

McKinley County reports official election results

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McKinley County voter turnout increases, but only by two percent

The official election results for McKinley County for the Nov. 2 regular election were reviewed by the McKinley County Commissioners during a special meeting on Nov. 9.

In an interview with the *Sun*, McKinley County's Director of the Bureau of Elections Marlene Custer said that seven percent of the county's population voted in the election. She noted that the number is up from previous years. She said that only about five percent voted in the 2019 election.

Custer said that despite the passions displayed by parents when the topics of how to respond to COVID or school violence or textbook content or digital concerns come up, the school board elections continue to be sparsely attended by voters year after year, even though some of the contests have no opposition. She was happy about the two percent increase in voters, but said that even with flyers and radio ads, the response remains small.

"We just need people to come out and vote," Custer said. "Come June for primary, we are going to be hopping."

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The June 2022 election primary will have the governor, county commissioners, the sheriff and assessors on the ballot. Custer expects it to be a busy time.

She informed county commissioners that there were no changes to the Nov. 2 election results from what was originally reported on Nov. 3.

The official election results are as follows:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 2 GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY SB 2

TITUS J NEZ

28%

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207 VOTES

JULIUS ELWOOD

19%

143 VOTES

CHARLES LONG

53%

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396 VOTES

TOTAL VOTES: 746

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 4 GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY SB 4

CHRISTOPHER MORTENSEN

100%

293 VOTES

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TOTAL VOTES: 293

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 5 GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY SB 5

ESTER MACIAS

40%

256 VOTES

MICHAEL W SCHAAF

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60%

587 VOTES

TOTAL VOTES: 643

GENERAL OBLIGATION QUESTION: SHALL THE GALLUP-MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE UP TO \$6,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF (1) ERECTING, REMODELING, MAKING ADDITIONS TO AND FURNISHING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING TEACHER HOUSING (2) PURCHASING OF IMPROVING SCHOOL GROUNDS (3) PURCHASING COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE FOR STUDENT USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, (4) PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS FUNDED PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY ACT, OR (5) ANY COMBI GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL

YES

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81%

2,122 VOTES

NO

19%

513 VOTES

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TAX LEVY QUESTION: SHALL THE GALLUP-MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 CONTINUE IMPOSE A PROPERTY TAX OF \$2.00 PER EACH \$1,000.00 OF NET TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY ALLOCATED TO THE GALLUP-MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.1 FOR THE PROPERTY TAX YEARS 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 AND 2027 FOR THE PURPOSE OF (1) ERECTING, REMODELING, MAKING ADDITIONS TO, PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR OR FURNISHING PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING TEACHER HOUSING AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM FACILITIES; (2) PURCHASING OR IMPROVING PU GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOL

YES

70%

1,617 VOTES

NO

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30%

697 VOTES

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WATER AND SANITATION BOARD POSITION 1 GAMERCO WATER & SANITATION BOARD

KENNY CARABAJAL

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10 VOTES

TOTAL VOTES: 10

SOIL & WATER SUPERVISOR 3 MCKINLEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

LARRY WINN

100%

1,565 VOTES

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TOTAL VOTES: 1,565

SOIL & WATER SUPERVISOR 4 MCKINLEY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

NANCY M WADE

100%

1,607 VOTES

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WATER AND SANITATION BOARD POSITION 3 RAMAH WATER & SANITATION BOARD

ROBERT K MONTAGUE

51%

35 VOTES

WHITNEY INA RIVER

49%

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34 VOTES

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WATER AND SANITATION BOAD POSITION 4 RAMAH WATER & SANITATION BOARD

CARRIE LORRAINE WATTS

11%

8 VOTES

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SHAWNA SARAH GRASSIE

50%

35 VOTES

KATHERINE M LAMBSON

39%

27 VOTES

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TOTAL VOTES: 70

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION 1 UNM ADVISORY BOARD AT LARGE
POSITION 1

CHRISTOPHER L VIAN

100%

2,254 VOTES

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ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION 2 UNM ADVISORY BOARD AT LARGE
POSITION 2

RALPH A RICHARDS

100%

2,254 VOTES

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 2 ZUNI SCHOOL BOARD

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ALBERT L CHOPITO

100%

206 VOTES

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 3 ZUNI SCHOOL BOARD

JEROME HASKIE

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100%

153 VOTES

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER POSITION 5 ZUNI SCHOOL BOARD

MILDRED LEMENTINO

56%

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120 VOTES

KRISSY S LEEKITY

44%

93 VOTES

TOTAL VOTES 213

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