Kirksville attorney David Peppard will be on the Adair County prosecutor ballot in November.

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The race to succeed outgoing Adair County prosecutor Mark Williams has heated up as two new names emerge as contenders to succeed Williams, who said he will not seek office again.

Local attorney David Peppard said he will run for the Peppard Law Office, a private practice, in the Aug. 8 primary, and in Kirksville and Memorial Hospitals.

Another April 2008 primary for office in November.

Scott Holste, who was Jay Nixon's spokesman, said the governor's office would not comment, but he did say as soon as possible it would not rule out the possibility of a campaign to run for the governor's office.

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