

## **Hudson new face on school board**

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### **Voter turnout dismal 36% across Dawson County.**

Jon Hudson will be the new guy on the District 20 school board.

Hudson was the second top vote-getter in the general election Nov. 2 following a four-way race for three seats on the board.

Board incumbent Nate Wyatt received the most votes with 794. Hudson had 779 with 768 votes for incumbent Scott France.

Shawn Boyd garnered 438 votes.

Despite some contested races in Dawson County, only 36% of registered voters chose to cast ballots compared to 42% across the state.

Other than it being a non-presidential election year, election coordinator Sheri Bellamy said she didn't know why turnout was so small.

Of the 594 early ballots issued in the county, Bellamy said 539 were returned.

Counting ballots on election day went smoothly, she said, noting that four people came in to count votes for two write-in candidates in the race for seats on the Lexington school board.

The top vote-getter in the race was write-in candidate Ray Ehlers who received 1,125 votes.

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Write-in votes cannot be counted electronically, she explained, noting that registered write-in candidates must file an affidavit 10 days before the election so votes for them can be counted.

### Other local races

Mayor Joyce Hudson, whose seat was uncontested, will continue in her position. She earned 738 votes.

Councilmen Tim Strauser and Jeff Whiting were also unchallenged.

Strauser, who represents east ward, received 412 votes, while west ward representative Whiting had 343.

Gothenburg Airport Authority board member Craig Bartruff, whose seat was uncontested, had 680 votes.

### Ballot amendments

County voters agreed with state voters in passing an amendment that changes funding for economic development if approved by a majority of registered voters.

However the measure passed narrowly in Dawson County with

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