

# Drain commissioner

The drain commissioner has jurisdiction over all established drains, including creeks, rivers, ditches, sanitary sewers and storm sewers. The office has responsibility for new drain construction, maintenance of drains, and establishment of water management districts. Term is four years. Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer one question in 50 words or less:

Should future planning be directed toward maintaining Oakland County's semi-rural/urban mix?

## Daniel W. Barry

Democrat, 57, of Union Lake. Consultant. Education: BA, Michigan State University, 1949; Qualifications: 16 years as county drain commissioner.

Definitely. We are familiar with urban sprawl. Extensions of sewerage facilities indiscriminately within our county should

be restricted. Rural properties should be taxed at a different rate to prevent their forced sale to land development corporations.

## Robert Garner

Democrat, of Clarkston. Material not available from candidate at time of printing.

## Shane Murphy

Democrat, 38, of Royal Oak. Deputy county treasurer-Oakland County. Education: BA, Wayne State University, 1978, (computer science). Qualifications: Thorough knowledge of county operations. Management science classes at Oakland University.

Yes. Such planning should be led by the agencies of the county's local communities.

## Frank Ballard

Republican, of Waterford Township. Material not available from candidate at time of printing.

## George W. Kuhn

Republican, incumbent, 55, of West Bloomfield. Drain commissioner. Education: BA, Central Michigan; graduate work, Harvard Business School. Qualifications: 20 years, product development

## Clerk-register

### Albert A. Keenan

Democrat, unopposed

### Lynn D. Allen

Republican, incumbent, unopposed.

## Treasurer

### Robert Rosman

Democrat, unopposed.

### C. Hugh Dohany

Republican, incumbent, unopposed.

# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Oakland County has a 27-member Board of Commissioners which functions much like a state legislature or city council. The board acts on proposals of the executive; can override an executive veto by two-thirds vote; passes the general government budget; and makes appointments to such boards as the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the Road Commission and others.

Elections are partisan. Term of office is two years. Current salary is \$12,641. Con-

sult the map to determine in which district you reside.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer two questions in 50 words or less:

1. Is it more feasible for Oakland County to operate its own transit system or to remain part of the regional system (SEMTA)?

2. Are there additional services county government should be providing or existing services which could be cut?

## 1st District

### Lynn Charles Nelson

Democrat, unopposed.

### Richard R. Wilcox

Republican, incumbent, unopposed.

## 2nd District

### G. Marjorie Cavanaugh

Democrat, 35, of Davisburg. Director, Super Saturday gifted program. Education: AA, fine arts-retailing; BA, English/psychology; MA, elementary reading diagnostics-honors. Qualifications: Volunteer, Holly Ambulance; trustee, Northwest Oakland Council for the Arts; program director, Springfield Township community education, 1976.

1. SEMTA does not meet the needs of all areas of Oakland County. Many taxpayer dollars have been spent to finance surveys on mass transportation with poor results. Has Oakland County considered using the railroad? The tracks are laid, many workers could benefit from this means of transportation. Needed: realistic alternatives.

2. In North Oakland County, I would like to see scheduled dependable transportation for senior citizens, more police protection, greater people-oriented support for families in Rose and Springfield Townships who are involved in the toxic-waste contamination areas. Is a Drain, Roads, and DPW commissioner necessary when their areas overlap?

1. SEMTA, as proposed, is a fiasco! Few intelligent people negate the need for an adequate transportation system but until a transportation package is designed to address the needs of all Oakland County, whether it be a regional program or county, it will not be feasible.

2. Duplications and overlapping programs must be cut. An outside audit must be established to provide fiscal integrity to a \$90 million budget. Priorities should initiate needed service not expanded building programs. Toxic and solid waste must lead the list of improved service or we face an environmental time bomb.

### Donald W. Rogers

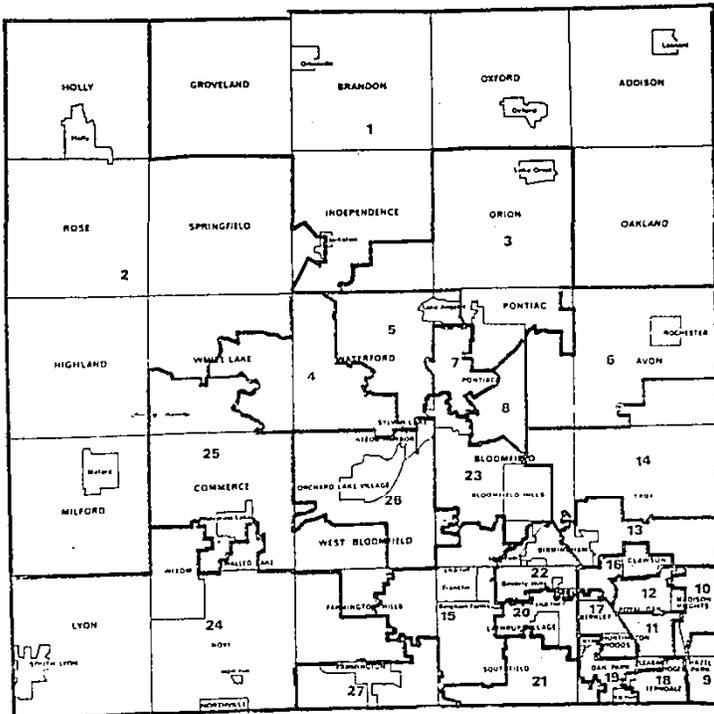
Democrat, 35, of Davisburg. Customer office representative, Detroit Edison, Milford Office. Education: Livonia Bentley High; Oakland Community College. Qualifications: Springfield Township supervisor, 1974-76; constable; secretary, treasurer, Oakland County Association Township Supervisors; past treasurer, Davisburg and Oakland County Jaycees; advisor, Junior Achievement.

1. By remaining in SEMTA the southern portion of Oakland County would benefit the most. This would not be fair to the balance of the county. Therefore if the subway is built all of Oakland County should not be taxed to support the subway system.

2. With the economic conditions that exist in Oakland County and the unemployment rate soaring we, as a county government, must take a serious look as to what are essential services, what can be eliminated, and what new programs must be started to assist the residents of this county.

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## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS



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 — MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

### Ardath Ann Regan

Democrat, 47, of Holly. Business owner. Qualifications: District director, Michigan Alliance Small Communities; councilwoman; liaison: Michigan Bell - Local Governments (634-Exchange); Commissions: Planning, Parks, Historical, Northwest Oakland Senior Citizens Housing Advisory Committee; president, Chamber of Commerce; co-founder, Carrie Nation Festival; former teacher.