Board upholds Murphy's public works veto

By Tim Richard staff writer

County Executive Daniel T. Murphy won a major victory when the Oakland County Board of Commissioners upheld his veto of a public works merger. But a handful of his fellow Republicans instit they'll Iry again to consolidate the county Sewer and Waler Division under Murphy's control with Drain Commissioner George Weber.

trol with Drain Commissioner George Kuhn's office and put Kuhn in chrage as public works

commissioner.
Only 10 of the 27 commissioners voted to override Murphy's veto of their Dec. 12 resolution. A two-thirds majority — 18 votes — was needed for an override.
Murphy said, "The intelligence of the board showed."

THE VOTE was closer than it looked, however. Commissioners Robert Page, R-Birming-

m; G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake; and exander Perinoff, D-Southfield; were in fa-r of overriding, but switched to the "no" col-in when it was apparent the resolution

The reason seems to be that only those who vote on the winning side can ask for reconsideration. After the vote, Page immediately moved for reconsideration at the next meeting,

Feb. 13. Although a Murphy loyalist over the years, Page supported the resolution. He indicated that the two offices should be controlled by one chief and there is no chance "in the foresecable future" that the Democratic-controlled Michigan Legislature will change the law to allow the executive to absorb the drain office.

Seeking to blunt criticism that an override would hurt Murphy's chances for the Republi-can nomination for governor, Page said, "This is within the family."

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THE ROLL call:

10 commissioners — six Democrats and four Republicans — voted to override Murphy and consolidate the two offices under Kuhn.
 15 voted to uphold Murphy's veto — Democrat Perinoff and 14 Republicans. The GOP total included: Marilyna Gosling, Bloomfield Hills; William Hasseberger, Birmingham; Thomas Law, West Bloomfield; John

• Republicans Ralph Nelson, Rochester, and Nancy McConnell, Bloomfield Hills, and Democrat Hubert Price, Ponilac, were abard for the vote. Nelson and Price entered the meeting immediately after the vote. Their absences were the equivalent of non-public support of Murphy.

MURPHY SAID that if his veto is upheld again Feb. 13, he will seek a pair of changes in state laws.

One would allow counties to abolish the drain commissioner's post, bringing it under the executive.

The second would give his office bonding authority. Bonds frequently are sold to finance drains.

NEW TO the meeting was Commissioner Wallace E. Holland, R-Pontlac. Republican commissioners appointed him to the vacancy created by the resignation of Democrat Walter Moore, who ousted Holland last November as mayor of Pontlac last November.

The new lineup is 20 Republicans and seven

CC senate asks for increase in black faculty

Oakland Community College's 44-member academic senate is urging the school to inject affirmative action prin-ciples into its hiring practices and to hire more minorities.

A spokesman said black teaching staff positions have dwindled and that it is time to work on rebuilding those ranks.

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The group has formed a committee to work with the administration on the problem, said chairman Tom Sione spoke to OCC's board of trustees of the senate's concerns. The senate is composed of administrators, faculty and students.

"When the college opened 22 years ago there was a lot of hiring taking place and OCC was significant in hiring minorities," he said.

BUT MANY of those teachers since have retired or left the school to accept other positions — in many cases up-graded ones — elsewhere, he said.

In addition, the ranks have tended to be cut by the school's tendency to hire

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part-time over full-time instructors, Stone said.

"There's got to be something we can do," he said after the meeting.

Stone said that while he doesn't expect the college will resist exploring new hiring practices, he did recognize that the matter is "complicated now. Quota systems are not legal anymore." He said the issue should be an important one for OCC because it has two campuses in communities with sizable black populations — Pontiae and Southfield.

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bers are nearing retirement and with changes in state employee retirement laws allowing for earlier retirements, the issue should be a timely one, he

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"Our two major hiring points were 15 and 20 years ago, so we want to prepare ourselves. It's timely to take a look at it now tiese David Hackett and Earl Anderson spoke in support.

"Right now minorities are not getting their fair shake," Hackett said:
"This county is generally considered upper and middle class with pockets of poverty. But we can recruit minorities."

upper and middle class with pockets of poverty. But we can recruit minorities from other areas because we do have opportunities to offer.
"Part of affirmative action should be to seek out people to make this an all-encompassing process and a democratic one that includes everyone.

ACCORDING TO college sources, there are seven black full-time faculty members out of some 300 at OCC. Similar figures are unavailable for partitime faculty because such information is not required by the goverment. Overall, all minorities constitute about 7.2

percent of the faculty, compared to 8 percent representation of minority students, according to the records. Dr. Keith L. Shuert, vice president of college employee relations, said he recognized the problem and endorsed "the thrust to increase minority hiring." He said the college is doing 'as much as we can' in hiring more black teachers but that "we have always found it difficult to find (black) faculty with minimum credentials and accessibility to the college."

Shuert said OCC needs to "network" the institution of a physical education with more minority groups for recruiting purposes. To help, the office last week set saids an administrative internative of the minorities.

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He said the physical education reIn other matters, the college senate
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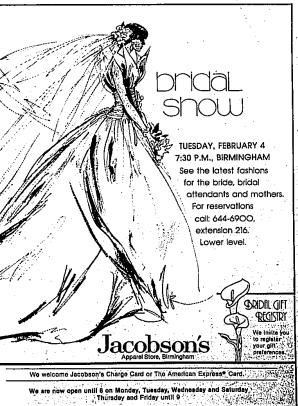
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