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Canvass adds 4 votes to Kingman County election, result unchanged

An official canvass of a special sales tax election held last week in Kingman County has added four votes but leaves the margin by which the measure was defeated unchanged. The canvass was conducted Monday by Kingman County commissioners.

The question to voters on April 8 was whether to enact a one-cent countywide retailers' sales tax for 20 years, with proceeds being used to fund construction of a new law enforcement center and for property tax relief.

The preliminary vote total was 772-678 against implementing the tax. County Clerk Carol Noblit presented a total of 11 provisional ballots to commissioners for consideration. Five ballots were cast by unregistered voters and two were cast by voters who failed to register before the books closed for the election. All of those ballots were declared invalid.

Of the four ballots deemed eligible, two were "yes" votes and two were "no" votes. The canvass put the final vote total at 774-680, leaving the margin of defeat at 94 votes.

This was the second time in less than six months that county voters have rejected a sales tax to fund a new law enforcement center. Voters also rejected a countywide sales tax measure in October 2013.

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