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Orange Comm. Stewart Opens Mayoral Campaign HQ Today

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One year out from the 2010 county mayor's race, Orange County Commissioner **Linda Stewart is opening her campaign headquarters** at the Fort Gatlin Shopping Center today.

Stewart, a Democrat, is a current front-runner among a **handful of early entrants into the race**.

Fellow Democratic Commissioner **Bill Segal** is another key **front-runner**, but his campaign manager said that with the political donation environment so tight, his campaign will wait to open a field office after the first of the year. "We don't want to waste money," said **Eric Foglesong**, Segal's political chief and former aide.

Another **emerging candidate in the race**, businessman **Matt Falconer**, grabbed the endorsement of one of the lesser-known names to announce for upcoming mayor's race: **Michael Newcomb**.

Falconer said he also plans to address the county commission Tuesday morning during the public comment period, to argue against corporate welfare, citing a 1995 Cato Institute report on the issue.

Falconer says while the county has been giving away money or subsidizing projects -- such as with offering incentives to the Burnham Institute, or helping pay for a new arena for the Orlando Magic -- unemployment has continued to climb. Here's a copy of his prepared **remarks**.

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