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Webster Countians okay sales tax

Binley and Minor win only contested primary election races

The third time was a charm for the proposed half cent sales tax in Webster County and it passed at election Tuesday.

With 17 of 17 voting places reported the unofficial totals showed 1438 "Yes" votes and 1207 "No" votes.

The new tax will go into effect

January 1 and is expected to generate about \$350,000 per year over the next five years before it expires. The money will be used primarily for road equipment and road improvements.

County voters have twice before rejected the proposal. In April, the proposal was tied to a plan to set

aside funds for a new jail and it was narrowly defeated.

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There were only two county races for nomination in the primary elections. Both were in the Republican party. There were no Democrat party races.

For nomination as presiding commissioner, Lee Binley, incumbent, was an easy winner over two challengers. He had 901 votes. W. J. "Bill" Miller had 358 and John Stevenson polled 351.

For nomination as county clerk, Lois Minor defeated Billy P. Bowers. Minor had 1075 votes.

Bowers totaled 483.

The other Republican vote totals:

For western district county commissioner, Leon Atkison, incumbent, had 831 votes.

For eastern district county commissioner, George R. Jones, incumbent, had 483 votes.

For county treasurer, Edna Bell Childress had 1200 votes.

For collector of revenue, Glenn Replogle, incumbent, had 1324 votes.

For associate circuit judge, Daniel Max Knust, incumbent, had 1219 votes.

For prosecuting attorney, Don G. Cheever, incumbent, had 1245 votes.

For circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder, Nancy Wester, incumbent, had 1276 votes.

For state representative, 140th district, John P. Thompson had 1256 votes.

For U. S. senator, Christopher "Kit" Bond had 1324 votes as he easily defeated three opponents for the nomination. Richard J. Gumpelson had 76, Joyce Padgett Lea 68 and David Andrew Brown 98.

For state auditor, Margaret Kelly had 1265 votes.

For U. S. representative, 7th district, incumbent Gene Taylor had 1364 votes.

The Democrat vote totals:

For presiding commissioner, Artie Watson had 717 votes.

For eastern district county commissioner, Del Strain had 285 votes.

For county clerk, Norman D. Cass had 744 votes.

For county treasurer, Opal Sell, incumbent, had 778 votes.

For circuit clerk and ex-officio recorder, Orene Hamilton had 724 votes.

For state representative, 140th district, Dr. T. M. "Tommy" Macdonnell had 730 votes.

For state auditor, Travis Morrison had 639 votes and Vincent T. Volpe had 165.

For U. S. representative, 7th district, Ken Young was the leader with 382 votes. George E. Abramowitz had 226, Joe Lee Davidson had 191 and Ruby Oxendine had 49.

For U. S. senator, Harriett Woods was the runaway leader. She had 791 votes. Oren Lee Staley had 68, James J. Askew 39, John Gallagher 12, Kenneth Moore 10, Robert L. Priester 4 and Cleo Willis, Sr. 2.

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Webster County voters rejected all of the Constitutional Amendments although they all apparently passed statewide.

The vote for No. 2 was 902 Yes and 1316 No.

The vote for No. 3 was 1092 Yes and 1103 No.

The vote for No. 4 was 1284 Yes and 1681 No.

The vote for No. 6 was 918 Yes and 1279 No.

The vote for No. 8 was 1076 Yes and 1176 No.

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The total vote of a little less than 3000 in Webster County was about a fourth of the 12,000 registered voters.

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Sales taxes in Missouri will total 6.225 percent in Marshfield the first of the year. There is a 4 percent state tax, a one-eighth percent conservation tax, a one-tenth percent parks and soil tax, a half cent county tax and a one cent city tax at present. The just approved half cent will bring the new total.



LOOKING IT OVER: Marshfield school board members had a guided tour of high school construction prior to their regular meeting Monday night. In the foreground are board members Proctor and John W. Sims with Jack Howard, superintendent. Other board members on the tour were Keith Hyde, Miriam

Keesling, Bob Choate and Charles Cunningham along with Bill Walker, principal, and John Gentry, assistant superintendent. The building will be ready for the fall semester and plans are being made for an open house.

Groundbreaking expected for new shopping center

Groundbreaking for the \$2.5 million Marshfield Village Shopping Center that will be located on

stores. However if a tenant should desire additional space it would