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Choose "Read More" to review overall results on the local county and district-wide races and issues that were on the ballot Tuesday. Grundy County returns were delayed until the early morning hours of Wednesday due to an equipment breakdown.

A breakdown of the vote-tabulating equipment at the Grundy County Courthouse caused a considerable delay in getting election returns last night.

Despite efforts by personnel at the courthouse and those of an out-of-state technician, the equipment kept failing after the absentees and first three precincts were tabulated, Officials ultimately took the election ballots to the MERCER County Courthouse in Princeton to use their equipment to tabulate Grundy County election results. It was after midnight before the complete results were available to K-T-T-N.

Grundy County had more than 71 percent voter turnout Tuesday as 44-hundred and 43 ballots were counted. In the only local race, Incumbent Rodney Herring defeated Democrat Mike Smith for Sheriff. Herring received 65 percent of the vote. His total was 28-hundred 34 votes compared to Mike Smith with 15 hundred 32.

Re-elected to offices without opposition were Commissions Gene Wyant and Joe Brinser. As anticipated, there will be four persons NEW to county government as they were unopposed yesterday. They are Kathy Veatch as assessor; Barbar Harris as the collector-treasurer; Jill Eaton as public administrator; and Dwayne Slater as county coroner.

Grundy County favored Republicans for statewide and district offices with the exception of Democrat Clair McCaskill who received nearly 47 percent for U-S Senate. Republican Todd Akin had 44 percent and Libertarian Jonathan Dine had nine percent.

Mitt Romney received 69 percent support in Grundy County; Barack Obama had 28 percent.

The following have won races for county and district wide races. Zachary Martin was elected 2nd district commissioner of Mercer County. Chosen as commissioners in Sullivan County were John Watt and Danny Busick. Roger Smiley won a contest to continue as the sheriff. Sherry Parks wins the race for Livingston County Public Administrator.

In Daviess County, Ben Becerra wins the race for sheriff and David Cox takes first district commissioner.

Taking commissioner races in Harrison County are Rick Smith and Jim Holcomb.

Chosen as commissioners in Caldwell county are Gerald Macbrayer and Donnie Cox.

For Linn County, winning the contested races were William Dorsey as first district commissioner and Kay Cunningham as public administrator.

Three races were decided in Putnam County. Jason Knight will be sheriff; Peggy Wood is public administrator; and Chrissy Gillis as the assessor.

Winning races in multiple counties for area state representatives are Mike Lair; Nate Walker; Casey Guernsey and Jim Neely. David Pearce was re-elected state senator from the 21st district as well as Sam Graves as 6th District Congressman, working out of Washington D-C.

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Among area election results on various local issues, voters at Princeton soundly defeated two tax related questions by similar margins. The proposed one half cent sales tax lost with 125 votes in favor and 280 against.

The proposed use tax lost with 121 votes in favor and 274 against. Both received just 31 percent support. The 350 thousand dollar bond issue for Mercer streets DID pass with 76 percent support. It passed 111 in favor and 35 against.

The outcome was very close in Sullivan County as the proposed use tax on out of state purchases was narrowly-defeated: 12-hundred 40 votes in favor, 12-hundred 56 against.

Voters in the city of Unionville gave 71 percent support to issue revenue bonds for water and sewer system improvements. The issue passed 508 to 209.

The South Harrison School District's levy increase was soundly defeated. Just 38 percent of the patrons approve the issue. Overall from portions of three counties, the votes were 890 in favor and 14-hundred 37 against.

The Polo School District in Caldwell and Ray Counties gave 72 percent support to issue bonds to pay off lease purchase obligations on equipment and fixtures (725 yes and 275 no).

Voters throughout the Green Hills counties were consistent with statewide returns on other ballot issues. The local voters favored Proposition A pertaining to the St. Louis Police Department as well as to limit health care exchanges, and they defeated Amendment 3 on non-partisan judges and Prop B-- the tax increase on tobacco products.