

McNamara blends new, old on his team

Wayne County Executive-elect Edward McNamara has assembled a mix of some of his closest aides from Livonia City Hall and some of William Lucas' appointees for the new administration.

Democrat McNamara assumes the job Jan. 1. Lucas vacated the post to go to governor.

Michael Duran, 28, his campaign manager, will be McNamara's deputy CEO, a charter-created post which Lucas never filled.

JAMES VOLLMAN, assistant director of the Office of Public Services, will be promoted to director, succeeding James Myers.

Vernice Davis-Anthony, who was Lucas' director of Health and Community Services, will remain.

Except for the deputy CEO, Vollman and Davis-Anthony will have the top two jobs under McNamara.

OTHER LIVONIA city hall staffers who will go downtown are:

• David Katz, 28, McNamara's administrative assistant — assistant

county executive in charge of liaison with other governmental agencies.

• Jack Dodge, 57, Livonia's finance director for 16 years — chief county financial officer to oversee a 200-employee department, succeeding Paul Ford.

Russell Gronewelt, 39, Livonia's public works director — director of roads in the Office of Public Service, a position comparable to the chief of the old county road commission. A 17-year city employee, he served one year as the mayor's chief assistant.

• Edward Stierl, 56, Livonia's chief engineer and building official — head of the Office of Public Service's engineering division. Stierl will retire from city government this January after 28 years.

• ANOTHER LIVONIAN, Charlotte Mahoney, who works as economic development consultant for Detroit Edison, will serve as coordinator of a six-month project on economic development for Wayne County.

McNamara will name Lester Robinson, the county commission's audi-

tor general, assistant county executive in charge of administrative matters. His role will be to act directly with the county's various departments. Robinson lives in Bellwood.

County Commissioner Sam Turner, D-Detroit, who ran second to McNamara in the August primary, will be appointed corporation counsel. That position is currently held by elected county prosecutor John O'Hair. O'Hair, a staunch McNamara supporter, O'Hair has indicated a desire to hold only one job.

Turner, 60, who gave up his commission seat to run for county executive, said this week he was looking for a job in the private sector.

"I feel it's a challenge. John O'Hair brought in some good people, and I'm taking over what is considered to be a good operation," said Turner.

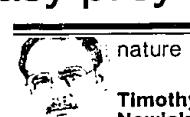


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Scientists think that do not show symmetrical white spotting may have developed white feathers as a result of an injury. Animal bites or cysts on the feather tracts of a bird have been known to cause white, unpigmented, feathers in the affected area.

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