

# Incinerator consultants to cost \$1 million

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An Oakland County panel took two steps toward building a trash incinerator system by recommending more than \$1 million in consultants' contracts.

The planning and building committee of the County Board of Commissioners, in 6-0 votes, recommended Tuesday that the board hire:

- Camp, Dresser McKee of Detroit as engineering consultant for up to \$800,000.

- Public Financial Management Inc. of Philadelphia as financial consultant for up to \$250,000.

"I will monitor their hours," promised Larry Fox of the Washington law firm of Bishop Cook Purcell and Reynolds, managers of the \$600 million program. He said the dollar figures in the contracts are "caps."

The contracts must be approved by the full board, possibly today. Construction contracts are due to start in February.

IN ANOTHER action, the com-

mittee moved to make the county's chief solid waste director report to both county Executive Daniel T. Murphy and county board chairman Roy Rowland, R-Rochester Hills.

As proposed by Murphy's public works chief, Milton Handorf, a post in the DPW would be upgraded to solid waste manager, starting at \$22,000 a year; serve at the pleasure of the executive; and be outside the merit system.

But Rowland told the panel that "I've had a change of thought" and asked that the solid waste chief report to both himself and the executive.

Rowland said that dual-reporting relationship would continue until the incinerators are built. "There are folks who move from project to project. Oakland is large enough where the person might want to stay. We could reclassify the job (to report to the executive alone) at that point," Rowland said.

Asked after the meeting if he wouldn't be risking a veto by the executive, Rowland said, "I'll take a chance on Murphy's veto." But the

**Oakland will hire a Detroit engineering consultant for up to \$800,000 and a Philadelphia financial consultant for up to \$250,000 to work on its system of trash incinerators and landfills.**

board chairman said he felt he had a good working relationship with Murphy and sought the dual-reporting relationship because "I just want to be carbon-copied on everything."

OAKLAND IS planning up to three incinerators to satisfy terms of state law requiring a reduction of trash and less dependence on landfills. Although landfills wouldn't be totally eliminated, the three incinerators would handle 5,000 tons a day, which Oakland businesses and homes are expected to generate by the year 2012.

The incinerator also will generate

electricity for sale to Detroit Edison Co.

Fox, the chief consultant, said Camp, Dresser & McKee will design the facilities, promising "they will be required to carry out your environmental mandate. Standards will exceed state and federal laws."

Fox said Public Financial Management will perform financial advisory services. "They don't steal the thunder from the legal or engineering people. They tell you at what point (in size) do you cross over and lose money," he said.

PFM will calculate costs of the trash-to-energy effort, landfills, transfer stations and recycling.

IN OTHER business, the planning and building committee praised preliminary work by Troy architect Minoru Yamasaki Associates on a new computer center building projected to cost \$5 million.

"Security is a prime concern," said Modis (Mike) Pudista, senior vice president for Yamasaki. Computer areas will be in triply secured, separate areas of the two-story building, separate from offices and public areas.

The site will overlook a grove of trees on the west side of Telegraph Road across from the County Ser-

vice Center campus on the east side. "We have been very careful not to disturb the tree growth," Pudista said.

A two-story lobby will be used to display art — to the delight of several commissioners.

Planning and building chair Anne Hobart, R-White Lake, said the Yamasaki firm had been praised by county computer staffers for designing the building around their needs.

The 70,000-square-foot building will have computer operations and training on the first floor, offices on the second and county archives in the basement.

## People's Law School is back

The Oakland County Bar Association's People's Law School is designed to introduce the public to information about the law and the legal system.

Sessions run 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in Roma's of Bloomfield, 2101 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. Remaining programs include:

- Oct. 11 — "Victim's Rights" will be discussed by Emily McIntyre, paralegal and victim witness advocate for Oakland County; and Judy Lee, Haven's victim advocate coordinator.
- Oct. 18 — "Workers Compensation"

will cover the availability of obtaining workers compensation and social security benefits in the state of Michigan. Speakers will be Gary A. Goldin of Freedman, Krochmal & Goldin, P.C.; Frank Robert Cameron, administrative law judge, Workmen's Compensation Bureau; and Doreen Benson, Social Security representative.

- Oct. 25 — "Juvenile Law," child neglect, abuse, emancipation and parental responsibility for minors are at the center of this program's discussions. Speakers are scheduled to include Colleen V.

Ronayne and Jean Dohanyos, Oakland County assistant prosecutor.

- Nov. 1 — "Estate Planning" is a review of tax and non-tax considerations in Michigan Estate Planning and an overview of the Michigan Statutory Will, Michigan Educational Trust and the general durable power of attorney. Speakers are scheduled to include Patrick M. Higdon and Robert Clemente of Clark, Hardy, Lewis, Pollard & Page, P.C.

Interested people can attend one or all five sessions. Attendees will be provided course materials and a certificate upon completion of all five sessions. Fee is \$25 for all five (two people for \$40); or \$7 for a single session (\$8 at the door).

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