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WEATHER



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GOOD MORNING! It's Wednesday, June 9, 1993

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YES! Voters give road tax a green light

Residents agree road needs justify increase

ANALYSIS

By the Missourian staff

The Boone County Commission managed to convince enough people that better roads are worth a higher sales tax. But it was close.

Proposition 1, the road tax, faced vicious opposition. Not only did the ballot issue have to overcome a strong anti-tax mood among voters, but it was denounced by City Council members, the Mid-Missouri Green Party, the Boone County Libertarians and the Frederick Douglass coalition.

"Basically, the poor will be subsidizing people in the county for development," said Matt Harline, city councilman. "They've thrown a \$32 million anchor around the people of Columbia, in terms of building a community center, et cetera, and the main accomplishment is to increase noise and traffic in the county."

But for months, Boone County commissioners took the proposed half-cent sales tax to the people. Armed with slides and graphs,

they set up meetings throughout the county, sometimes with groups of fewer than five people. The com-



Commissioner Karen Miller awaits the announcement of preliminary results.



Commissioners Miller and Linda Vogt react to a radio report of close election results.

HOW WE VOTED

BOONE COUNTY

YES: 8,033 61.8%
NO: 4,959 38.2%

COLUMBIA

YES: 7,000 43.5%
NO: 9,076 56.5%

TOTAL

YES: 15,033 51.7%
NO: 14,035 48.3%

Source: Boone County Clerk's Office

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ROAD TAX PLAN
MAIL-IN BALLOT
1/2c
sales tax

6/9/93

WRONG AGAIN. Talk about your mistakes. Not mine. Yours — 15,000 of you. You've