Ks Libertarians Pick Candidate for Governor

(AP) -- Libertarians have chosen a southeast Kansas lawyer as their candidate for governor and his son, a Wichita physician, as his running mate.

The Wichita Eagle reports 55-year-old attorney Keen Umbehr of Alma defeated Tresa McAlhaney of Bonner Springs on Saturday as the party's choice for governor.

Libertarians attending their party convention also chose Umbehr's son, Doctor Josh Umbehr, to run for lieutenant governor.

Party members hope the elder Umbehr receives 5 percent of the vote in the November election for governor. If he succeeds, the Libertarians will achieve major-party status, allowing them to hold primary elections in future years.

Keen Umbehr said his key campaign issues will include repealing the Kansas income tax and increasing the penalties for violating the state's open-meeting and open-records laws.