

Primary election held Tuesday across northern Missouri
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Two incumbents won re-nominations in contested races, two others lost Tuesday night as results filtered in from the Republican Primary election in Grundy County. The city of Trenton's sales tax issue lost by the narrowest of margins. It was a high voter turnout for a primary election □ 46 percent.

Rodney Herring received 60 percent of the vote to defeat Jeff Spencer for sheriff. Herring will be involved in the only county-wide race in November □ against Michael Smith who was unopposed yesterday for the Democratic nomination.

Gene Wyant, with nearly 70 percent support, defeated Donald Bridges for first district commissioner. Joe Brinser was unopposed for second district commissioner. Kathy Veatch received 52 percent of the vote to unseat Don Stotts as the assessor.

Barbara Harris won the race for collector-treasurer with 41 percent, with incumbent Colleen Williams receiving 35 percent and Ashley Boren 24 percent.

Jill Eaton rolled up 61 percent of the vote to win public administrator. Dawn Trask received 34 percent and Alice Albers five percent.

The closest race of the night was for coroner. Dewayne Slater had 51 percent of the vote to 49 percent for Vincent Neal. It was a difference of 47 votes (out of 25-hundred 75 cast), but even closer was the outcome on the proposed one quarter of a percent city sales tax for fire improvement service.

That vote had just an eight vote spread. Seven hundred and fifty-nine were in favor but 767 were opposed. The local sales tax proposal lost due to the absentee votes which are cast in advance of the election. Balloting at the four polling sites yesterday had the issue winning 679 to 665 as it passed in first and third wards but lost in second and fourth wards. The absentee count of 80 in favor and 102 opposed cause the sales tax issue at Trenton to fail in overall totals.

Republican Mike Lair and Democrat Harry Wyse□both of Chillicothe- have a re-match in November for 7th district representative in the Missouri House. They easily won nominations over two Trenton men John Myers and Travis Gonzalez.

Among other ballot issues, a bond issue passed in Putnam County to benefit the future of the hospital in Unionville. Patrons of the Brookfield school district approved a levy increase.

Those in the South Harrison school district though defeated a ballot issue. Sixty-eight percent support (1064 to 491) was given to issue four point seven million dollars in general obligation bonds to re-finance the outstanding principal in revenue bonds for Putnam County Memorial Hospital. It will also generate funds to for specialized geriatric care ward at the hospital in Unionville.

The South Harrison School District issue failed to get the four sevenths majority (57%) that would have involved borrowing over four point two million dollars for a middle school addition. It would have increased the debt service levy by 49 cents. The issue in Harrison and small parts of Mercer and Daviess Counties received 55 point six percent support (952 in favor to 758 opposed).

The Brookfield school district will get to increase its operating ceiling by 90 cents. The issue for Linn and a small part of Chariton County got 51 percent approval. (851 to 824)

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The Caldwell County library levy was approved by 65 percent of the voters. A resolution was adopted by 58 percent of voters for regulations at the Harrison County Lake.

In CONTESTED races among area counties: Republicans nominated in Mercer County, Shane Grooms for first district commissioner, Zachary Martin for second district commissioner; Diana Blunk for assessor, and Kelli Judd for the public administrator.

In Harrison County, Republicans nominated Rick Smith and Jim Holcomb for north and south district commissioner; and Josh Eckerson for sheriff. In Daviess County, Democrats selected Ben Becerra for sheriff.

In Sullivan County, Republicans chose John Watt for first district commissioner. Putnam County chose Paul Rouse for assessor and Anna Watt for coroner in the Republican Primary. For Linn County, Democrats selected Bill Dorsey and Jim Libby for first and second district commissioners.

Linn County Republicans went with Dwight Curley for first district commissioner. In Caldwell County, Gerald McBrayer won a Republican race for western district commissioner. Democrat Brent Elliott defeated Bill Burruss in five counties (Livingston, Daviess, Caldwell, Clinton, and DeKalb) for 43rd judicial circuit court judge, seat number two.