### Judges pressed to move hearings

By Tim Richard staff writer

Probate judges may not want to, but the Oakland County Board of Commissioners would very much like them to hold sanlty hearings in the Clinton Valley Center (CVC), a state mental institution in Pontiac.

"We have not heard from the Probate Court one rason why they do not want to hold hearings at the CVC; said Commissioner Marilynn Gosling, R-Bioomfield Township, "it's a more humane atmosphere."

But Commissioner John Rowland, D-Pontiac, argued that CVC rooms were a poor forum for a judicial proceeding and would be inaccessible to the general public.

THE COUNTY board gave 18-6 approval to a resolution "strongly urging" the four probate judges to hold mental hearings and promising to appropriate \$15,000 for room renovations.

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## Dems charge Patterson with office misuse

Oakland County Democrats are trying to put heat under Prosecutor L Brooks Patterson, a Republican for using public office and staff on his petition drive for the death penalty. Instead, majority Republicans agreed to ask Patterson for a written report and then decide whether the complaints are justified.

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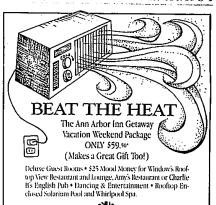
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