

Flip flops election outcome

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For Nick Hatcher, tails never fails. After trailing by one vote on election night, Hatcher and incumbent Cliff Abbott had to wait for the final canvassing this morning to see who would occupy the final seat on the USD No. 480 school board. Abbott picked up 15 additional votes while Hatcher added 16, creating a tie.

Seward County Commission chair Joyce Hibler then flipped a quarter provided by commissioner CJ Wettstein. Abbott called heads, but when the coin came still on the carpet in the Seward County Commission chambers, it was tails.

"I knew going in that if it came to a coin flip, I was going to call heads," Abbott said with a smile after the flip. "When I was a captain on the team, I always called heads. But that's OK. I know Nick will do a good job."

Hatcher will take office in July.