Court to Canvas Votes

Wednesday's County Agenda Features 13 Items

Gaines County Commissioners will canvas the election results from this past Tuesday's general election process, according to an agenda obtained by the *Seminole Sentinel* on Friday.

County leaders will conduct the election canvas this Wednesday morning, at 10 a.m., inside the Commissioners Courtroom, located inside the Gaines County Courthouse.

Wednesday's meeting is open to the general public, for those local residents who wish to attend.

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According to local election figures, 4,143 Gaines County voters (54.99-percent) of the eligible 7,534 voters within the county had cast ballots in Tuesday's general election process.

"I am very pleased with the turnout of this election," said Vicki Phillips, Gaines County Clerk following Tuesday's election process. "We had a few little glitches we had to deal with today at our voting centers, but nothing that hurt or delayed the voting process."

At the close of polls on Friday, marking the end of the two-week early voting period, 2,273 Gaines County residents had cast their ballots for Tuesday's general election, highlighted by the race for the White House between President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney.

Tuesday's totals showed 1,794 Gaines County voters make their way to the polls located at four Gaines County locations.

"I thought our (voter) turnout was great, despite the fact of us not having a locally contested race (on the county level)," said Phillips. "And, I thought the use of our vote centers was well received from the few voters I had a chance to talk with today. Overall, I am pleased with this election."

In a break down of Gaines County figures, 85.46-percent -- or 2,140 Gaines County voters -- cast straight party Republican tickets in Tuesday's election, while 340 local voters cast Democratic straight party ballots. In total, according to figures, 60.44 percent of votes cast Tuesday was cast as straight party ballots.

And, of that total, over four out of every five Gaines County voters backed Republican Presidential challenger Mitt Romney over incumbent Democratic President Barack Obama.

In a tally of Tuesday's election totals, released shortly before 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening, Romney received 3,484 (85.69 percent) of Gaines County's vote. Obama, according to local figures, received 535 (13.16 percent) of votes cast.

Romney, in Tuesday's election, had received 1,993 early votes, 131 absentee votes and 1,360 election day votes, compared to Obama's 230 early votes, 17 absentee and 288 election day votes.

Libertarian and Green Party presidential candidates, Gary Johnson and Jill Stein respectively, combined for just over 1-percent of votes in Gaines County's presidential election process.

In the race for the United States Senator for the State of Texas, Republican Ted Cruz defeated Democratic challenger Paul Sadler by a landslide 84.06-percent to 13.86-percent margin.

According to Gaines County figures, Cruz received 3,312 Gaines County votes, while Sadler received 546 votes.

Gaines County's lone locally contested race -- the race for the 19th Congressional District of Texas -- was also a landslide victory for the Republican party and incumbent seat holder Randy Neugebauer.

Neugebauer, in Tuesday's election, received 3,457 Gaines County votes (93.28 percent) compared to 249 votes (6.72 percent) received by Libertarian challenger Richard "Chip" Peterson.

As for the 19th Congressional District as a whole, Neugebauer won by a landslide margin (*see separate story inside today's issue*).

In other action on Wednesday, Gaines County Commissioners will consider the following agenda item requests:

- meet with Gaines Co. Golf Course Superintendent Scott Nichols concerning request to purchase a mower;
- consider an Indigent Defense Formula Grant application;
- consider a proposed Performance Statement Modification and Resolution;
- consider granting permission to Xcel Energy to survey county owned property for a transmission line project in northeastern Gaines County;
- meet with Gaines County Sheriff Jon Key and consider approving asset/forfeiture report;
- meet with 106th District Attorney Brian Kingston and consider approving asset/forfeiture report;
- open aggregate bids;
- open asphalt bids, and;
- routine items pertaining to regular Gaines County business.

Banquet: From Page 1A

scheduled to sing the National Anthem for Wednesday's banquet.

The Chamber's Citizen of the Year honor has been given to local residents on an annual basis since 1969, and has included five co-Citizen of the Year recipients during that span.

Seminole resident, and Director of the Gaines County Museum's Seminole Division, Roy Barnes, was awarded the 2011 honor.

Keenager of the Year honors were first awarded in 1996, and has included three Co-Keenager of the Year award winners.

Last year's Keenager award was bestowed to Joyce Dow and her husband, the late Gene Dow.

Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce Award Winners

Citizen of the Year

Year	Individual
1969	Charlie Lawrence
1970	Dwayne Herman
1971	B.D. Marchbanks
1972	Bob Whippo
1973	Ed Welch
1974	Ruby Ownbey
1975	Elinor Harvey
1976	Sam Spikes
1977	Bob Clark
1978	Eva Bennett
1979	Imogene Jones
1980	Leland Caffey
1981	Dorothy Decker & Newell Bowen
1982	Belinda Bornstein
1983	Ila Bee Mitchell
1984	George Cristy
1985	Roger Pool
1986	Allison Gainey
1987	Jean Moffatt
1988	Glen Cavitt
1989	Jameil (Dink) Aryain
1990	Leon Foote
1991	Dr. E.M. Wright & Dale Winks
1992	Wilma Johnson
1993	Vicky Clark & Kathy Davis
1994	Carroll Haralson
1995	Melvin Kinnison
1996	Bob Cosby
1997	Mickey Browne
1998	Janie Saldana
1999	Doug Harriman
2000	Steve Beck
2001	Sandra Ward
2002	Mark Beaty
2003	Scott Shortes & Shane Wimmer
2004	Loudean Carslile
2005	Elizabeth & Curtis Brown
2006	Joan Adams
2007	Tommy Phillips
2008	Jerry Don Foote
2009	David Henning
2010	Michel Powers
2011	Roy Lynn Barnes

Keenager of the Year

Year	Individual
1996	Reeves Coats, Fern Golden, Finley Moore
1997	Jean Upham
1998	Newetta Lloyd
1999	Dayton Elam
2000	Mary Parrott
2001	Betty Hill
2002	Patsy Williford
2003	Helen Lewis & Sue Harlan
2004	Robert Fitzgerald
2005	Bill Curry
2006	Jimmy Pearson
2007	John Golman
2008	Warren "Baldy" Boyer
2009	John Moffatt
2010	Sylvia Curry
2011	Joyce and Gene Dow

**Source -- Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce

News Briefs

Community Thanksgiving Service Slated Sunday P.M.

The Seminole Ministerial Alliance will be hosting their annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Family Harvest Church.

Services, according to organizers, will be held at 6 p.m. at the FHC, located near the intersection of U.S. Hwy 385 (Andrews Hwy) and CR 320 (Bible Way Rd.).

The event is open to all who wish to attend.

Windbreak Trees For Sale

The Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a windbreak tree project in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service for 2012/2013.

You may place your order for trees in person at the Gaines County USDA /FSA Service Center located at 1301 South Main. Payment must be made when your order is placed.

This year's evergreen trees are: Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Pinyon Pine, Oriental Arborvitae, Lacebark Elm, Four Wing Saltbush, and Italian Stone Pine, Desert Willow. Evergreens are sold in multiples of 30 seedlings.

Hardwood Species available include American Plum, Black Cherry, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honey locust, Bur oak, Chinkapin Oak, Post Oak, Shumard Oak, Osage Orange, Pecan, Red Mulberry, Redbud, Sand Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Smooth Sumac. Hardwoods are sold in multiples of 25 seedlings. .

Delivery of the seedlings is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013. All orders will need to be placed by noon on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Windbreak trees provide a variety of benefits ranging from controlling wind erosion in fields to decorating around homes.

For more information please contact the Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District located at 1301 S. Main in the USDA/FSA Service Center or call 758-3722, extension 3.

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2012 General Election Results -- Gaines Co.

U.S. President

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Mitt Romney (R)	3,484	85.59
Barack Obama (D)	585	13.16
Gary Johnson (L)	19	0.74
Jill Stein (G)	9	0.42

U.S. Senator

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Ted Cruz (R)	3,312	84.06
Paul Sadler (D)	546	13.86
John Jay Myers (L)	56	1.42
David B. Collins (G)	26	0.66

U.S. Representative -- Dist. 19

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Randy Neugebauer (R)	3,457	93.28
Richard (Chip) Peterson (L)	249	4.90

Texas Railroad Commissioner

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Christi Craddick (R)	3,275	83.46
Dale Henry (D)	535	13.63
Vivekananda (Vik) Wall (L)	55	1.40
Chris Kennedy (G)	59	1.50

Texas Railroad Commissioner (Unexpired Term)

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Berry Smitherman (R)	3,263	90.44
Jamie O. Perez (L)	267	7.40
Josh Wendel (G)	78	2.16

Justice, TX Supreme Court, Pl. 2

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Don Willett (R)	3,363	93.86
RS Roberto Koelsch (L)	220	6.14

Justice, TX Supreme Court, Pl. 4

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
John Devine (R)	3,309	92.04
Tom Oxford (L)	214	5.95
Charles E. Waterbury (G)	72	2.00

Justice, TX Supreme Court, Pl. 8

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Nathan Hecht (R)	3,088	79.98
Michele Petty (D)	637	16.50
Mark Ash (L)	95	2.46
Jim Chisholm (G)	41	1.06

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Sharon Keller (R)	3,165	82.21
Keith Hampton (D)	578	15.01
Lance Stott (L)	107	2.78

Judge, Court of Appeals, Pl. 7

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Barbara Parker Hervey (R)	3,284	92.74
Mark W. Bennett (L)	257	7.26

Judge, Court of Appeals, Pl. 8

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Elsa Alcala, (R)	3,241	91.48
William Brian Strange, III (L)	302	8.52

Member, State Board of Education, Dist. 15

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Marty Rowley (R)	3,237	84.36
Steven D. Schafersman (D)	600	15.64

Local Uncontested Races

State Senator, Dist. 31

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Kel Seliger (R)	3,469	100

State Representative, Dist. 83

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Charles Perry (R)	3,492	100

Chief Justice, 11th Court of Appeals

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Jim R. Wright (R)	3,455	100

Justice, 11th Court of Appeals (Unexpired Term)

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Mike Wilson (R)	3,443	100

District Attorney, 106th Judicial Dist.

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Mike Munk (R)	3,446	100

Gaines County Attorney

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Joe Nagy (R)	N/A	N/A

Gaines County Sheriff

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Ronny Pipkin (R)	N/A	N/A

Tax Assessor/Collector, Gaines Co.

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Susan Shaw (R)	N/A	N/A

Gaines Co. Commissioner, Pct. 1

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Danny Yocom (R)	N/A	N/A

Gaines Co. Commissioner, Pct. 3

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Blair Tharp (R)	N/A	N/A

Gaines Co. Commissioner, Pct. 4 (Unexpired Term)

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Biz Houston (R)	N/A	N/A

Gaines Co. Constable, Pct. 1

Candidate	Total Votes	Pct.
Neal Shaw (R)	N/A	N/A

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