Agee, Terry, and Thomas win uncontested races for Judge Executive, Sheriff, and Jailer

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MADISON COUNTY — While their races were decided in the May primary election, Donna Agee, Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Tony Terry, and former Jailer Doug Thomas have now won in the general election for their respective seats as county Judge Executive, Sheriff, and Jailer.

For the former, it's a familiar feeling, as Terry was ran uncontested in the Republican primary for his seat as well. He netted 21,750 votes.

Whereas Agee ran a hard fought race against incumbent Reagan Taylor, securing the Republican nomination for the position with 4,566 votes in the primary and 21,523 in the general.

While Thomas defeated incumbent Jailer Larry Brock in the primary with 4,782 votes in the primary and 21,817 votes in the general election.

OTHER COUNTY RACES

County Clerk Kenny Barger (R) ran unopposed, garnering 22,535 votes in that process.

County Attorney Jennie Haymond also ran unopposed and won 21,491 votes in that process.

County Coroner Jimmy Cornelison (D) ran unopposed and took home 23,121 votes.

County Surveyor Stuart W. Spencer (R) ran unopposed and won 21,251.

County Property Valuation Administrator Billy Ackerman (R) ran unopposed and won 21,877 votes.

Regarding the races for Madison County's four Magistrates, the winners of the primary were also comfortably elected to those seats in the general election.

Like Agee, Thomas, and Terry, three of those races were uncontested, with the winners of the Republican Primary being the only candidates on the ballot. While First District Magistrate and incumbent Brian Combs (R) faced a write-in challenge from Nick Marcum.

Combs won with 4,623 votes to Marcum's 518 votes.



Donna Agee has officially won her race for Madison County Judge Executive. | SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Chief Deputy Tony Terry has officially won his race for Madison County Sheriff.

Second District Magistrate Candidate Bruce Barnes has officially won his seat with 5,704 votes.

While Third District Magistrate and Incumbent Billy Ray Hughes won with 5,139 votes.

Republican Fourth District Magistrate Candidate Chris Sipple (who will be filling in for the retiring Magistrate Tom Botkin) won his election with 5,567 votes.

All Constable races were also decided back during the primary season. As Republicans were the only candidates to enter the race.

Dustin Sweet won the First District Constable race with 4,902 votes.

The Second District Constable race was won by Steven Gregg with 5,618 votes.

The Third District Constable race was won by Jonathan Fritz with 5,060 votes.

The Fourth District Constable race was won by Jonathan Brock with 5,485 votes.

Over for the two races on the ballot for the Madison County Board of Education, incumbents Brandon Rutherford and Lori Cobb both ran unopposed and won reelection. Rutherford won 3,950 votes. Cobb won 1,900 votes.

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in the midterm election. 1,424 of those were cast through mail in ballots. 12,540 were cast in the three days of early voting. and 17,662 were cast on Election Day. 190 votes were cast in excused early voting.

Barger does think that many are starting to get more comfortable with early voting and doing that instead of coming out on Election Day. He also believes that the percentage of voters could be lower, thanks to voter rolls were purged at the order of Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams. Barger said that purge lowered Madison County's voter count by around 4,000 people.

Barger also noted that Madison County would also be a bellwether not just for the much publicized race for Kentucky's 6th Congressional District, but the country as a whole.

In terms of straight ticket voting, 8,028 Madison Countians went straight ticket Republican while 6,671 sided with the Democrats. In terms of third party support, 52 Madison Countians voted straight ticket for the Kentucky Party and 0 went straight ticket with the Libertarian Party.

"I don't like it. I like to be over in a corner somewhere with nobody paying attention to me," Barger joked of the increased attention Madison County received this election cycle on Election Day.

Barger took calls from both Republican Ralph Alvarado and Democrat Zach Dembo about the fastest way to get the results back from the county, as it could play a deciding factor in who will ultimately win the race. Dembo ultimately succeeded in his race. Flipping the 6th District back to Democratic control for the first time since incumbent Congressman (and Senator Elect) Andy Barr (R) flipped the seat back in 2012.

He won the race by roughly nine points, garnering 138,777 votes to Republican challenger Dr. Ralph Alvarado's 114,030 votes. It's a significant swing for the district, which voted for Barr by 27 points in the 2024 election.

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Zach Dembo, a former Navy JAG officer and federal prosecutor, will be representing Kentucky's 6th Congressional District. He's the first Democrat to win the seat since Congressman Andy Barr flipped it in 2012.

County, Dembo brought in 14,383 votes to Alvarado's 15,648 — a difference of 1,265 votes. While the county was still won by Republicans, it was a far cry from their massive victory here in 2024. In that race, Barr brought in 30,312 votes, while Democrat Randy Cravents earned 13,801.

"I'm so humbled by everyone who put in countless hours to make this victory possible. Now, the hard work begins. My promise to the people of Central Kentucky is simple: whether you voted for me or not, I will work every single day to fight for you in Washington. That mission-first mindset is the same one I had in the Navy, and it's the one I will bring with me to Congress to work with anyone – Republican or Democrat – to deliver for Kentucky's 6th District," Dembo said in an Election Night victory statement.

Many national pundits and polling experts said that Kentucky's 6th Congressional District and Indiana's 5th Congressional District were the early bellwether races of the night that could be early signs for how the night would go. Both races ended up going to Democrats, along with the House and Senate by large margins.