County panel OKs rehiring 20 road patrol deputies

Oakland County Sheriff Johannes Spreen won round one in his fight to put laid-off sheriff's deputies back on the

job.

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners public services committee Tuesday approved a resolution to put 20 road patrol officers back on the road. Two Republicans Joined two Democrats to give the measure 4-3 approved.

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in December.
Supporting the recall Tuesday were Republicans Richard D. Kuhn Jr. of Independence Township and Susan Kuhn of Clawson and Democrats Hubert Price and Walter Moore, both of Ponti-

Dissenting were Republicans Thomas A. Law of West Bloomfield, George Berton Jackson of Birmingham and Chairman James E. Lanni of Royal Oak.

RICHARD KUHN said "it's blan-tantly unfair to eliminate 20 road pa-trol deputies who provide protection for this county.

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"These deputies arrested 226 drunk drivers during 1982. The clitzens in this county are fed up with drunk drivers. And they generated more than \$126,000 in revenue from traffic clastions."

The county is being "penny-wise and pound foolish" by keeping the deputies off road patrol duties, Kuhn sald. Kuhn claimed it was unfair that deputies had to be laid off to compensate for increases in the sheriff's department budget.

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"It's not fair that 33 jail employees can arbitrarily knock out deputies on the road," he said.

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LANNI DISAGREED, saying he couldn't justify spending "general county dollars to subsidize services in the north end." "Folice miliages have been turned down in some areas. Now, they want the services reinstated. Everybody wants semething for nothing."

Lanni argued that if the board decides to spend \$823,000 to restore the road patrol positions, it should also appropose the services of the services have been greated that the board decides to spend \$823,000 to restore the road patrol positions in Royal million for police produced in the services have been greated that the services have the services have been getting the foreast patrol of the services have been getting it free over the years. They're sitting back like vultures trying to get the services for nothing." SHERIFF SPREEN, who says the department could be destroyed if the positions are not restored, claimed he was "caught in the middle of a rock and a bard place.

"I feel like Solomon did when he had to make a decision to cut the baby in half," said Spreen, a Democrat who often has found himself at odds with a Republican administration and Republican-dominated board.

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JAMES M. BRENNAN, the county's director of management and budget, urged commissioners to take cost factors into account when making their decision.

He said law enforcement costs have risen faster than other areas of the county budget.

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The jail staff was increased last year to comply with a federal court order intended to alleviate overcrowded conditions in the county jail.

"We send fewer prisoners to the jail than communities in the south end of the county, but we still pay for the services," he said.

If the Police Officers Association of the general county employee, "Brennas it is currently involved in arbitration proceedings, wins all its south end of the county subsidizes the north end."



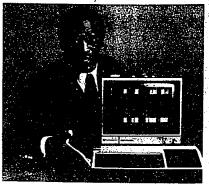
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