Jail cost up 10 percent for double-bunking

The price of Oakland County's new jail just went up 10 percent. State-ordered changes kicked the price up 81.7 million from the origi-nal \$16.6 million, county commis-

sioners said.
Without fuss, the county board
dipped into its sail expansion design
fund for \$1 million and the balance
from last year's capital improvement program for the rest.
"As of this date, the construction
is approximately 70 percent compiete, with occupancy expected in
February of 1989," said Commis-

THE STATE Department of Cor-rections is allowing double-bunking of an additional 244 prisoners but wanted some other changes to allow for the expanded capacity. The changes and costs are:

Two fire escape stair towers, \$695,000. They were ordered by the state fire marshal after construction had started.

Design changes in such areas of the building as booking, medical, dental equipment and the roof, \$185,000. Many were necessitated by the building of the such as a such consideration with a such as a such loads from one feeder to transfer loads from the such as a such as a to replace aging equipment, \$451,000. Not only will double-bunked prison-ers get improved service, but the en-tire jail operation will be improved, the panel sald.

• Construction alterations to ac-commodate double bunking, \$270,000. THE NEW WING is going up next door to the present, 1972 jall in the County Service Center complex on

nues.
The addition will increase total The addition will increase to a capacity from 484 to 738 prisoners.

Meanwhile, the full board has yet to act on a proposal to lease 23 acres of unused county land next to the fall to the state for a new prison site. The

long argument over which corner of the county will host the facility. McDonald, a candidate for pro-secutor in the Aug. 2 primary, argues the Poutiac site best meets all state criteria. Poutiac city offi-cials are resisting, claiming the county seat city is becoming a social "dumping ground."

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• Awarded a contract to the con-sulting firm of Rogers, Golden and Halpern, Inc., to pick a suitable site for a sanitary landfill. It was ap-

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proved 14-10, a bare majority of the 27-member board. Opponents said private landfill sites already are available, and more study into toeed-ed. But Commissioner James Land, RRoyal Oss, said "time is critical" because the state has shut down a multi-town south Oakland County incinerator.

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• Advanced a "public aware-ness" to tell residents about the new countywide 9-1-1 emergency tele-phone number due to go into opera-tion Nov. 14. The firm of Robert So-lomon and Associates will conduct a

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Dems back Judge Silver

Oakland Democrats endorsed Pro-bate Judge Sandra Silver for elec-tion Nov. 8 but got a protest from a long-time Democratic lawyer who also wants the job.

committee Tuesday endorsed Silver "without alfording other candidates "resident of a fuertive or response to a questionnaire."

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long-time Democratic inverse was response to a questioning and also wants the job.
George J. Fulkerson, the party's on an appointment from Gov. James standard bearer for prosecutor in J. Blanchard, a Democrat. She and 1950 and U.S. Congress in 1982. Fulkerson are running for the unexacting that the country Democratic picture of a term which John

"Everyone had a chance to be heard," said county Democratic Chairman Louis L. Miller of Farm-ington Hills, acknowledging that Fulkerson had been a long-time Democrat.











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