Building work, equipment get share of OCC dollars

Building renovation contracts at the Highland Lakes campus, along with equipment purchases for three cam-puses, were approved Thursday by the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

And on the earnings side, Vice President W.H. Nikkel reported Michigan Oil Co. of Alma has asked that its oil and gas drilling lease on the Auburn Hills campus east of Pontiac be rewed for one year at a reat of \$4,000.

"The drilling (begun in December of 1978) did not produce anything substantial," Nikkel told trustees, but Michigan Oil asked for a renewal anyway. The board approved the lease.

AT HIGHLAND Lakes campus, Cooley Lake Road at Williams Lake Road in Union Lake, to buildings will have their exteriors restored. Crowe & Associates, Inc., of Detroit, was low bidder at \$39,729 for restoring he masonry at Highland Hall, a former tuberculosis sanatorium. Completion time is 60 days.

The Humanities Building's exterior

will be renovated by W.J. Howard & Sons of Bloomfield Hills for \$32,000. The former hospital building work is to be done in 75 days. be done in 75 days

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for the secretarial science program at Highland Lakes was ordered from Burroughs Redactron Corp. for \$11.875.

While Redactron was the second lowest bidder, David W. Sturges, director of purchasing, recommended its product "on the basis of total cost over an estimated life of five years. The recommendation is made based on total cost, capacity to expand if necessary, size of screen and character size, simplicity and ease of learning, and storage capacity."

TWO EQUIPMENT purchases were made for the Southfield building on Nine Mile near Providence Hospital, where nursing and science programs will be offered.

Lewis Furniture of Bloomfield Hills will provide word processing furniture for 16 secretarial students at a bid of \$18,020. Although its bid was \$22 high-er than a Chicago firm's, Sturges said: "If the award was made locally, the in-stallation would be handled by local crews rather than waiting for out-of-town arrangements." An exterior sign will be installed by Adrian Outdoor Sign Co. of Dearborn for \$7,818. Adrian was the only bidder.

TWO PURCHASES were made for the Auburn Hills campus, which offers many vocational-technical courses. Furniture for 27 student tables and instructor stations in drafting classes will be purchased from Bruning Corp-tor \$30,701 and Esser Co. for \$45,993. Ilems include drawing tables, layout tables, chairs, chalkboard drafters, ref-erence storage bookcases and other storage bins.

Wright Tool Co. will provide \$61,090 worth of diesel equipment for the Auburn Hills diesel lab. Items include fuel pump calibration stands, pump flow consoles, nozzle testers and injector est sets. The state will reimburse 46 percent of the equipment cost under a technical assistance program, Sturges said.

Headlee heads college board

Richard H. Headlee, author of the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment, has been elected chairman of Oakland University's



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The eight-member, governor-appointed board makes all the ma-jor financial and stewardship deci-sions affecting the Avon Township institution.

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Headlee, who was appointed to the Board in 1976, succeeds David B. Lewis as chairman. Headlee served as beard vice-chairman for the past two years.
Morris, a Troy resident and charter member of the board, will serve for the first time as a board officer.

A Farmington Hills resident, Headlee authored the tax-cutting measure Michigan voters ap-proved in 1978. He is president-chief executive officer of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Company of Amer-ica in Farmington.

He also is chairman of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce, and is on the boards of the House-hold Finance Corp., Project Con-cern Inc., National Center for Vol-untary Action and West Oakland Bank.

Body count warming to **OCC** figures

Economists would call a community college a "counter-cyclical" industry. When the economy is down, community college enrollment goes up. "When people are not working, they come to school to learn new skills," said Robert F. Roelofs, Oakland Community College president, to the board of trustees.

When the fall figures were totaled, they showed 22,909 persons had enrolled for fall courses at OCC's four campuses. It represented an increase of about 16 percent, Reelofs said.

With 12 credit hours constituting a full load, the 22,909 warm bodies are the equivalent of 13,567 full-time equated students.

In other OCC business, W.H. Nikkel, vice president, said the OCC Foundation born last spring has raised \$77,153 so far. The foundation supports college programs and scholarships that aren't

