

County board to fill road vacancy

By Pat Murphy
Staff writer

County commissioners today were scheduled to name someone to fill the vacancy created when James E. Tamm resigned from the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Republican commissioners were to interview four candidates late Wednesday before recommending one to be appointed by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners at today's semi-monthly meeting.

Democratic commissioners have their own candidate — Martin W. Heilander, an accountant from West Bloomfield. But with Republicans controlling the board 19 to 8, the Democratic candidate was considered a decided underdog.

There will likely be some heated discussion, but commissioners are expected to select one of the follow-

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R-Troy

ing candidates as the new road commissioner:

- Mark Chester of Troy, a former county commissioner who is a senior purchasing expediter for the General Motors Corp.
- Rudy Lozano of Clarkston, a Realtor and developer who has also been a successful fund-raiser and organizer for the Republican Party.
- Michael McCulloch of Royal Oak, a former county commissioner

who is a partner in the Joseph & McCulloch law firm.

- Rodger D. Young of Bloomfield Hills, a partner with Stone, Biber, Young & O'Toole law firm in Troy and a former member of the Michigan State Transportation Commission.

Commissioner John G. Pappageorge, chairman of the GOP caucus, said he and his colleagues have gone to great lengths to assure

that each candidate has high qualifications as well as unquestioned integrity.

"EACH WAS REQUIRED to disclose their property holdings," said Pappageorge of Troy. "And the sheriff's department conducted a background check to verify the information and disclose their driving records and credit records."

Even with the background checks, Republicans are likely to be accused of being more interested in political connections than credentials. Part of that accusation is based on newspaper stories in which some GOP commissioners were quoted as saying they were looking for "a good Republican" to be the next road commissioner.

The new appointee will join Richard V. Vogt of White Lake Township and Lawrence E. Littman on the road commission that has employees about 550 people, oversees a budget of \$64 million and has responsibility for 1,000 miles of roads.

Road commissioners are paid \$10,000 annually. Their fringe benefits include a county car.

Lanni, 46 and the owner of a Royal Oak nightclub and restaurant, resigned from the road commission in late July, after pleading no contest to twice raping a 15-year-old baby sitter. He is scheduled for sentencing on Sept. 24.

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Tuesday, Sept. 17 — Bloomfield Hills, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5831 N. Adams Road, 2-8 p.m., Nancy Geik, 641-9221.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 — West Bloomfield, Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple Road, 3-9 p.m., Shirley Penny, 655-9191.

Friday, Sept. 20 — Southfield, K-Mart, 25700 W. Eight Mile Road, noon to 6 p.m., Sandra Wilcox, 353-3770.

Friday, Sept. 20 — Southfield, Franklin Park Towers/Club House, 27350 Franklin, 2-8 p.m., Ann Craig, 354-0170.

Monday, Sept. 23 — Birmingham, Beverly Hills Methodist Church, 20000 W. 13 Mile Road, 2-8 p.m., Pat Reeves, 644-6276.

Tuesday, Sept. 24 — Southfield,

City of Southfield Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen Road, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dolores Gunn, 354-4754.

Wednesday, Sept. 25 — Farmington, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, 2-8 p.m., Carolyn Spangenberg, 553-4427.

Friday, Sept. 27 — Birmingham, Alinet Communication Services Inc., 30300 Telegraph, Ste. 147, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Vickey Hobson, 433-4200.

Friday, Sept. 27 — Rochester, K-Mart #4488 Winchester Mall, 1100 South Rochester Road, 1-7 p.m., Alison Zellner, 334-3575.

Saturday, Sept. 28 — Farmington, Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile Road, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Norma Aittama, 478-6939.

Sunday, Sept. 29 — Birmingham, St. Regis Parish School, 3591 Lincoln, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Teresa Burn, 645-1308.

Monday, Sept. 30 — Southfield, St. Ives Church, 29350 Lahser Road, 1:30-7:30 p.m., Pat DeNio, 557-0925.

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