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Bower winner in county commission race

(KAIR)--One week after the November 6 general election, the official outcome of the 1st District Atchison County Commission race is known.

Following a canvass of ballots Tuesday afternoon, Republican incumbent Jack Bower defeated his Democratic challenger Charlie Perdue by only a 16 vote margin--691 to 675.

That comes after the Atchison County Commission, meeting as a canvassing board, approved counting 19 out of around 30 provisional ballots and the counting of all mail-in ballots. Friday was the deadline for the return of mail-in ballots.

Results on election night had Bower leading Perdue by 17 votes, 680 to 663.

Bower has held the commission seat since May 2017 after being selected to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Jeff Schuele.

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