

Oakland board selects Rewold, Lanni

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Oakland County commissioners re-elected Roy Rewold as chairman unanimously and placed James E. Lanni on the Road Commission on a party-line vote.

Rewold, R-Rochester Hills, starts his third year as chairman of the 27-member county board. "He has an open door policy with both sides of the aisle. He will help heal old wounds and prevent new ones," said Commissioner Larry Crake, R-Waterford, GOP caucus chairman, in nominating Rewold. Commissioner Nancy McConnell, R-Bloomfield Hills, was named vice-chairman for a third year.



Roy Rewold
heals wounds

DEMOCRATS, reduced to a 20-7 minority after the Nov. 8 election, opposed only two posts as the board named 26 people to committees and commissions.

"Now is the time to put partisanship aside," said Commissioner Larry Pernick, D-Southfield, as he nominated John King, vocal citizen critic of the board, against Republican Lanni for the Road Commission post. Pernick cited the example of the Wayne County Commission, a 14-1 Democratic body which last week named its sole Republican as vice chairman.

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DEMOCRATS also nominated Dr. Scott Westbrook, a member of the Fourth Ward Board, for an unexpired term on the social services board. Republicans gave a 20-5 majority to Clarence Green. Otherwise it was good will and family fun as relatives of seven new commissioners packed the commission auditorium to watch the swearing-in ceremony.

Commissioner Don Bishop, R-Rochester, made a happy return after a three-month absence during which he was operated on for cancer.

"They got it all. I'm cured," said Bishop, for whom the meeting was "my first night out in public." He said his cancer was discovered during a routine annual physical exam. A former state legislator, Bishop was elected to fill a vacancy early last year and re-elected Nov. 8.

HERE ARE county board selections for major appointive posts:

• Southeast Michigan Council of Governments delegates (one-year terms) — Daniel T. Murphy, the county executive; Commissioner Marilyn E. Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills; and Larry Pernick, D-Southfield.

• Parks and Recreation Commission (three-year terms) — Lewis Wint, longtime member and chairman; and newcomer Alice Tomboullan, former state representative from Oakland Township and prominent in environmental circles. The Tom-

boullan appointment raised some eyebrows in conservative Republican circles, but she won without opposition.

• Historical Commission (three-year terms) — Kathryn Briggs, Barbara K. Handau, John Cameron, Dave Baumhardt and Linda Baker.

• Airport Committee (one-year term) — Commissioners Susan Kuhn, R-Clawson, Richard Skarritt, R-Millford, and Lillian Jaffee Oaks, D-Southfield.

Want to pick a landfill site?

Even with its recycling and incinerator plans, Oakland County will still need a landfill, and officials are looking for 25-30 volunteers to help pick a site.

"Realistically, we have less than five years remaining capacity," county executive Daniel T. Murphy told the board of commissioners.

It will take that full five years to design, get environmental permits and build a state-of-the-art landfill, he said.

THE CONSULTING of Rogers, Golden & Halpern will pick a committee from people who volunteer by Jan. 27, said Murphy.

Applications are available from all 27 county commissioners and from every city, township and village hall in the county, he said.

RG&H will submit the names to Murphy and board of commissioners chairman Roy Rewold. "We may

make a recommendation of who should not be on the committee," said Murphy, indicating he will seek only to exercise a veto power. "We don't want to politicize it," he added.

The committee will start work in mid-February and be done in spring. Members who drop off will not be replaced.

THE RG&H firm, of Philadelphia, was selected from a field of 13 in part because it wanted to use such a public advisory committee, Murphy said.

The firm says its greatest areas of expertise are in waste management and facility siting. It has done work

from Alaska to Florida and from Canada to Hawaii.

For the public advisory committee, it is seeking a variety of geographical and other interests.

The panel will start with "exclusionary criteria" — eliminating public recreation lands, places that can't handle truck traffic and areas with airport restrictions.

Jo-Walter Spear, RG&H's project manager for Oakland County, said said an average Oakland resident generates a half-ton of trash a year — three million tons a year.

RECYCLING such materials as

glass and metals will reduce trash volume by 25 percent by 1995, he said. Burning other trash to generate electricity will reduce the volume by 85 percent.

But a landfill still is needed for ash from the incinerators and for unburnable trash, he said.

In the past, many dumps polluted the underground water supply, but modern landfills, with liners, are designed to avoid pollution, Spear said. A drainage system will collect leachate (water that filters down) for treatment. Trash, as it decomposes, can generate methane gas which can be collected and used as fuel.

Blanchard signs area reps' bills

Gov. James J. Blanchard has signed into law bills sponsored by several Observer & Eccentric area lawmakers. The laws will:

• Prohibit unregulated consumer service organizations from attempt-

ing to mislead clients who wish to improve their credit records in exchange for a fee (Public Act 361). Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, sponsored it as House Bill 551.

• Establish criminal penalties for people committing acts of violence or vandalism motivated by the victim's ethnic background (PA 371). Rep. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, sponsored it as HB 4113.

• Protect the identity of people

who buy, rent or borrow books, sound or video recordings (PA 378). Honigman sponsored the civil rights measure as HB 5331.

• Allow people formerly enrolled in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) prior to Oct. 1, 1978, to purchase service credit toward retirement (PA 384). Rep. Mat Dunastiles, R-Lake Orion, sponsored it as HB 5850.

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