

Gillespie declared GOP primary winner through recent special vote

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Eric Gillespie, one of two Republicans who ran – and tied – in the GOP primary election on May 4 for the party's nomination for Scott County Council District 3, was recently declared the winner of that race.

Gillespie and Angela Beswick campaigned for the party's nomination. They tied in the primary, each getting 224 votes, noted Republican Party Chairman Yvette Dowd. No provisional ballots were cast in the race which could have decided the winner.

"According to Brad King, co-counsel with the Indiana Election Division, if a tie vote occurs, both candidates are considered as having lost. The position becomes vacant," Dowd went on.

Consequently, the Scott County Republican Central Committee then must obtain authority from the party's precinct committeemen to place someone on the ballot for the position.

"In all fairness (to the two persons who campaigned for the nomination), I did not open this up for others to run," Dowd stated. Through a caucus of precinct committeemen, Dowd was given the authority to fill the ballot vacancy. She chose to not make the decision on her own but rather had other candidates, precinct committeemen and several key Republicans take a vote.

It was a close decision, she noted, with Gillespie coming out the winner.

Gillespie's name will now appear on the November 2 General Election ballot as the Republican candidate for the seat of District 3 County Councilman.