

County board reviews message

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Commissioner G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, said the executive's message was "upbeat" and informative, particularly the references to economic development.

The speech lacked specifics and left "unanswered questions," however, Caddell said.

Commissioner Marilyn E. Gostling, R-Bloomfield Hills agreed with Caddell's analysis. Murphy's speech was "a good overall picture of the last decade and a picture of where we might be going. But it was a little short on detail."

"I like what he said about developing world trade," Caddell said.

Commissioner Donna L. Wolf, R-Farmington Hills, said he supports the ideas contained in the execu-

tive's speech, "but it needed more detail."

Commissioner David L. Moffitt, R-Farmington Hills, said he generally enjoyed the executive's speech, with one exception. "I would like to have seen some sign of cooperation between the executive (Daniel T. Murphy) and commissioners."

Moffitt said he feels relations between the executive and the board have not been warm lately, particularly between Murphy and board chairman Roy Rewold, R-Rochester.

When informed of Moffitt's concern, Rewold said there is no rift or argument between him and the executive. "We just have different philosophies about getting to the same ends," he said.

Rewold said he was referring specifically to their conflicting views on

holding a vote on financing the county's \$470 million solid waste program.

Rewold, himself, characterized Murphy's state of the county address as "no-hum," with one exception.

"I'M GLAD HE (Murphy) said we are going ahead with the materials recovery facility (MRF) while we are still debating the waste-to-energy incinerator," Rewold said. "That sends a signal that we are committed to recycling as much as incineration."

He was referring to the executive's pledge to go ahead with the \$30 million MRF in Auburn Hills, while deciding how it will sell bonds for the waste-to-energy incinerator and other components of the solid waste program.

Among Democrats, comments were even less enthusiastic.

"Disappointing," said commissioner Lawrence R. Pernick, of Southfield. "Once again Mr. Murphy has failed to show any real leadership."

"He never mentioned gut issues like roads or public transportation," he said.

Commissioner Lillian Jaffe Oaks, also a Southfield Democrat, described the executive's speech as "weak. We've heard most of it before."

The most favorable response from a Democrat was voiced by commissioner A. Madeline Luxon of Farmington Hills. "I thought it was a good speech," she said, "especially when he talked about helping southern communities — we need all the help we can get."

Murphy targets global market for county

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have initiated two programs."

The first calls for the county's Economic Development Division to start an export trade assistance program designed to help small and medium-sized companies identify and enter international markets, the executive said.

The second, Murphy continued, is the county's joining the Greater Detroit World Trade Association which was recently allocated a \$500,000 start-up grant.

"(The association) will network our businesses with businesses in the other 73 world trade associations around the world," Murphy said, "creating new opportunities for ex-

port trade and international joint ventures. This is an exciting effort that I will look forward to discussing with you in the near future."

• Aid for the young, the elderly and families.

MURPHY SAID LOCAL — not state — programs should be initiated to coordinate programs to help the young and elderly.

"I will recommend to the General Government Committee (of the county board) that we establish an office of Children and Family Services within the (county's) Department of Human Services," Murphy said.

It's goal, he said, is early recognition of child abuse, neglect and delin-

quency through coordinated case management.

"At the request of our Senior Citizens Advisory Council, I will recommend to the General Government Committee that we also study the establishment of an Office of Adult and Senior Citizens Services within the Department of Human Services," Murphy said.

• The Pontiac Silverdome.

In response to questions, Murphy said he has no plans — nor has he had any discussions — about the possibility of Oakland County buying the Silverdome, which is reportedly up for sale with a \$84 million price tag.

No government agency should own and operate the Silverdome, Murphy said. "That's something the private sector does more efficiently."

clarification

A recent Roll Call Report should have stated that U.S. Rep. Sander Levin, D-Southfield, voted against the amendment to cut back wilderness acreage for Nevada by 40 per-

cent (the Vucanovich Amendment) and that U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham, voted for it. The amendment was rejected 118-285.

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