

Oakland seeks SEMTA clout

Oakland County commissioners will keep closer tabs on the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority as SEMTA nears its \$600 million mass transit decision.

Henry M. Hogan Jr., newly elected SEMTA board member, will join two other county representatives in a meeting Wednesday morning with the county board's general government committee.

General government chairman Robert Page (R-Birmingham) said it marks the beginning of a sustained county effort to have input into SEMTA decisions. Oakland County commissioners appoint persons to several single-purpose boards—such as the road commission and the Huron-Clinton metroparks authority—but rarely monitor members' work.

HOGAN, 44, was the first person elected to the SEMTA board by the county board of commissioners under a new state law that takes away most appointment power from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

A co-publisher of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers, Hogan is banker Joseph P. Bianco Jr. and civic activist Julie Evans on the SEMTA board, which was expanded to 15



HENRY M. HOGAN JR.
Joins SEMTA board

members by the new law. All three are from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Page himself was interested in the SEMTA appointment, contending having a county commissioner on SEMTA would give Oakland "a pipeline."

But the disadvantage is the intense political pressures such a person would be under, said Page. He drew his name from consideration at the Republican caucus prior to Thursday's full board meeting and nominated Hogan.

WHILE MEETINGS of the SEMTA delegation with a county commissioners' committee are new in Oakland County, they are common elsewhere. Detroiters on the SEMTA board meet regularly with Mayor Coleman Young.

SEMTA, meanwhile, is in the closing weeks of its lengthy alternatives analysis, a computer-aided study of which 14 combinations of rolling stock will provide the best and cheapest public transit system for the seven-county region.

The prize is a promised \$600 million grant from the federal Urban Mass Transit Administration. Argument has raged over whether SEMTA should build an all-Detroit subway system, as advocated by Mayor Young, a light rail system, as advocated by many in Oakland County, or an expanded bus system.

COUNTY BOARD Democrats, outnumbered 15-12, put up token opposition with R.J. Alexander, retired head of the public works department.

When it was apparent Hogan had the votes, however, Commissioner Alexander Perinoff (D-Southfield) asked for a unanimous ballot for Hogan, and the record book will show he won 27-0.

End to allocations?

By TIM RICHARD

Every year school districts, townships and the County government go through the game of asking the Tax Allocation Board for big property tax increases.

Every year, the allocation board gives them

just about what they got the year before.

Now the Oakland County Board of Commissioners is seeking an election at which voters could approve freezing all units' allocations. A resolution asking the allocation board to start

such proceedings got 27-0 approval Thursday from the county board.

If finally approved, county government would get the same 5.26 mills it has been getting for several years (plus 0.25 for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Author-

ity); townships would get 14 mills; and Oakland Intermediate School District 0.21 mills.

School districts would get varying amounts, depending on whether they were wholly in cities (more) or in townships (less). These districts would get 8.13 mills: Avondale, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield.

Two would get 9.33: Rochester and Southfield.

IRONICALLY, while seeking to eliminate what citizen observer John King of Bloomfield Hills branded "a charade" of asking more money than it really needs, the board of commissioners voted 17-10 to ask 5.34 mills from the allocation board.

The 1977 county budget actually requires only 5.26 mills.

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, who served on the allocation board from 1962-74, defended the request, charging that "those school budgets are atrocious" and contending the county had to ask more in self defense.

Commissioner Henry Hoot (R-Troy) said, "I am opposed to asking for more than we are really expecting."

Commissioner Dennis Aaron (D-Oak Park) said, "I don't think school budgets are atrocious. We the county spend too much. We should give it to the schools, which need it."

VOTING FOR the high millage request were these area commissioners: Paul Kasper (R-Bloomfield Hills), Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), John McDonald (R-Farmington), Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield), Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake), Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham), Dennis Murphy (R-Nowi), Robert Page (R-Birmingham), Alex Perinoff (D-Southfield) and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

Opposed were area commissioners Hoot and Larry Pernick (D-Southfield).

Michigan's constitution limits property taxes to 15 mills, \$15 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation.

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