Lanni criticized for asking RO aid

A Republican Oakland County com-missioner was criticized by members of both political parties for asking county government to spend \$1 million to help pay for police and fire protec-tion in Royal Oak. Commissioner James E. Lanni, R-

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Commissioner James E. Lanni, RRoyal Oak, said the county should help relieve the southeastern Oakland city's

relieve the sourcessers Concerned with budget crists.

"Cakland County is concerned with fighting crime and protecting the pub-lic," Lanni said. "Royal Oak has been forced to lay off several police and fire officers because of budget cutbacks."

SEVERAL COMMISSIONERS objected to the proposal before sending it to the Finance Comittee for consideration.

They claimed that if Lanni could get \$1 million for his district, then they should be able to get an equivalent amount for their districts. "Everybody has similar needs," said

Commissioner John E. Olsen, R-Huntington Woods.
Olsen sald be wanted to change the
resolution to include Huntington
Woods, Berkley, Lathrup Village and
Pleasant Ridge — cities he represents.
"I don't think the money is available.
But if we do have the money, it should
go to (local police departments) instead
of the Sheriff's Department," Olsen
sald.

COMMISSIONER Alexander Perinoff, D-Southfield, said he thought Lan-ni was joking when he made the pro-posal.

"It's just crazy," Perinoff said. "But if he can get that amount for Royal Oak, then I'm going to ask the same for Southfield."

If all 27 members of the board make the same request, the county will have to make big budget cuts in other areas, some commissioner admitted.

Chamber contract

Board reverses own committee

By Carol Azizian staff writer

Oakland County commissioners from both political parties accused members of the board's Public Services Commit-tee of playing politics with the bidding

process.

The Public Services Committee had recommended the board award a contract to the second-highest bidder, the Pontiac-based Oakland County Cham-

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But in a 24-0 vote, the board of com-missioners last week rejected the com-mistice's recommendation and awarded a 445,255 contract to the low bidder— Oakland County Council of Chambers of Commerce, based in Troy.

Three firms bid on the contract.

MONEY FOR THE contract will come from the Oakland County Em-ployment and Training Division. It will be used for a program to help small businesses get federal government con-

mittee members layored the Pontac-based chamber solely because it is in the north end of the county. At least three commissioners on the Public Ser-vices Committee represent constitents from the northern part of Oakland

from the northern part of Oznam-County.
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*IT'S A disgrace to the whole country." Perinoff added. "You will never get any responsible bidder to bid on any of our projects."

Perinoff argued that the issue wasn't cost — the difference between the two bids was only \$145 — but the "principle of the thing."

The committee disregarded the country's established procedure for accepting bids when it favored the second-highest bidder, he said.

That procedure calls for awarding the contract to the qualified bidder who offers the lowest price.

The committee offered to accept a lower bid from the Ponliac-based chamber after bidding was completed, Perinoff said.

"When you allow a high bidder to change his bid, that's something I can't tolerate."

BUT COMMISSIONER James E. Lanni (R-Royal Oak), chairman of the Public Services Committee, disputed those claims: "No bids were changed in committee."

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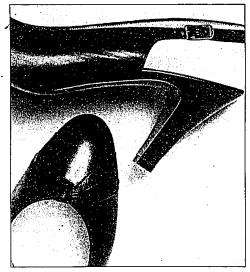
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