

Pay raise issue breaks down on partisan lines

On votes that bordered on partisan splits, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Tuesday approved a pair of pay raises, one for some 300 skilled and supervisory personnel, the other for elected officials.

"The gap was closing," said Commissioner John McDonald (R-Farmington), chairman of the board's personnel committee. He referred to the pay scales of the county's 3,000 employees and the supervisory persons.

"It got so the senior trial attorney in the prosecutor's office was making more than the chief assistant prosecutor," McDonald said.

THE BOARD majority and County Executive Daniel T. Murphy called the \$48,660 in raises an "equity package."

But Commissioner Dennis Aaron (D-Oak Park), opposing both raises, said, "The reasoning is based on a pile of sand. First, the salaries of many appointed officials were excessive. Then we say we have to bring

up the elected officials to the appointed officials."

Aaron said the new raise for elected officials would give them increases totalling more than 50 per cent in five years.

Murphy, in response to a question, said there may be other "equity" raises sought next year, but nothing like the package passed at the April 12 meeting.

MOST CONTROVERSIAL was the increase for four elected officials. Sheriff Johannes Spreen, Clerk-Register Lynn Allen, Treasurer Hugh Dooney and Drain Commissioner George Kuhn were each raised \$1,033 to \$31,462. Spreen is a Democrat; the others, Republicans.

The vote was 15-8. Here is how local commissioners voted:

For—Henry Hoot (R-Troy), Paul Kruger (R-Bloomfield Hills), John McDonald (R-Farmington), Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield), Joseph Mon-

tante (R-Orchard Lake), Dennis Murphy (R-Novi), Robert Page (R-Birmingham) and Alexander C. Perloff (D-Southfield).

Against—Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham) and Larry Pernick (D-Southfield).

Absent—Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills) and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

THE RAISE for managerial and specialized personnel had slightly smoother sailing, passing 18-5.

Republican Moxley switched and supported this measure, while Democratic leader Pernick remained opposed.

Significantly, Democrat Perloff, who rarely parts company with colleague Pernick, supported both pay raises. "Our elected officials have done tremendous jobs and have tremendous responsibilities. They should get salaries commensurate with the top echelon of administrative officers," Perloff said.

The equity package had been the subject of months of study in the personnel committee, and amendments were made as late as last week.

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Cash awards and honorable mentions will be given in each category except best newspaper, page one typography and advertising.

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Judges will be media professionals.

WINNERS will be announced at an awards luncheon May 13. Reservation details for the luncheon in Waterman Center will be sent to participants.

after the entry deadline.

Last year's winners were topped by Southfield-Lathrup's Dimensions, as best newspaper; two of its staffers took first place awards—Sivana Heller in news writing and Larry Cosentino in feature writing—general.

Other winners were: Shelly Ziska, North Farmington, opinion; Mary Jewell, North Farmington, sports; Donna Gundie, Mercy, and Fran Rogier, Our Lady of Mercy, feature writing—personality; Jim Law, Livonia Stevenson, sports column; the Livonia Stevenson Spotlight, analysis, interpretive and investigative reporting; and Sherry DeSantis, Northville, reviews.



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