

Wayne County workers may get pay Tuesday

Nearly 3,000 Wayne County employees who weren't paid Friday may get their checks tomorrow (Tuesday) at the earliest, according to Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz.

Wojtowicz said Friday that 2,950 employees in most departments except the sheriff's department and the hospital weren't paid because the county couldn't meet an estimated \$2.6-million payroll.

The missed payday was the second

straight for the county, which plans to make another appeal to the state Municipal Finance Commission Tuesday for permission to borrow \$20 million in tax anticipation notes.

THE 2,400 sheriff's and hospital employees not paid on Sept. 12 as scheduled were paid last Tuesday.

Those employees who work for revenue generating departments, such as public works, and those whose salaries are drawn from state or federal funds have been paid on time, Wojtowicz said.

The county is expected to end the current budget year Nov. 30 with an estimated \$17.4 million deficit. County officials are hoping that a hiring freeze and a proposed 3 percent across the board cut in most county departments will meet the state Municipal Finance Commission's demand that the county provide a detailed plan to eliminate its deficit.

THE THREE-member finance commission, which is required by law to protect the credit ratings of the state and local governments, has twice refused to allow county borrowing of \$20 million.

The county can't borrow without the state agency's approval.

The finance commission refused to allow the county borrowing last year. The county ended last year \$18.6 million in the red.

If the county is turned down again Tuesday, the board of commissioners may sue the finance commission.

correction

A one-quarter mill (25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on property) is assessed for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department. The county tax rate of 5.39 mills also includes a one-quarter mill for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Park Authority. The county general fund tax rate is 4.89 mills.

17-year-olds able to vote in Nov. election

Seventeen-year-olds whose 18th birthday is on or before Nov. 5 can vote in the general election Nov. 4, according to Secretary of State Richard H. Austin.

Austin said interpretation of Michigan election law declares that a person reaches 18 after having lived 18 years. Thus, those born on Nov. 5 can vote on the day they have reached 18 years.

New voters must register prior to Oct. 5, however, Austin said.

Registration can be completed with the clerk of the city or township where a person lives or at any Secretary of State branch office.

Citizens asked for input on state teachers' salaries

An opportunity for citizens and organizations to advise the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC) on the salaries and expenses of the governor, lieutenant governor, Supreme Court justices and members of the Legislature will be provided at a public hearing scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13 at the Civil Service Commission conference room, 3rd Floor, Lewis Cass Bldg.

The SOCC has a Constitutional mandate to determine pay and expense levels for these offices for 1981 and 1982, and under law must report its decision during December.

"The commission believes all citizens, groups or organizations with a view to express should take advantage of this opportunity," said Joseph L. Hardig Jr., a Birmingham attorney and

former State Bar president who was elected chairman of SOCC at its 1980 organizational meeting held Sept. 10.

"WE ALSO URGE interested parties to provide any documents which they think will help the commission, so that they will become part of our official record," Hardig said.

Beside the chairman, members of the commission are: the Rev. Father Gerard Hadad, of Melvindale; Neil Staebler, of Ann Arbor; Erma Laird Colding, of Detroit; Dr. Edgar L. Hardig, of East Lansing; Patrick J. Wilson, of Traverse City; and Charles O. Zollar, of Benton Harbor.

According to Hardig: "This public hearing is for the purpose of allowing the SOCC, a commission of seven private citizens, to hear any and all views

on the matter of compensation for these specified state officials. It is an opportunity which citizens have once every two years. We hope to hear from every individual or organization with a viewpoint to express."

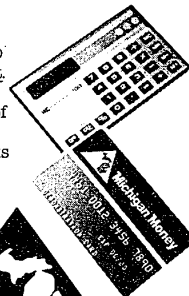
IT IS NOT necessary to attend the public hearing, he noted, since written views submitted to the commission will be read by members and made a part of the record.

Any written communications, or questions about scheduling appearances at the hearing should be directed to: Edmund Perkowski, staff assistant, State Officers Compensation Commission, Department of Civil Service, Lewis Cass Building, Lansing, Mi., 48909, telephone (517) 373-3702.

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