

Southerland re-elected unopposed for the fourth election in a row; third consecutive time Wiggins without a challenger

RE-ELECTED
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Races concluded on Friday, June 14, at 12 noon, with eight incumbents facing challengers. City qualifying ended on Monday, June 10, with one race going to the polls. Local voters will have the chance to decide who wins those races in the Aug. 20 primary (see related story).

By receiving no challengers, Dunnell earned a third term in office that will begin this November. She was first elected in 2016, unseating seven-term school board representative Kenneth Dennis to claim the Dist. 5 seat. In that election, Dunnell received 52% of the vote -- enough to forgo a run-off -- over Dennis, who received 29% and fellow challenger

Thomas "Nate" Gray (18.76%). Four years later, Dunnell won re-election against challenger Daniel "Dan" Chaney. Knowles, along with the other constitutional officers, will begin his second term as the county's clerk of court in January. He was first elected in 2020, defeating fellow Republican Mike Hunter. He succeeded veteran

Clerk of Court Annie Mae Murphy, who announced her intention to retire after serving nine terms and endorsed Knowles. Murphy died two months before her final term was to end, and Knowles was appointed to serve as interim clerk before beginning his first term. Southerland earned her fourth consecutive term unopposed and fifth overall term in office as supervisor

of elections. She first won her office in 2008, defeating fellow challenger Abbey Lundy Tharpe to succeed Molly Hendry Lilliott (1997-2008). Southerland then won re-election unopposed in 2012, 2016 and 2020 before doing so again this year. Finally, Wiggins earned his fourth term in office as county tax collector.

He first won election in 2012, defeating fellow challenger Randy Hathcock to succeed retiring Tax Collector Jack Tedder. Wiggins served the previous six years on the Taylor County Commission, resigning two years into his second term to run for tax collector. Wiggins was re-elected tax collector unopposed in 2016, 2020 and again this year.

All local races to be decided in primary election with no run-off to November's general election

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county-wide depending on the race -- will be able to vote in those races. The nonpartisan races include those for Taylor County Judge, Taylor County School Board District 3 and Perry City Council District 3. The race for county judge will feature incumbent Judge Bill Blue and challenger Angela Ball. Incumbent School Board member Jeanne E. Mathis (District 3) will face challenger Laurel Hendry LaValle, while Incumbent City Councilwoman (District 3) Diane Landry will face challenger Willie Jefferson Anderson Jr.

the exception of incumbent Taylor County Commissioner Thomas Demps (District 5) and challenger Ocie Reaves (both registered Democrats).

Primary Election: Dates to Remember
Books Close: July 22
Early Voting: Aug. 5-18
Election Day: Aug. 20

no candidate in a particular race receives more than 50% of the vote. Those races include:
• Incumbent Property Appraiser Shawna Beach and challenger Jennifer Nicole "Nikki" Anderson;
• Incumbent Sheriff Wayne Padgett and challenger Eric D. Sadler;
• Incumbent Taylor County Superintendent of Schools Alicia York Beshears and challengers Danny Frank Glover Jr. and William Reggie Wentworth Jr.;
• Incumbent Taylor County Commissioner Jamie W. English (District 1) and challenger Justin K. Webb;
• Incumbent Taylor County Commissioner Michael Elzie Newman (District 3) and challengers Michael Anthony Green, Ursula Miller and Robert Shannon Millinor;
• Incumbent Taylor County Commissioner Thomas Demps (District 5) and challenger Ocie Reaves.

to vote in the race for state committeeman, a county-wide party position, between Dustin Beach and Earl Swann. There was also set to be race between Shawna Beach and Ann-Marie Doshier for state committeewoman, but Doshier withdrew from the race prior to the conclusion of the qualifying period. There are also committeeman and committeewoman positions in each voting precinct, with Christy Moody (c o m m i t t e e w o m a n , Precinct 2) and Patricia K. Coker (committeewoman, Precinct 14) winning unopposed. The Democrat party has identical positions on the county and precinct level, but no one filed to run for those seats. Meanwhile, in the race for U.S. Senate, a total of 11 candidates qualified to run this year, including three Republicans and four Democrats.

while Democrat voters will choose between challengers Stanley Campbell, Rod Joseph, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell and Brian Rush. The remaining candidates, which include one write-in candidate, one Libertarian and two with no party affiliation, will move on to the November general election. As for the race for the U.S. Representative District 2 seat, Republicans will vote in the primary for either incumbent Neal Dunn or challenger Rhonda Woodward. Democrat voters will have to wait until November, as there was only one Democrat challenger, Meghann Hovey, who qualified for the race. In the race for the State Senate District 3 seat,

Democrat voters will choose between challengers Kimblin NeSmith and Daryl Parks. Incumbent Republican Rep. Corey Simon did not receive a Republican challenger and will face the winner of the Democratic primary in November. The race for the State House District 7 race will not appear on the primary ballot, with Republican incumbent Rep. Jason Shoaf and Democrat challenger Kenny Beasley instead moving on to the November election. Early voting for the primary election will be held Aug. 5-18. Those wishing to register to vote in the primary election or change their party must do so before the book closes on July 22.

Nonpartisan races can go to a runoff to be decided in November if there are more than two candidates and no one receives more than 50% of the vote, but since there are only two candidates in each race, all three will be decided in the primary election. As for the remaining local races, all of the candidates are registered as Republicans with

Since all of the candidates in each race are in the same party, they will all be decided in universal primaries in which all registered voters will be eligible to vote. However, unlike nonpartisan races, there are no runoffs, even if

In addition to the local races for public office, Taylor County Republicans will also have the chance

Candidates filed required paperwork by deadline

CANDIDATES
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Supervisor of Elections Dana Southerland that all four candidates (Woodfaulk,

Hampton, Landry and Anderson) filed all the paperwork required by Florida Statute and the City Charter to be considered for ballot placement.

LEGALS

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-011
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Thomas Heitz, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 354
Year of Issuance 2017
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R03594-000
Described as: LEG 0000.44 ACRES - J C CURLS ADD N - PART BLK 52 DESC AS COM P S RW - DREW ST & E RW RR RUN E 487.6 FT - FOR POB TH S 324 FT W 60 FT N 308 - FT E 60 FT TO POB - OR 248-787 254-543 259-362
SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07
Name in which assessed: John L. & Vera Griffin
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
** To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. ** Dated this 3rd day of June, 2024
Signature: Gary Knowles
Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-013
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Sammie D or Donna G Simmons, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 92
Year of Issuance 2017
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R01766-534
Described as: LEG 0005.00 ACRES LOT 2 TRACT 3 COM NW COR SECT S88DE 701.71 FT S1D W 570.57 FT FOR POB S88DE 381.66 FT S1DW 570.57 FT N88DW 381.66 FT N1DE 570.57 FT TO POB OR 599-582 SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 02 RANGE 07
Name in which assessed: Taylor 140 V, LLC
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-015
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Assembly Tax 36, LLC, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 611
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R05686-150
Described as: LEG 0001.50 ACRES - COM SW COR OF NW ¼ OF NW ¼ TH N - 302.30 FT TO N RW RR TH NE ALG RR - RW 620 FT FOR POB TH CONT NE ALG RW - 220 FT N 300 FT SW PARALLEL TO RR - RW 220 FT S 300 FT TO POB - OR 377-538 SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07
Name in which assessed: William B. Matthews
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
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Signature: Gary Knowles

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-016
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Certificate Number 956
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R08213-000
Described as: LEG 0001.00 ACRES - COM SE COR OF SE ¼ OF NW ¼ TH W - 900 FT N 210 FT FOR POB TH CONT N - 210 FT E 210 FT S 210 FT W 210 FT - TO POB OR 725-282 OR 734-863 SECTION 04 TOWNSHIP 05 RANGE 08
Name in which assessed: Allen & Christina Collins
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
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Certificate Number 424
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R04703-000
Described as: LEG 000.14 ACRES - DREAMLAND SUB - LOT 12 BLK B - OR 684-736 HW SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07
Name in which assessed: Curtis & Annie U. Jones
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
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Clerk of Circuit Court
Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-020
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Assembly Tax 36, LLC, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 862
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R07312-050
Described as: LEG 0003.41 ACRES COM SE COR OF NE ¼ OF SW ¼ FOR POB N 987.74 FT W 314.08 FT S 415.9 FT E 189.71 FT S27DE 170.03 FT S 210 FT E 40 FT TO POB SUBJ TO 40 FT ESMT OR 683-403 OR 728-351 OR 770-704 CO OR 861-800 OR 862-607 SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 08
Name in which assessed: Ramona Parker, Ariel Lewis, Patricia Ann McDaris, Ola Mary Bryant, Donnie Ruth Parker, Eldon Kenneth Knight
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
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Signature: Gary Knowles
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Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-012
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Bobby W. Goode, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number 1124
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R09595-916
Described as: LEG 0000.77 ACRES GORDAN DR DESC AS: COM SE COR SECT N1DE 424.93 FT W 2766.03 FT N 1198.11 FT W 1383.38 FT S5DE 560 FT S85DW 99.67 FT FOR POB N5DW 316.51 FT W 371.73 FT S5DE 249.83 FT E 325.9 FT S5DE 269.78 FT N85DE 50.01 FT TO POB OR 208 PG 101 SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09
Name in which assessed: Gordon Walker

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 24-014
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Black Belt Energy, LLC, the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the

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Certificate Number 982
Year of Issuance 2022
Description of Property:
Parcel Number: R08359-000
Described as: LEG 0000.83 ACRES - HOME ADD - LOTS 2 & 3 BLK 1 - OR 420-905 DC OR 737-760 PR OR 737-761 OR 737-766 COORECTIVE DEED OR 737-973 CWD OR 762-243 SECTION 06 TOWNSHIP 05 RANGE 08
Name in which assessed: D. Rhett Mauldin
Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according

to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 8th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
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