

Keliher revving up re-election campaign

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County Judge Margaret KeliherRepublican Margaret Keliher postponed her formal announcement for re-election as Dallas County Judge because of the unexpected demands of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But she's now seeking endorsements of folks around the county, by letter and by e-mail, to use in her campaign materials. As part of her recruitment effort, she calls attention to a Dallas Observer article by Robert Wilonsky describing the county's efforts in those early hours and days to meet the needs of hurricane evacuees. Most of the local daily's coverage centered on efforts by the city and Mayor Laura Miller. Keliher says she's "very proud" of the way Dallas County met the challenge. She also mentions other challenges facing county government: Access to healthcare, clean air, homeland security, and revenue and budget concerns. She expects to announce her candidacy "in the next few weeks." Democrats hope to field a candidate, but no names are circulating yet.