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Pols praise cop, curmudgeon

A cop and a curmudgeon won warm ovations from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.
Sherilf's Deputy Michael L. Odette gave the board a check for \$250 that he was awarded in an out-of-court settlement.

I'recently had a lawsuit go to trial in federal court," Odette said. "After obtaining a favorable jury verdict, I filled a suit against the party who had sued myself and the county, I sued him for mallecous prosecution for filling a frivolous lawsuit.

out-of-court. It is my desire to give the proceeds to the taxpayers of Oakland county, who had to bear the costs of my original suit. "It is unfortunate so many frivo-lous lawsuits are filed (against coun-ty officials). I find it tragic that the taxpayers are forced to spend enor-mous amounts of money to defend these suits when a vast majority are frivolous."

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THE CURMUDGEON, self-styled, is John King, retired Bloomfield Hills businessman, frequent vocal-critic of county government and co-

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"The 28th commissioner," as James Doyon of Madison Heights called him, was honored on his 7sh birthday last week with a proclama-tion signed by his favorite targets— the board and the county executive. King accepted it with a faint smile, but he didn't let up, recalling with favor a congressional incident in the 1850s when a representative beat a senator with a cane. King proceeded to criticize:

\$16 million the board voted for a new jail to satisfy a consent judg-ment in a prisoners' lawsuit five years ago. "You made a great mis-take going into this consent judg-ment. You should have contested it."

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• \$1.6 million for air conditioning for the new joil. "It goes against my grain to give this kind of living to people who have broken the rules of society. ... when not 25 percent of the people in Oakland have air conditioning in their homes."

• The effort of Suzette Vogt, the board's administrative assistant, to have her Job upgraded from a \$31,000 bracket to a \$16,000 bracket. "I've observed that Job for years, and it's not worth \$46,000." said King.

King.
The board sent the salary question The board sent of safaty question back to its personnel committee. Vagi contends that when Anton Guyer retired from the post in 1977, the job was equated with the assistant director of personnel, but "the safary was reduced when I took the position."





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The project cost \$161,066 and qualified for \$115,608 of Icderal aid, leaving \$23,397 to be funded by the Road Commission and \$21,561 by the three citles.

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Don Adams, director of public affairs, attributes this year's success to new public relations initiatives in key Ohio markets. Increased publicity was generated in Akron. Toledo and Columbus through promotional exhibits in shopping malls.

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cluding the popular Christmas activities in the museum and village, and the Streamlining America and Yesterday's Tomorrows' special exhibits in Henry Ford Museum are expected to generate further attendance increases which will result in the 1986 attendance goal of 1.1 million being surpassed, "Adams said.

The Dearborn institution welcomed its one-millionth visitor of the year last month.

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