

Brennan in line for board staff job

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Eight years ago, Democrat James Brennan switched his party allegiance after taking a job as right-hand man to Republican Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Brennan, the county's director of management of budget, hopes to make another dramatic move — from the executive back to the legislative branch of government.

"I've been on this job for eight years, and I need a change," said Brennan, the only candidate for a newly created position as analyst for the board.

"I see this job as an opportunity to ease conflicts between Murphy's crew and the board and between the board and the sheriff," he said.

THE NEW job will mean a slight salary increase for Brennan. He will earn \$55,278 a year as an analyst. He currently is paid \$53,653.

The board budgeted the analyst's job and two others last year. The other two posts — for assistants to Brennan — may be filled later this year.

Brennan, who is respected by both Democratic and Republican Oakland County commissioners, last week won the unanimous support of the board's General Government and Personnel committees for appointment to the post.

THE APPOINTMENT is expected to be approved next Thursday by the full board without a hitch.

Board Chairman Richard Wilcox, R-Orionville, who nominated Brennan for the post, said "he is a top-notch individual who has the experience and background for the job."

Most Democratic commissioners agree. "Some people may question whether he (Brennan) would be loyal to the board or to Murphy, but I have no qualms about him serving the board,"

said Lawrence Pernick, D-Southfield, who serves on the general government committee.

"Whenever we've asked him questions about the budget, he's given us straightforward answers with minimal regard to the political ramifications."

He has served as politician before and proven that he's a professional among politicians," Pernick added.

BRENNAN WAS elected to the county board in 1989. Later he was the only Democrat to serve on the three-man Board of Auditors with Robert Lilliey and Murphy.

In 1974 Murphy was elected Oakland's first county executive. He appointed Brennan director of management and budget.

Although Murphy repeatedly reminds voters that he has kept the county operating in the black, most commissioners also credit Brennan with providing accurate and honest financial assessments.

Both Pernick and Wilcox agree that Brennan's appointment will provide much-needed expertise to a board which previously relied on information from the county executive's staff or outside consultants.

"It will mean that, at long last, the legislative branch is moving toward becoming a co-equal branch of government," Pernick said.

BRENNAN, WHO is looking forward to the new challenge, said he already has made plans for the move.

"I've agreed to stay on (Murphy's staff) for 30 days to bring the new management and budget director up to snuff," he said.

Brennan doesn't foresee any major conflicts with the county executive over his new job.

"I don't see this affecting my relationship with Dan Murphy. He isn't upset by it," Brennan said.

Murphy was unavailable for comment.

Laid-off deputies must wait-GOP

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Personnel Committee took a wait-and-see position on the issue of rehiring 20 laid-off sheriff's deputies.

The committee, in a 6-3 vote along straight party lines, tabled the rehiring proposal until a future meeting. No date was set.

The resolution to put the deputies back on the road already has been approved by the board's public services

committee. It must win the support of two other committees — personnel and finance — before being considered by the full board.

REPUBLICAN commissioners wanted to postpone the matter because the state still hasn't notified the county whether it will lose \$544,000 in grants as a result of the layoffs.

"There are a lot of unanswered ques-

tions," Commissioner Marilyn E. Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills, said. "We still don't know whether we'll receive the money."

County officials have written letters to the state's director of criminal justice asking for a speedy reply.

Capt. James Curtis of the Sheriff's Department said a letter was sent March 16, but so far the state hasn't responded.

Curtis said he believes the county will lose state funding if the road patrol officers aren't rehired. The loss of state money would result in additional layoffs, he said.

My gut reaction is that the state isn't going to buy the county's argument," Curtis said.

Other county officials argue that state funding would be lost only if the number of road patrol officers was reduced to below 1978 levels. The sheriff's department had 80 road patrol officers in 1978. Even after the January layoffs, the department still had 89 of-

ficers, county officials said.

SOME DEMOCRATIC commissioners argued the delay will cause further hardship for northern townships which contract with the sheriff's department for road patrol services.

Sheehy lecture reset March 30

Author Gail Sheehy, who wrote "Passages — Predictable Crises of Adult Life," will speak at 2:15 p.m. March 30 in the Crocker Room of the Oakland Center at Oakland University, Aven Township.

The program, originally scheduled March 23, was postponed because Sheehy couldn't attend.

General admission is \$2. Persons who already bought tickets will be able to use them for this program.

Cable class at MSU center

A class on "Cable Communications" will be offered 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, March 29 to May 31, at Michigan State University's Southeast Regional Center, 20500 13 Mile, Birmingham.

The four-credit class will be taught by Thomas Baldwin, MSU professor of telecommunications.

Baldwin will examine technical, political and commercial aspects of the

cable industry. He will also assess the impact of the latest advances — direct broadcast satellites, low power TV and home computers.

Registration continues through March 24 at the southeast regional center. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. Registration information is available at 645-5410.

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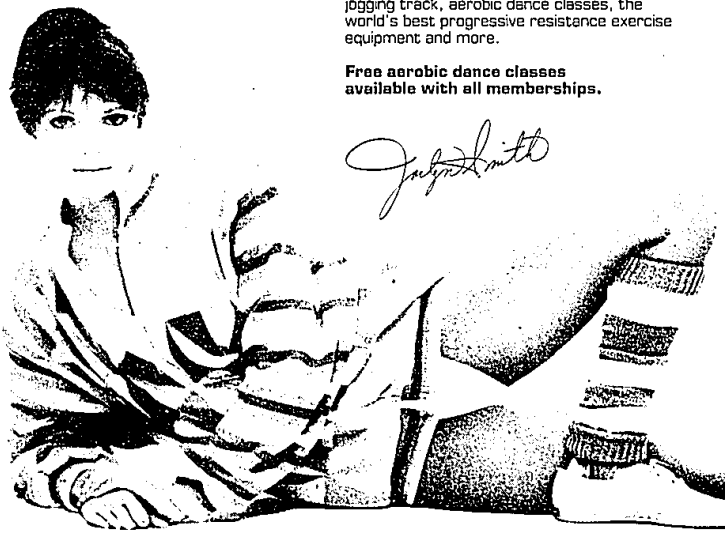
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