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Richard Fiese won a close race against Ken Christensen on election night for a seat on the Gothenburg Airport Authority.

Fiese received 15 more votes than Christensen, winning the race with 725.

Incumbent Ken Kline was re-elected with 1,199 votes as was Dave Collins who garnered 782.

The percentage of voters casting ballots in Dawson County was 58%, according to election coordinator Rosie Casanoba, compared to nearly 67% in the state.

Newcomer Jeremy Sitorius was the top vote getter for one of three seats on the Dist. 20 school board.

Sitorius received 1,322 votes to 1,279 for incumbent Lisa A. Geiken and 1,275 for incumbent Amber Burge.

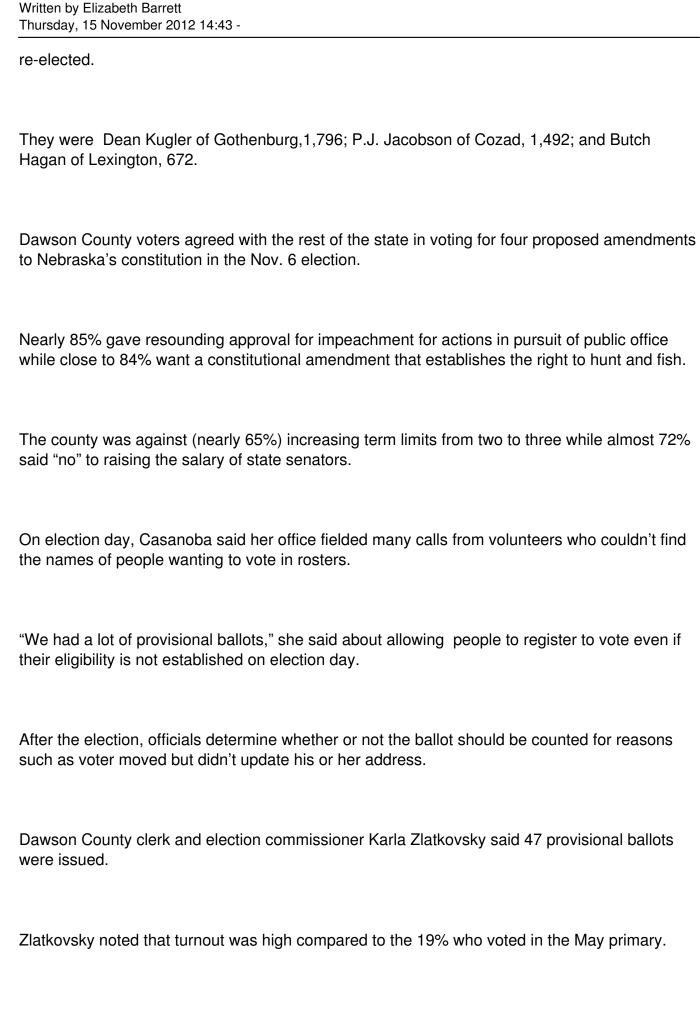
Two seats on Gothenburg City Council were also uncontested.

Jeff Kennedy, who represents west ward, received 574 votes.

Candidate Duane Oliver, who filed to fill the seat now represented by outgoing council member Gary Fritch, garnered 640 votes to represent east ward.

Three Dawson County commissioners, with no opposition in the general election, were

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Before the election, Casanoba said her office also issued more absentee ballots this year—1,435 compared to 1,078 in 2008.

Interestingly, she said a number of voters requested absentee ballots because of a mailed flyer they received from senatorial candidate Bob Kerrey who urged Nebraskans to vote early.