

Oakland board incumbents had few worries

By TOM LONERGAN

Job security doesn't worry incumbent Oakland County commissioners.

Of 27 members of the board of commissioners, all 19 incumbents who ran for re-election were returned by an average 2-1 margin. One incumbent ran unopposed, and seven others either ran for other offices or did not seek re-election.

The closest race involving an incumbent was in District 15 (portions of Southfield, Farmington Hills and Bloomfield Township). County board vice chairman Lillian V. Moffitt, R-Birmingham, received 54 percent of the vote to prevail over Barbara Kukes Goldman, research director for the county Democratic Party.

In contrast, Pontiac Democrat Hubert Price Jr. won a new two-year term with 85 percent, the highest margin in any Oakland commissioner district.

AN 18-9 REPUBLICAN majority will dominate the new county board in January.

The GOP, which controls all committee assignments and other county board appointments, increased its 16-11 voting edge by winning two seats in Royal Oak and Berkley/Huntington Woods previously held by Democrats.

The part-time commissioners, who

serve two-year terms, are paid more than \$12,600 annually.

The new make-up means Democratic commissioners will have to recruit at least five Republicans to block anything from passing the county board.

NEW COMMISSIONERS include: District 22 — George Berton Jackson, 56, R-Birmingham, a self-employed builder; District 18 — Donald R. Geary, 56, Democrat, Ferndale police chief; District 17 — John E. Olsen, 46, Republican, General Motors administrator and Huntington Woods mayor; District 14 — Marilyn E. Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills, homemaker, chairwoman County Board of Institutions; District 11 — James E. Lanni, 35, R-Royal Oak, restaurant general manager, former county commissioner; District 9 — Charles T. Whitlock, 58, R-Clarkston, retired sheriff's department captain; District 2 — Leroy M. Cagney Jr., 51, R-Milford, print shop owner.

INCUMBENTS not returning in January include Robert Gorsline, District 2, R-Milford, who did not seek re-election; Mat Dunaskis, District 3, R-Lake Orion, who defeated incumbent State Rep. Alice Tomblin; D-Rochester; F. Thomas Lewand, District 11, D-Royal Oak, unsuccessful county executive candidate; Henry Hoot, District 14, R-Bloomfield Township, who

did not seek re-election; Kenneth E. Roth, District 17, D-Berkley, defeated in August's county commissioner primary; Patricia Kelly, District 18, D-Ferndale, unsuccessful primary candidate for a state representative seat; and Ralph Moxley, R-Birmingham, who did not seek re-election.

IN COUNTYWIDE office races, all the incumbents won. The unofficial final results were: County Executive — Daniel T. Murphy (R), 236,184 (56.5 percent); Tom Lewand (D), 181,895; Prosecutor — L. Brooks Patterson (R), 289,548 (68 percent); Martin Krohn (D), 136,147; Sheriff — Johannes F. Spreen (D), 224,857 (54 percent); James Stewart (R), 194,060; Clerk-registrar of deeds — Lynn D. Allen (R), 258,791 (65.5 percent); Albert A. Keenan (D), 136,030; Treasurer — C. Hugh Dobay (R), 245,401 (62.5 percent); Robert D. Rosman (D), 146,899; Drain Commissioner — George W. Kuhn (R), 237,214 (61 percent); Daniel W. Barry (D), 148,689.

IN A NONPARTISAN race for a six-year Oakland County Circuit Court term, District Judge Robert C. Anderson of Waterford received 65 percent of the vote to defeat James F. McCarthy, an assistant county prosecutor, also from Waterford. The vote was Anderson, 171,708, McCarthy, 90,708.

Other county judges were elected without opposition.

Oakland voters said a collective no to all seven state referendums.

The voters were Proposal A (Smith-Bullard tax plan) — \$31,077 (80 percent) to \$5,514; Proposal B (10-year-old drinking age) — 281,460 (64 percent) to 158,407; Proposal C (Coalition tax plan) — \$17,030 (71 percent) to \$5,495; Proposal D (Tisch tax cut) — 228,791 (52 percent) to 120,172; Proposal E (tax increase for prisons) — 253,841 (60.5 percent) to 165,241; Proposal G (and legislators' civil arrest immunity) — 238,660 (58 percent) to 171,479; Proposal H (lieutenant governor's duties and replacement) — 215,255 (54 percent) to 165,413.

County voters favored Republican President-elect Ronald Reagan over President Jimmy Carter, 252,771 (55 percent) to 164,864.

Former President Gerald Ford received 58.6 percent of the county vote in 1976.

John Anderson's independent campaign got a little more than 38,000 votes or 8 percent. The remaining 1 percent of the vote was divided among third party candidates Ed Clark, 5,298; Barry Commoner, 1,238; and Gus Hall, 385.

Nearly 471,000 of the county's 644,000 registered voters went to the polls last week, a 70 percent turnout.

Conference targets family

A day-long conference on families will run from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, on Orchard Lake Road at I-696 in Farmington Hills.

Workshops on single parenting, family policies and power shifts and the homemaker's rights will be in the J Building and Terrill Hall.

The conference is called "Three

Generations of Love and Conflict: A Conference for American Families." Fee is \$20, including lunch or supper. Cost with both meals is \$23.

Co-sponsors include the women's centers at Schoolcraft College, Oakland Community College, Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

For registration information, call 593-5147 or 961-5400.

College reps at Schoolcraft

Representatives of nearly 50 colleges will be on hand for College Night at Schoolcraft College at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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