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2014 election features new county sheriff

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The 7,049 registered voters in Koochiching County cast their ballots on Election Day Tuesday in local, state, and federal races. As of 10:50 p.m. Tuesday the following are the unofficial local results, with 7,049 voters registered.

Koochiching County

County Board District 1: Wade Pavleck, 690, Barry “Woody” Woods, 292.
County Board District 2: Kevin Adee ran unopposed.
County Board District 4: Rob Ecklund, 985, Debbie Bowman, 215.
Sheriff: Perryn Hedlund, 2,656, Brian Jespersen, 2,360.
International Falls Council

East Ward: Brian Briggs, 437; Leon Ditsch, 254.
Center Ward: Harley M. Droba, 347, Joe Schwartz, 296.
West Ward: Cynthia Jaksa, 439; Charles C. Lepper, 421, Joann Smith, 107.
Littlefork City Council
Two available seats: Kevin Sather, 172, Preston Hoy, 145.
Big Falls City Council

Two available seats: Shawn Pritchard, 87; Jeffrey L. Oehlerking, 56.
Mayor: Marta Lindemanis, 60; Teckla Brown, 55
Mizpah City Council
Two available seats:



Wade Pavleck



Rob Ecklund



Perryn Hedlund

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Fort Frances Mayor Roy Avis, left, addresses the town council during a special meeting Friday. Town Administrator Mark McCaig is at right.

Fort Frances mill buyer acquisition talks stalled

BY SPENSER BICKETT
Staff Writer

FORT FRANCES — A setback in finding a buyer for the local kraft pulp mill in Fort Frances has local officials frustrated, and led to a special meeting of the Fort Frances Town Council Friday.

The town of Fort Frances had been working with the mill’s current owner, Resolute Forest Products, and a potential buyer, Wisconsin-based Expera Specialty Solutions, in order to facilitate a purchase.

Due to an inability to purchase wood fiber for the mill at a rea-

sonable cost, Expera chose to end acquisition talks, according to a release from the town of Fort Frances Friday.

The mill’s current owner, Resolute, also controls the cost of wood in the area, according to a release. Fort Frances Mayor Roy Avis told The Journal Friday this means Resolute “can put whatever price they want on fiber.”

Acquisition talks stalled, Avis said, because without purchasing the sustainable forest license along with the mill, the price of fiber would be too high for Expera to

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Falls Council debates, passes procedure resolution

BY SPENSER BICKETT
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The International Falls City Council Monday engaged in a lively discussion over a proposed ordinance which amends council procedure at regular meetings.

The council approved the second reading of the ordinance on a 4-1 vote, with Mayor Bob Anderson voting against the motion. The council then approved the resolution adopting the ordinance on a 4-1 vote, again with Anderson voting against the motion.

Anderson said he voted against the motion because the resolution requires a simple majority vote to approve a meeting agenda, and a unanimous vote to add or remove items from the agenda.

“I think a simple majority (for both) would be more workable,” Anderson said.

There is also some lack of clarity with the resolution, Anderson said. The resolution reads: “Approve Agenda with any additions/deletions to the Agenda (only by unanimous consent).”

City Attorney Steve Shermoen said the language was slightly confusing, and while the correct intent is there, the language could be more clear.

“I think that could be stated more clearly in the proposed resolution,” Shermoen said. “I think it’s subject to several interpretations.”

Shermoen said inserting the wording clarifying the adoption of the agenda requires a majority vote would help make it more

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Sara Bacon casts her ballot Tuesday at Bob Walls Memorial Union Hall. Election worker Maureen Jackson said it was Bacon’s first time voting.

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

United States citizens got a chance to get out and exercise Tuesday.

Exercise their right to vote, that is.

Koochiching County residents turned out at polling places Tuesday and cast their ballots in local, state, and federal elections.

Maureen Jackson slaps an “I Voted” sticker on a voter’s hand after he casts his ballot on Election Day Tuesday.



Maureen Jackson hands voter Larry Arch his “I Voted” sticker Tuesday.

