

GOP gains in Oakland

Republicans increased their strength in Oakland County Tuesday by padding their Board of Commissioners majority by two seats.

The GOP, however, again fell short of sweeping the six countywide offices. The five incumbent GOP countywide officeholders easily won re-election to four-year terms.

They include County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, 57, of Sylvan Lake; Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, 41, of Clarkston; County Clerk Lynn Allen, 55, of Drayton Plains; Drain Commissioner George Kuhn, 55, of West Bloomfield; and Treasurer C. Hugh Dolansy, 60, of Southfield.

GOP SHERIFF candidate James Y. Stewart, 55, of Huntington Woods, lost to incumbent Democrat Johannes Spreen, 61, of Farmington Hills. Spreen has been sheriff since 1973.

Vote totals in the countywide races were incomplete as of Wednesday afternoon. The city of Pontiac had not yet reported its results to the county clerk. The Republicans increased their county board majority by winning previously Democratic seats in Royal Oak and Berkley.

IN THE only contested Oakland County Circuit Court race, District Judge Robert C. Anderson, 55, of Waterford, was an easy winner over James F. McCarthy, 42, an assistant county prosecutor. Anderson narrowly missed winning a seat on the Oakland bench two years ago.

Murphy remained Oakland's only executive since voters approved the post in 1974 by capturing 57 percent of the unofficial vote over Democrat F. Thomas Lewand, of Royal Oak.

Lewand, a first-term county commissioner, only carried the traditional Democratic cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park, Madison Heights, and Southfield. Lewand edged Murphy by 1,300 votes in Royal Oak.

Murphy, a county administrator since 1956, won big in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Township area, the Farmington area, Troy, Avon Township and West Bloomfield.

SREEN CARRIED the sheriff's race with 53 percent of the incomplete vote. As in past elections, voter ticket-splitting put Spreen over the top.

Despite his close identification with Patterson, Stewart, Huntington Woods

public safety director, failed to match the prosecutor's big margins in such Republican strongholds as Birmingham-Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Troy.

The incumbent prosecutor tallied 69 percent of the unofficial vote over Democrat Martin Krohner, 35, of Farmington Hills.

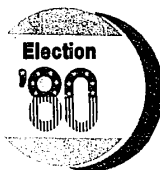
Patterson carried Farmington and Farmington Hills by more than 16,500 votes. Spreen carried both cities by more than 3,000 votes.

Patterson was a big winner in Waterford Township where Spreen eked out a 93 vote margin over Stewart.

IN COUNTY BOARD races, most Republican incumbents won by big margins with the exception of Lillian V. Moffitt of Birmingham, who edged Democrat Barbara Kukes Goldman, also of Birmingham, by 1,200 votes.

Republican James Lanni of Royal Oak will return to the county board in January. He defeated Kathleen B. Penner of Royal Oak, executive director of the county Democratic party, by 1,100 votes.

Executive candidate Lewand had defeated Lanni in 1978.



Democrat Gilda Jacobs, an administrative assistant to state Sen. Doug Ross, lost her county commissioner bid to Republican John Olsen, Huntington Woods Mayor, by 375 votes. Jacobs had defeated the incumbent Democrat, Kenneth Roth, in the primary.

More bike paths along I-275

Look for more bicycle paths along I-275 in western Wayne and Monroe counties.

The Michigan Department of Transportation will take bids Nov. 18 on construction of bike paths at four locations: Five Mile road in Plymouth Township; Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township; Willow Road in Huron Township, all in Wayne County; and Newport Road in Ash Township, Monroe County.

Tisch loss slim in Oakland County

The Tisch tax cut proposal failed to ride Republican Ronald Reagan's coattails to a win in Oakland County Tuesday.

While Reagan tallied nearly 60 percent of the unofficial county vote, Tisch, Proposal D on the ballot, was a narrow loser.

Incomplete county vote totals showed Tisch trailing by 14,700 votes in the county. No votes prevailed by a 51 percent margin. County officials were still awaiting the city of Pontiac's vote totals Wednesday afternoon before posting the final county-wide tallies.

REAGAN'S MARGIN in Oakland, assuming a normal Democratic vote in Pontiac, was similar to former President Gerald Ford's showing in the suburban county four years ago.

County voters didn't like any of the state-wide ballot proposals, sending all seven to defeat, including the three property tax referendums and a proposed income tax hike for new prisons. Proposal A, the so-called Smith-Bul-

lard plan, captured only 20 percent of the unofficial county vote. The legislative-executive coalition plan, or Proposal C, was rejected by some 77 percent of the county voters.

Proposal B, which would have lowered the legal drinking age to 19, was rejected by more than 60 percent of the county's voters.

THE TISCH referendum, which would have cut property tax assessments by 60 percent, was nearly uniformly favored in the county's northern townships.

However, Proposal D only carried one large county city — Troy, by about 500 votes.

Tisch lost in Southfield by about 11,000 votes and in Royal Oak by 3,700.

The tax cut was a narrow loser in West Bloomfield and a nearly 2,000 vote winner in Avon Township.

According to county Elections Director Howard Altman, an estimated 500,000 of the county's 644,000 registered voters went to the polls Tuesday, more than 0 percent.



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