

PRIMARY ELECTION

1 records highest turnout

Eagles Landing was also the busiest on election day, with 758 voters. Precinct 16 Gary Reid Fire Station was the next busiest with 469 voters on election day, with the Senior Center the third busiest with 423 voters on election day.

Precinct 21 also had the most voters participate in advance in person voting with 687 and also the most absentee by mail votes with 42. More people voted early in Precinct 21 than people voted at all in all but two other precincts.

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Of the five district races on the ballot (two Spalding County Board of Commissioners and three Griffin-Spalding Board of Education), the contest with the most votes was the District 5 school board race, and the candidate with the most votes

in the five district races was Sue McDonald, who had 1,210 votes. More votes were cast in this race than in the City of Griffin charter change question in which 2,185 votes were cast.

The district contest with the second-most votes cast was the District 2 Board of Commissioners race with 1,952 votes cast or 19 percent of the vote. The district contest with the fewest votes cast was District 3 Board of Education, where only 676 votes of the 6,842 registered voters or 9.8 percent of the voters voted.

Precinct 1 has voters from both District 1 and District 3. Also in District 3 are Precinct 5 UGA-Griffin, Precinct 6 City Park, Precinct 8 St. John Lutheran Church and Precinct 10 Carver Road Fire Station.

Precinct 21 voters are in District 5. Also in District 5 are Precinct 9 Union Baptist Church, Precinct 14 Sunny Side United Methodist Church, Precinct 16 Gary Reid Fire Station and Precinct 17 AMBUCS Park.

In the District 5 Board of Commissioners race, Eddie Goss won Precinct 9, 183 to 89; Precinct 14, 110 to 83; Precinct 16, 92 to 63; Precinct 17, 87 to 27; with Don Hawbaker winning Precinct 21, 877 to 188 and therefore winning the election 1,139 to 660.

In the District 5 Board of Education race, Pete Graham won

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Development Authority asks for funding

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The Griffin-Spalding Development Authority is asking the county for funding.

Chuck Copeland, "chair for a number of years now" of the Development Authority presented the economic study conducted by the Center for Economic Development Research at Georgia Tech's Enterprise Innovation Institute on the fiscal impact of more than 60 companies that have real and/or personal property investments in Spalding County.

In 2016, according to the study, the portfolio value was \$250 million, and in 2017 it increased to \$268 million, with an average \$3.5 million in revenue to the county from those businesses, with an average benefit to the county of more than \$2 million, with a five-year net value of \$9.6 million.

Copeland said the Lakes at Green Valley has five projects, three in operation, plus Rinnai operating at a satellite location in the county until their's can be built. The fifth one, he said, has closed but has not yet been announced. The five total \$225 million in investment and 585 new employees, he said.

There are currently three remaining parcels at the Lakes at Green Valley, Copeland said.

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Deaths

Mrs. Eileen H. Rains
Mindy Lynn Oliver
Mrs. Marjorie Garrett
Ms. Betty R. Chavis



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Today's weather:
Mostly cloudy

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FUNDING

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Through the 1990s, Copeland said, funding to the Development Authority was 25 percent city and 75 percent county, until the duplication of services legislation, when the county said it would levy up to 1 mill in property taxes for operation of the Development Authority, funded by the county. In 2009, the county was funding 84 percent of the operation, Copeland said.

When the recession hit, Copeland said, for fiscal year 2010, the Development Authority volunteered to self fund and from 2010 to 2017 the county only funded on average 12 percent of the operation of the Development Authority.

"We're asking that the Board of Commissioners dedicate the 1 mill, but are only asking for a 10th of a mill to start, and to increase that a 10th of a mill each year," Copeland said.

"If we continue to grow the tax digest as we have for the past nine years," he said, the growth in the tax digest would more than cover

the increase in funding.

The funding will be used to buy more land for new industrial parks to continue to attract more industries. There was no commitment made by the commissioners. The first reading of the county budget will be held at the June 4 county commission meeting.

The Spalding County Water and Sewerage Facilities Authority had also considered asking for property tax funding, also for economic development, to provide water and sewer infrastructure. At its called meeting, the Water Authority decided to hold off until it can get "all the facts in line."

Water Authority Chairman Dave Lamb said, "it is an excellent idea, but we might be premature. We don't

have all the facts in line yet."

Lamb suggested the Water Authority work with the Development Authority's long-range planning committee, so they know where water and sewer will be needed, as well as looking at the county's comprehensive plan for future growth.

"We don't yet have the information we need to show the return on the investment," Lamb said.

The Water Authority will be working with Archway for an economic impact study on the benefit of water and sewer service. Once they have more information, including potential costs, Lamb said, they will present that to the county commissioners at the annual retreat in early 2019.



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CORRECTION

In the May 29 story "Development Authority asks for funding," the amount of funding was incorrectly reported.

The Development Authority is only asking for a third of a mill, not a full mill, but that is in gradual increments of a

tenth of a mill each year, as reported. The Griffin Daily News strives for accuracy in the editorial content.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

ABC cancels 'Roseanne' after star's racist tweet
NEW YORK — ABC has canceled its hit reboot of "Roseanne" following **Roseanne**

stars as Richard. Ashcraft wrote a memoir about her experience at sea shortly after the incident, but she's been waiting for it to come together on film for 34 years. She says Woodley and Claflin fit

Bentley wants to take fans higher on 'The Mountain'
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For his new album "The Mountain," **Dierks Bentley** stepped away

is her career peak — her tremendous 1987 collection of **Leonard Cohen** songs, "Famous Blue Raincoat" — and her soundtrack hits from "Norma Rae," "An Officer and a Gentleman," and