

# Treasurer

The county treasurer receives, maintains custody of, invests and disburses all county monies, and prepares tax assessments rolls and statements. Term is four years.

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

How can county funds be invested to offset the high rate of inflation?

## Robert Rosman

Democrat, 38, of Birmingham. Vice president and general counsel, Carl Rosman & Co. Education: University of Michigan, BA, 1963; JD, 1966, London School of Economics.

The most pressing need for Oakland County is an independent audit of the county's books. This would result in an im-

provement in Oakland County's rating in the bond market, thus allowing a higher rate of return by reducing the rate of interest paid on the County's bonds.

## C. Hugh Dohany

Republican, incumbent, 60, of Southfield. Oakland County treasurer. Education: BA, MSU-WSU extension courses in finance, accounting, and data processing. Qualifi-

cations: My years as county treasurer have proven I possess the necessary training, experience, and dedication required for this office of public trust.

All funds must be kept fully invested at the highest possible interest rates using the most prudent types of investments for the protection of public funds. This can only be done by staying on top of the cash flow on a daily basis and a knowledge of money management.

# 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 and the Road Commission.

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

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, 48, of Ortonville. Tool grinder machinist, Fisher Body. Education: Pontiac Central, Oakland Community College. Qualifications: Four years, Brandon Township trustee; six years, Zoning Board of Appeals. I feel my experience in local government gives me knowledge to represent the townships of my district.

1. I feel Oakland County could operate its own system in a manner which would be of more service to the residents of Oakland County than the SEMTA system. I feel the SEMTA system has been geared for service to the city of Detroit and Wayne County.

2. The county should hold the cost of contract police services to a minimum. The costs have almost doubled since 1975. Our area townships need help. The county should provide more services for its senior citizens, especially low-cost housing for senior citizens in the northern areas of the county.

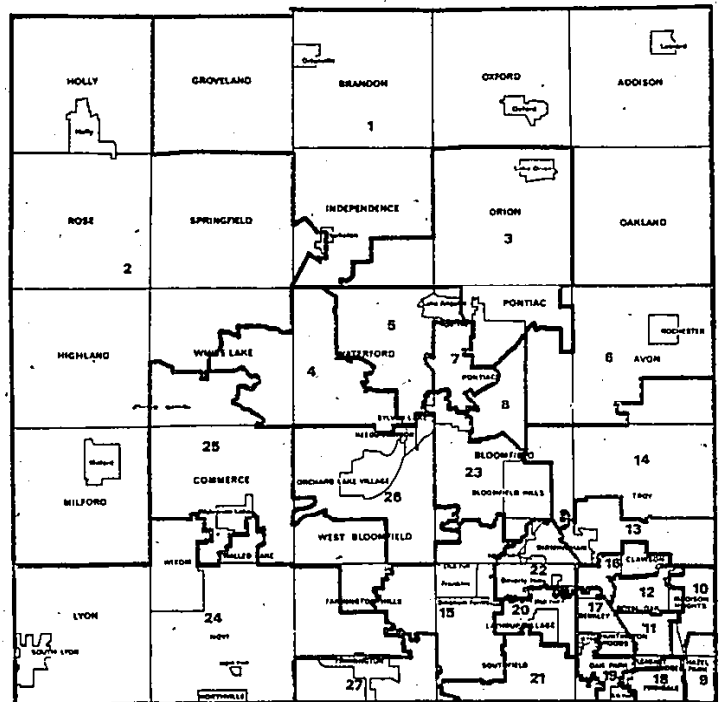
### Richard R. Wilcox

Republican, 50, of Ortonville. Publisher, weekly newspaper. Education: BA, University of Michigan, journalism. Qualifications: Township supervisor, four years; County Board, 16 years; past president, Michigan Association of Counties; presently a director of the National Association of Counties; past chairman, Board of Commissioners.

1. It would be more feasible to be part of SEMTA if SEMTA were concerned about regional transportation. SEMTA is going to build a subway. We are going to pay. We should spend our dollars on our transportation. Our transportation needs will not be met by SEMTA.

2. We have been prudent with the dollars. When a need has been demonstrated, we have responded. I see no need to cut or add services. If revenues decline, cuts will have to be made to live within our budget. We will respond to what the majority of the residents want.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS



1 - DISTRICT NUMBER  
 --- DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
 --- MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY

## 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. In a Draft Board,

and DPW commissioner necessary when their areas overlap?

### LeRoy M. Cagney Jr.

Republican, 51, of Milford. President of Sprint Print, Inc., a small quick printing firm. Education: High school graduate. Qualifications: Former village councilman; some courses in accounting procedures.

1. Till we have solid facts on the cost and problems of our own system, we will have to remain with SEMTA. SEMTA is pouring too many dollars into a small area that will benefit too few Oakland County people. We also need a more equitable representation on the SEMTA board.

2. We cannot afford additional services at this time. This should be a time for cutting back wherever possible till the economy is in better shape. However, an adequate transportation system to serve the workers, the shoppers and the senior citizens of Western Oakland County must be considered soon.

## 6th District

### Chris Altemann

Democrat, 31, of Rochester. Assembler, Pontiac Motors. Education: Liberal arts, Oakland Community College; political science and economics majors, Oakland University. Qualifications: Executive board, Rochester Democrats; candidate, Rochester City Council and state representative, 63rd District; staff, U.S. Senate candidate Phil Power.

1. No! It is economically unfeasible, for only Oakland County destinations would be possible. Traveling outside the county would be handicapped. Furthermore, the involvement of each county municipality is not clear; the unnecessary reorganization would be tedious, time-consuming and costly.

2. Because the state and county face grave economic conditions, this is not the time to begin new programs. Still, necessary services should not be cut. Existing services, however, should be examined and be scrutinized so that they may operate more productively.

### John H. Peterson

Republican, incumbent, 59, of Rochester. Special agent, Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co. Education: BA business administration, Michigan State University. Qualifications: Former justice court judge, former township supervisor, former board of education member and president, four years as county commissioner.

1. Unlike many counties, Oakland benefits from unusual human and financial resources. These same two resources create needs in this county different from southeastern Michigan generally. Therefore, it is my opinion we are in a unique position of being better able to solve our own problems within our own resources.

2. Government, in fact, responds to citizen demands, often expressed by vocal minority groups and often parochial. Now, with citizen pressure for tax reduction, it seems wise to look at all we do, asking: Is this necessary? Is it cost-effective? What will happen if we discontinue this?