

— Incumbent Texarkana Mayor Bob Bruggeman defeated challenger Brian Matthews by more than two to one, according to complete, unofficial results.

Bruggeman received 2,225 votes and Matthews 1,045. Bruggeman will take office for his fifth consecutive term.

"I'm just very excited to have the opportunity to represent our citizens for another three-year term. We had a great campaign team, and we certainly had a very positive message with the campaign. And like I said, just looking forward to working for our citizens.

"We certainly have a great city council and we also have a great city staff and great relationships with our sister city as well as with Bowie and Miller counties, and I'm just looking forward to great things continuing to take place within our great city," Bruggeman said.

Matthews wished Bruggeman well.

"It has been an exciting race. We had had a great time. We felt that the message that we promoted was clear and concise. It was a reflection and a representation of what citizens expressed they were concerned about. We met the citizens during the campaign. We anticipated this this evening since July 22. We borscht Mayor Bruggeman the very best in his upcoming term, and we have no regrets," he said.

Voters on Tuesday also approved a pair of bond issues for the Hooks Independent School District.

Proposition A received 348 votes for and 144 votes against, and Proposition B received 329 votes for and 163 against.

Based on information provided by the district in the bond election order, to repay the proposed bonds to be authorized under Proposition A, it is estimated that there will be an increase of \$28.13 in the amount of annual taxes on a residence in the district appraised at \$100,000. The estimated increase under the same criteria for Proposition B is \$3.75.

In another of the races yesterday Provisional ballots may determine the results of the race for Place 6 on the Pleasant Grove ISD Board of Trustees.

Fifteen votes separated the candidates in complete, unofficial results, with Kathleen Young leading Amy Lawrence 888 votes to 873. Twenty-three provisional ballots were cast in the race.

Provisional ballots are cast when problems are detected in the voting process, such as names not matching voter registration records.

Bowie County election officials will examine the provisional ballots and decide whether to recommend their acceptance to a Provisional Ballot Board, who will make the final decision whether to accept them on Nov. 9.

County Elections Administrator Pat McCoy said typically about half of provisional ballots are accepted.