

# DFS incumbents retain seats

Winners of the Apr. 8 city election in DeFuniak Springs were incumbents Mayor John Lawson and Councilman Mark Anderson. Lawson won 286 votes to Gillis Douglass' 271. Anderson had 321 votes. Candidate George Cowie received 234.

Four hundred ninety-six voters turned out at the polls with 63 absentee ballots cast.

A breakdown follows:

- Precinct 14: Douglass - 74, Lawson - 98; Anderson - 102; Cowie - 67; total, 172.
- Precinct 20: Douglass - 151, Lawson - 117; Anderson - 140, Cowie - 128; total, 269.
- Precinct 23: Douglass - 27, Lawson - 28; Anderson - 35, Cowie - 20; total, 55.
- Absentee: Douglass - 19, Lawson - 43; Anderson - 44, Cowie - 19; total, 63.

Prior to the election, Walton County Supervisor of Elections Melissa Beasley offered a thank you to the voters in the city for turning out to vote. "Every election," she said, "is important. It strengthens our democratic freedom."