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Barry Smitherman Files for Attorney General

AUSTIN – Barry Smitherman, Chairman of the Railroad Commission, officially filed paperwork today to be placed on the Republican primary ballot as a candidate for Attorney General.

A proven leader and fighter for all Texans, Smitherman’s years of public service include working as an Assistant District Attorney in the Harris County DA’s office, service on the Public Utilities Commission (PUCT) where he also served as Chairman, and his current service on the Railroad Commission where he was selected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman.

“I’m running for Attorney General to continue fighting for Texans which is what I’ve done throughout all of my years of public service,” said Smitherman. “The other candidates in this race talk about fighting Obama and the federal government, but I’m the only one who’s actually done it. I’m also the only candidate in the race with prosecutorial experience and experience leading large state agencies.”

As Chairman of the PUCT and Railroad Commission, Smitherman has sued the Obama Administration seven times to stop boneheaded regulations that would hurt all Texas job creators and families by crippling electric and oil and gas production facilities in the state. Smitherman also returned millions of dollars to taxpayers that were appropriated to those agencies.

A top priority for Smitherman when elected Attorney General will be to prioritize the prosecution of border crimes. Smitherman has already announced plans to create a task force to work with local district attorneys, sheriffs, constables and other law enforcement officers to restore law and order to the border. Too many border town DAs are overwhelmed and don’t have the necessary resources to prevent lawlessness in south Texas. Property owners, farmers, ranchers and business owners along the border need help to keep their precious families, land and businesses safe. Stopping crime along the border will keep all other regions of Texas safer by preventing criminals from migrating north.

More information about the Smitherman Campaign is available at www.BarryForTexas.com

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