

# COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Oakland County has a 27-member Board of Commissioners which functions much like a state legislature or city council. The board acts on proposals of the executive; can override an executive veto by two-thirds vote; passes the general government budget; and makes appointments to such boards as the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Road Commission and others.

Elections are partisan. Term of office is two years. Current salary is \$14,681.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer three questions in 50 words or less:

1. Describe two of the major issues facing Oakland County and how you would address these issues.
2. Should the county become more of a facilitator to local communities? If yes, how? If no, why not?
3. Should Oakland County seek to consolidate the administration of all three public works agencies — the DPW, drain commissioner and the Road Commission — under the county executive?

## 2nd District

**WILLIAM J. FOLEY**, incumbent, Democrat, unopposed.

**RICHARD G. SKARRITT**, Republican, unopposed.

## 4th District

**ROBERT MADDEN**, Democrat, unopposed.

**ANNE M. HOBART**, incumbent, Republican, unopposed.

## 6th District

**THOMAS I. CARLETON**, Democrat, unopposed.

**JOSEPH MAYERNIK**, Republican. No reply received.

**RALPH NELSON**, incumbent, Republican, 33, Rochester, BS, Central Michigan University; JD, Detroit College of Law; self-employed attorney; elected county commissioner in 1982; presently chairman of Oakland County Community Development Council; previously Rochester city councilman.

1. Implementation of the solid waste plan. Negotiate disposal contracts fair to the communities and adequate to finance incinerators soon. Also, amend the plan to provide for the changed needs by SOGIA. Jail facilities or programs need to be expanded to provide adequate space for inmates.

2. Yes, the county's major function is to be a facilitator. A prime example is economic development. The planning department has always been a tremendous resource for local communities and the new business expansion council will expand that service. Care must be exercised so we don't overlap the resource role.

3. Not immediately. I am hopeful that this fall a resolution combining the DPW and drain commissioner's office will be studied and passed. I am not convinced that it should be consolidated under the executive or the drain commissioner. After the implementation of that consolidation, the Road Commission should be evaluated.

## 10th District

**JAMES A. DOYON**, incumbent, Democrat, unopposed.

**MARK CHESTER**, Republican, unopposed.

## 12th District

**JAMES S. MICKELSON**, Democrat, unopposed.

**DOUG BROWN**, Republican, 57, Clawson. Education, engineering, Lawrence Institute of Technology; accounting and business administration, Walsh College; occupation: self-employed accountant; experience: Clawson councilman, four years; plan commissioner, 6 1/2 years; mayor, 6 1/2 years; member, South Oakland Mayors Association, 6 1/2 years.

1. Two of the major issues facing Oakland County are waste disposal and transportation. I support the concept of a countywide disposal system as developed by the county executive. The transportation plan should tie in with

SEMTA by means of connectors in local communities.

2. The county would be of invaluable assistance to local communities because of its expertise in many areas including elections, health, water and sewer facilities, public safety and property assessment. The county has the expertise and staffing to assist local communities.

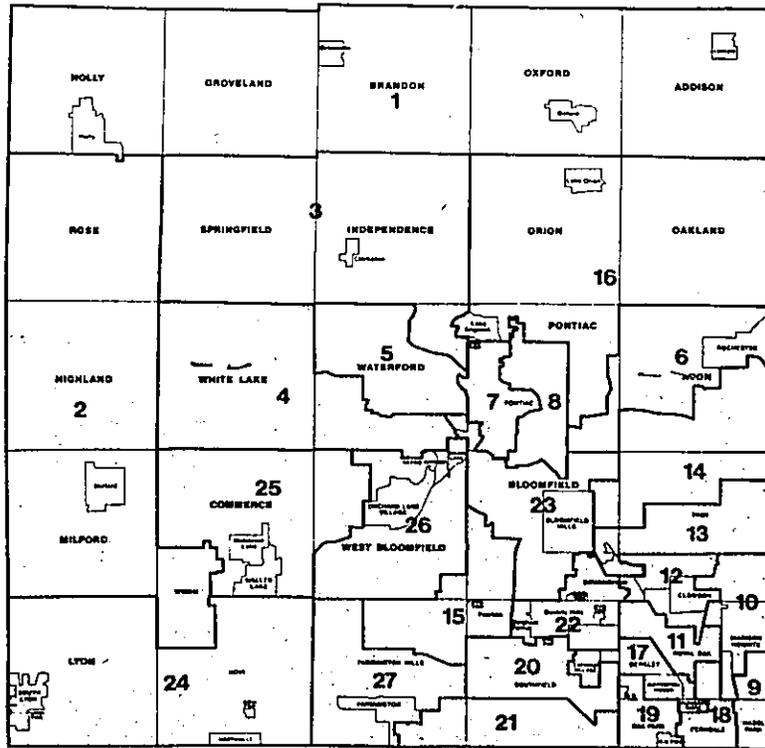
3. The DPW, drain office and Road Commission should be consolidated under the director responsible to the county executive. This will eliminate duplication of effort and improve the overall efficiency and reduce costs in the several services involved.

**SUSAN G. KUHIN**, Republican, 37, Clawson. Incumbent county commis-

sioner; Albion College graduate, economics, business administration; Hodson's 16 years, senior corporate auditor; vice-chairman, County Commission's health and human resources committee; experienced professional businesswoman; communicating and getting results for good county government; lifelong Republican.

1. Major issues: water-sewage costs and taxes. I actively supported Oakland County's lawsuit against Detroit to recover millions in overcharges. We need representation on a regional water-sewage board as our citizens cannot afford to pay for Detroit's mismanagement. A balanced county budget must be maintained, controlling waste, duplicate services.

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