

Controversy won't deter OCRC Friday the 13th move

By ALICE COLLINS

The Oakland County Road Commission will begin moving into the Keating office building in Beverly Hills on "Friday the 13th," underwritten by the controversy that surrounds the purchase of the building and by official opposition from the Village of Beverly Hills and Southfield Township.

The building on the northwest corner of Lahser and 13 Mile will become the new administrative headquarters of the commission, housing about 80 employees, including John L. Grubbs, its managing director. The move from road commission headquarters in Pontiac will be completed and the new offices open for business on Feb. 17, Grubbs said.

Regular weekly board meetings of the commission will be held in the new facility beginning at 10 a.m. each Tuesday.

THE CONTROVERSY that surrounded the purchase of the building from developer Howard T. Keating began shortly after the road commission's Aug. 19 announcement that it had taken out a 30-day option to buy the land, building and furnishings for \$800,000.

The structure is to be used temporarily until an estimated \$2.25 million addition to the Pontiac headquarters is completed sometime in the next four years. Temporary space was sought, the commission reported, because of crowded conditions.

Road Commissioner John R. Grau Jr. of Bloomfield Township was accused of a possible conflict of interest because American Geographic Inc., of which he is a very private, rented space in the Keating building.

In addition, it was reported that Robert J. Fries of Birmingham, president of the firm, had a financial interest in the building.

Grau was expected to move to a Birmingham office building location last week, Grubbs said.

THE ROAD commission moved ahead

with the purchase after commission attorney LeRoy McEntee reported that he saw no conflict of interest involved in the case after reviewing a report from a staff appraiser.

The three-member board including Grau, William M. Richards of Royal Oak and Chairman Fred L. Harris of Farmington Hills, voted unanimously for the purchase with a final sale price of \$872,000 for the land, building and furnishings.

Official opposition came Oct. 14. The Southfield Township Board went on record unanimously against the purchase because of the resulting \$13,154 tax loss to the township. Beverly Hills Council and the Village of Beverly Hills also opposed the building by a governmental agency moves it from the public tax rolls.

Southfield Township Assessor Gordon B. Hunter estimated the tax loss as \$12,617 for the township schools and county and \$12,336 for Beverly Hills.

THE BEVERLY HILLS Council followed the township's lead and adopted a resolution opposing the commission's purchase of the building.

Beverly Hills Councilman Robert Stanberry, who proposed the resolution, declared, "I know this council can do nothing to legally stop this unnecessary lake over this wasting of taxpayers' money. But we should let them know that we oppose having it the building taken off our tax rolls."

GRUBBS SAID the road commission will use the building, located across from Detroit Country Day School and surrounded by residential subdivisions, for office type activity only. No heavy road equipment will be parked or based there, he said.

With few exceptions, he said, the preparation of the building is being done by maintenance employees of the commission. Departments being moved to Beverly Hills include purchasing, personnel office of public assistance, transportation, planning and environmental concerns, clerk's office, finance, legal and three engineering divisions.

County highway engineer Paul Van Rook also will have his office there.

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