Dog licenses will go up in price in many parts of Oakland County Dec. 1, and the increase will help pay for new stainless-steel cages in the animal-care center. Currently 44 for all dogs, the license will rise to \$5 for unsexed animals and \$7.50 for male and female dogs. The delinquent fee will go up from \$8 to \$10. And the dog pickup fee will rise from \$15 to \$350 for cover the actual cost of impounding strees.

\$20 to cover the actual cost of impounding strays.

Amid many jokes about going to the dogs, the Caliand County Board of Commissioners spent more time Thursday wrestling with dog problems than with almost everything else on its agenda. And the spill votes cut across party lines.

The license-fee increase affects townships and cities such as Farmington Hills which deal with the county on animal-control problems. Most other cities set their own fees and have their own shelters.

THE BOARD gave a bare 14-10 majori-to spend \$58,620 on new cages from the ne bidder, Mav-Ron, Inc. of Warsaw,

look blooker, Mar-Hon, Inc. of warsaw, Jod, Good was Commissioner James E. Lanni, R.Royal Oak, who argued that "the present cages were put in in 1973, and there's four years of life left. Wer'se in the process of tearing out good cages and putting in new stainless-steel cages that are only big enough for a 35-pound dog." Lann's big objection was that commissioners didn't want to raise dog license more.

Coministioner Alexander C. Perinoff, D-Southfield, Javored new cages because they're far easier to clean and wash up. We won't need three or four persons to clean them, and the animals don't have to be removed when you clean them. Perinoff said Southfield is in the process of contracting with the county for use of the county animal shelter.

Local commissioners favoring the purchase were G. William Cadell, R. Walled Lake, Marilynn Gooling, R. Bloomfield Like, Hilliam Cadell, R. Walled Lake, Marilynn Gooling, R. Bloomfield Like, Lilliam Moffitt, R. Bloomfield Pernick, D. Southfield; and Pernioff.

Opposed were George B. Jackson, R. Brimnigham, Jacry Steph Montante, R. Orchard Lake; and Dennis Murphy, R. Novi, Not voting were Paul Kasper, R. Bloomfield Hills, John McDonald, R. Farmington, John Peterson, R. Rochester.

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THE BOARD amended the proposal of the public-services committee to raise li-cense fees to \$5 for unsered dogs, \$10 for males and females and \$20 for a delin-quent license to \$5, \$7.50, \$15 at the re-quest of County Executive Daniel T. Mur-phy.

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carbillant, Commissioner Lilliam Moffitt
said. "Some programs need not be sellpaying and can be subsidized."
Commissioner Charles Whitlock, R.
Carbatton, agreed, asying raising fees too
far "may increase the number of unlicensed dogs, thereby defeating the grogram to get dogs licensed and prevent rabies." gram to get dogs licensed and prevent ra-bies."

Commissioner William Caddell also

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Supporting the amended fee increase
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were Caddell, Jackson, Mrs. Moffitt, Mon-tante and Page.
Opposed were Mrs. Gosling, Murphy and Pernick. Not voting were Kasper, McDonald, Perinoff and Peterson.

THE BOARD gave 20-1 approval to raising the pickup fee for the first offense from the current \$15 to \$20. Second and third offenses will remain at \$30 and \$50

third offenses will remain at \$30 and \$50 and \$50 and \$50 respectively. The increases take effect Dec. The sewer last raised in mid-1979. The board resolution said, The cost to the county for damages to persons and property caused by dogs has increased substantially in the past few years, (and) the pickup and transporting costs for impounded dogs by the Oakland County Aimal Control Division has increased substantially.

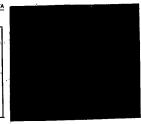
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office materials, and \$1 for shelter pro-cessing. Without debate, the board also imposed an impoundment fee for livestock of \$30 per incident, effective Dec. 1. The division estimated the average cost of a livestock in different and explained the state of the state of the state of the state of the three hours, \$10 for two vehicles and \$3 per dispatch call.







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Board nixes new probate judges

If the four probate judges of Oakland County felt their ears burning Thursday, it was because someone was talking about them Harahly. The County Board of Commissioners rejected 16-5 the judges' request that two more judges be added, raising Oakland's total to six.

Their attitude is the same as the sher-Their attitude is the same as the sher-

iff," said finance committee chairman Dennis Murphy, R-Novi, in a Republican caucus. "Judge (John J.) O'Brien wants to do what he wants, and it's up to the county board to find the dollars."

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"He hawled us out in committee," added
Commissioner Joseph Montante, R-Orc-

THE PROBATE judges asked the board to join them in a task force "to coordinate the installation of two additional probate

The phrase bothered board Vice chairman Lillian Moffitt, R-Bloomfield Township, who said the wording made it 'a foregone conclusion' that two judges would be added.

There is also a legal disagreement between the judges and the commissioners over which law governs how many probate judges Okland may have.

The judges cite Act 116 of 1954, which allois six judges for counties of one million population. In 1954, Oakland's population was less than a half-million, and that section applied only to Wayne County, whose population was more than three million.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE Daniel T. Mur-oby says the operative law is a 1979 stat-tile which takes precedence because it is more recent and more specific. The '79 statute mentions Oakland by

name and mandates four probate judges, giving the County Board of Commissioners discretion to establish a filth judge. Probate courts handle the probating of wills, the administration of estates and the guardianship of minors add incompletents. Costs are shared almost equally by the state and the county.

Opposing the resolution to coordinate installation of two new judges were William Caddell, R-Wailled Lake, Marijudges were William Caddell, Marijudges were William Caddell, R-Wailled Lake, Marijudges were William Caddell

ham.

Favoring it were Larry Pernick, DSouthfield, and a handful of other Demo-cratic commissioners. Not voting were
Paul Kasper, R-Bloomfield Hills; Alex
Perinoff, D-Southfield; and John Peterson,
R-Bochaeter.

Electric cars carry the mail

routes and carrying maintenance people in the Oakland County service center in

Pontiac.

They're part of the county's continuing commitment to energy conservation experiments," said County Executive Daniel T. Murphy as he unveiled them last week.

The vehicles cost about \$168,000, with Oakland picking up \$20,000 and the U.S. Department of Energy granting \$148,000.

The county will pay maintenance and operating costs, said Murply.

Most are vans and pickup trucks with top speeds of 55. They can run 50 miles at an average speed of 25 mph before their batteries need 8-10 hours of recharging. Several are small hatchbacks with a top speed of 70 mph and a range of 65 miles at 5 mph.

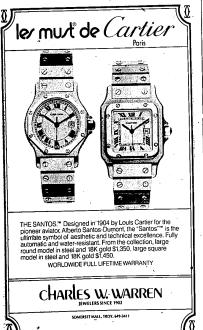
We have already downsized as much of our fleet as we can," said Murphy, "and

have substituted diesel for gasoline-

have substituted dieser for gasome-powered vehicles in many cases.

"Also, we recently began operating a propane-powered car that is used by the sheriff's department for routine patrol duty."

The electrics were manufactured origi-nally as standard gasoline-powered Dodge, Mercury and Subaru vehicles. They were modified by Jet Industries.







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