pay a \$25 fee if they file late. Those who violate the state law could be charged a misdemeanor and serve up to six months in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both.

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