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November 8 Election Results

Anson County voters pass mixed beverage election

Statewide precinct totals and Anson County precinct totals were fully reported as of press time on Wednesday. In competitive races the winners are in magenta.

The Anson County Mixed Beverage Election passed. This will permit the sale of mixed beverages in hotels, restaurants, private clubs, community theatres and convention centers. It will also permit "on premises" and "off premises" sale of malt beverages (beer) and unfortified wine in qualified establishments. According to the Anson County Chamber of Commerce this "allows permitted restaurants, hotels, and businesses to locate throughout Anson County, not just the city limits of Wadesboro."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 21

Reece Saunders (Dem) 4,247 /100%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 02

Priscilla Ann Little (Dem) 614 /52.03%

Bryan Tucker (Una) 566 /47.97%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 04

Jamie Caudle (Una) 599 /54.41%

Jason Mullis (Rep) 502 /45.59%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 05

Lawrence Gatewood (Dem) 712 /100%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE

Marilynn Bennett (Dem) 2,370 /43.56%

Judy Hamilton Little (Dem) 1,723 /31.67%

Write-In Misc 1,348 /24.77%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 02

Bobbie J. Little (Dem) 738 /100%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 04

Lisa G. Davis (Dem) 626 /100%

ANSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 05

George Truman (Dem) 701 /100%

ANSON COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Marcus (Mark) Hammonds (Dem) 5,107 /100%

ANSON COUNTY SHERIFF

Landric Reid (Dem) 3,073 /100%

ANSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Kim Tyner 4,417 /93.01%

Write-In Misc. 332 /6.99%

ANSON COUNTY MIXED BEVERAGE ELECTION

For 4,144 /62.03%

Against 2,537 /37.97%

For the contests below, total votes are listed first, followed by Anson County vote totals in parenthesis.

US SENATE

Ted Budd (Rep) 1,891,342 / 50.71% (3,690 / 51.89%)

Cheri Beasley (Dem) 1,755,716 /47.08% (3,296 /46.35%)

Shannon W. Bray (Lib) 50,812 /1.36% (85 /1.2%)

Matthew Hoh (Gre) 29,163 /.78% (34 /.48%)

Write-In Misc 2,477 /.07% (6 /.08%)

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 08

Dan Bishop (Rep) 182,642 /70.11% (3,819 /53.83%)

Scott Huffman (Dem) 77,868 /29.89% (3,276 /46.17%)

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 03

Richard Dietz (Rep) 1,950,323 /52.59% (3,748 /52.98%)

Lucy Inman (Dem) 1,758,273 /47.41% (3,327 /47.02%)

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 05

Trey Allen (Rep) 1,941,991 /52.39% (3,735 /52.82%)

Sam J. Ervin IV (Dem) 1,764,509 /47.61% (3,336 /47.18%)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 08

Julee Tate Flood (Rep) 1,941,252 /52.62% (3,712 /52.79%)

Carolyn Jennings Thompson (Dem) 1,747,634 /47.38% (3,319 /47.21%)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 09

Donna Stroud (Rep) 2,012,454 /54.6% (3,794 /53.85%)

Brad A. Salmon (Dem) 1,673,631 /45.4% (3,251 /46.15%)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 10

John M. Tyson (Rep) 1,951,890 /52.95% (3,760 /53.68%)

Gale Murray Adams (Dem) 1,734,513 /47.05% (3,244 /46.32%)

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 11

Michael J. Stading (Rep) 1,953,052 /53.06% (3,719 /53%)

Darren Jackson (Dem) 1,727,967 /46.94% (3,298 /47%)

NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29

David Craven, Jr. (Rep) 51,418 /73.13% (3,736 /53.24%)

Brooke Crump (Dem) 18,888 /26.87% (3,281 /46.76%)

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 055

Mark Brody (Rep) 18,743 /100% (4,415 /100%)

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 01 (SCOTLAND COUNTY SEAT)

Chris Rhue (Dem) 17,483 /100% (4,379 /100%)

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 16A SEAT 03 (RICHMOND COUNTY SEAT)

Chevonne Wallace (Dem) 17,129 /100% (4,252 /100%)



Anson Middle School Blue Volleyball Team - Back to Back Champions!

On Monday, October 24 the Anson Middle School Blue Volleyball team won the championship game against Sandy Grove Middle School. Sandy Grove was undefeated going into the tournament, but it would be Anson Middle School Blue who would deny Sandy Grove and come away with the win and their second consecutive championship title!

Congratulations girls! Kacie Hayes is head coach, and she is assisted by Shauntae Britt. Pictured from left are Kacie Hayes, Megan Kiser, Kylie Jackson, Gretchen Henry, Emma Beam, Leila Britt, Ava Clarke, Elin Lockhart, Angeline Lee, Madilyn Sasser, Liberty Sellers and Shauntae Britt.

Sheriff Nomination by Anson Democratic Party Invalidated at NCDP Hearing

The North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Council of Review held a hearing on October 31 in response to a grievance concerning a matter and dispute arising from a meeting of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee on October 8. At that October 8 meeting the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee named Wadesboro Police Sgt. Gerald Cannon as the nominee to receive votes cast for the late Sheriff Landric Reid in the general election. Cannon would have then been elected as Sheriff of Anson County, as Sheriff Reid was running without opposition.

The Council of Review Order read: "The October 8 meeting of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee and all votes taken at that meeting shall be and are declared invalid. The selection of Gerald Cannon as the Anson County Democratic Party nominee for Sheriff shall be voided and set aside pending further action by the Anson Democratic Party Committee."

The grievance petition was submitted by primary petitioner David Scott Howell, and additional petitioners Gloria Overcash, Carol Ann Gibson, Mike Turner, Jackson Poulcott, Tracy Wilhoit, Tara Eudy, Beulah Pratt, Kelly Howell and Patricia Poulcott.

Scott Howell served as Chief Deputy Sheriff during Landric Reid's term as Sheriff of Anson County. After Reid's death on September 21, Howell was appointed to the position of interim Sheriff by the Anson County Board of Commissioners, to serve until what would have been the end of Sheriff Reid's current term, December 5, 2022.

The Council of Review's entire order is on The Express Newspaper's website: www.theexpressnewspaper.com.

An email from Sybil Mann, Chair of the NCDP Council of Review that was sent to Anson County Democratic Party Chair Dannie Montgomery, Scott Howell and others is presented below:

<< Dear Mr. Howell, Ms. Montgomery, Council of Review members, other petitioners and interested parties, Attached please find the order from the Council of Review. Please review the order at your earliest convenience. What follows is an update on the status of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee.

Since the hearing was held on October 31, 2022, the North Carolina Democratic Party has been working diligently to assist in determining the qualifications of members of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee meeting. The Council ordered, in part, that the North Carolina Democratic Party assist in verifying who had standing to vote as a precinct leader and by extension which precincts were properly organized in the 2021-22 cycle. NCDP surveyed Anson County precinct leaders in an effort to verify who had standing/credentials/qualifications to vote at the County Executive Committee meeting. The NCDP could find no evidence to show that any of the reported precincts were organized properly and in accordance with the NCDP Plan of Organization. Precinct Leaders listed in the current records indicated that they were not elected during the current cycle, did not participate in a meeting with other precinct members, or simply were unsure of their role, if any, in the precinct.

A meeting cannot take place as ordered by November 8, 2022, without organized precincts because the minimum number of people required (quorum) would not be present for the meeting. Even more importantly, because the precincts were not organized in 2021, there are effects beyond the current matter before the Council of Review. Therefore, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbi Richardson has declared Anson County to be an unorganized county. She has appointed Dannie Montgomery to serve as temporary chair of the Anson County Democratic Party, to coordinate a recertification process that requires all precincts to be re-organized, county officers elected at a new county convention, and a new County Executive Committee meeting held to elect the nominee for Sheriff. It is imperative that the process be completed before the swearing in of county elected officials on December 6, 2022.

A Brief Overview of the Process

1. Precinct Re-Organization: Precincts in Anson County must be reorganized on or before November 12, 2022 in order for all of the necessary meetings to take place. (There must be seven days notice prior to precinct meetings for organizational purposes.) There can be a "cluster precinct meeting," so all precincts can meet at the same time and in the same location to conduct precinct organization. A location big enough to make sure these precincts meet on the same day/at the same time will need to be found and announced to all Democrats, including notifying the local paper. The Party is recommending that this be announced by way of newsletters, social media, etc. to let Anson County Democrats know about the precinct organization meetings.
2. County Convention: After precincts have properly met and have been re-organized, a County Convention is required to take place between November 26th – December 3rd. (All precincts must be organized two weeks before they can vote at any county convention or County Executive Committee Meeting.) At this convention, county convention delegates will be required to elect County Party officers and an additional Member to the NCDP's State Executive Committee.
3. Anson County Executive Committee Meeting: On that same day, immediately after the County Convention, a meeting of the Anson County's Executive Committee can be held to select the person to receive the votes for the Anson County Sheriff's position. This meeting would require a 5 day notice to members of the Executive Committee so the notice of this meeting must be sent out at the same time as the Convention notice to all members of the executive committee.

There are different voting, quorum and proxy rules for each of these steps set out in the Party Plan of Organization. This appears to be the best path forward based on the inability to verify the existence of organized precincts in the County. Thank you. All the best, Sybil Mann, Chair NCDP Council of Review >>

Dannie Montgomery, Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party issued this statement on November 4:

"Following the October 8, 2022, Anson County Executive Committee meeting to name a new nominee for Sheriff for the November election, a complaint was filed with the NC Democratic Party Council of Review over the process of that meeting. The Council of Review is the mechanism by which NC Democratic Party resolves internal party disputes regarding our processes and rules as laid out in our Plan of Organization.

The Council found that some of the processes at the Executive Committee meeting violated those rules. The Council ordered, in part, that the October 8, 2022, meeting of the Anson County Democratic Party Executive Committee and all votes taken at that meeting shall be and are declared invalid. The selection of Mr. Gerald Cannon as the Anson County Democratic Party nominee for Sheriff shall be voided and set aside pending further action by the Executive Committee. A new meeting will take place December 3, 2022. The Council also ordered North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) to assist in verifying who is qualified to vote in a new meeting.

NCDP found that the precincts were not properly organized in 2021 and the subsequent county convention is void. With the county is unorganized, North Carolina Democratic Party Chair Dr. Bobbi Richardson has appointed Dannie Montgomery to serve as temporary Chair of the Anson County Democratic Party, working with NCDP officials, to coordinate a recertification process. The process requires precincts to be re-organized on November 12 at a cluster meeting of the precincts held jointly in the Hampton B Allen Library, located at 120 South Greene Street, Wadesboro, NC 28170; 11/12/22; 11:00am - 4:00pm. Precinct Cluster Meeting.

All registered democrats are encouraged to attend. New county officers will be elected at a county convention on December 3rd and immediately following that; a County Executive Committee meeting will be convened to elect the nominee for Sheriff. For more information contact Dannie Montgomery, Anson County Democratic Party Chair."

New Location for Veterans Day Celebration on November 11

The Veteran Services Office for Anson County invites the community to the Veterans Day Celebration on Friday, November 11. The event will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at North Wadesboro Baptist Church, located at 1211 North Greene Street in Wadesboro.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy lunch and live music performed by Quantelya Johnson and Jeanie Hampton. Food and drinks will be served.

Veterans Day Closings

Wadesboro Town Hall will be closed this Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. Payments may still be made using the night drop box. All Anson County Government offices will be closed on November 11. Emergency services and law enforcement will be in full operation on Veterans Day.

"Operation Green Light" in Support of Local Veterans

This is a release from Andrea Lamonds, Anson County Veteran Services Officer: In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Anson County announced that county buildings would be illuminated green November 7th through the 13th as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7th -13th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

"Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said NACo President Denise Winfrey.

Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight or co.anson.nc.us for more information and links to resources available to veterans.