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would be needed first. Most needed, Howe said, is change that would bring the Road Commission for Oakland County under direct control of county government to make it more accountable.

Howe refers to the road commission as "the most obnoxious empire" within county government, mainly because of what she describes as inefficiency and conduct by officials bordering on corruption. "I refer to them (road commissioners) as men of conviction," Howe said. Within the last five years, one went to federal prison and another to Jackson Prison. Another should be investigated because of the expenses reported by him and his wife, a county employee, following a trip on road commission business.

Patterson, 53, literally bristles at his opponent's criticism of county government — although he acknowledges it has some flaws.

"I strongly disagree with Ms. Howe," he said. "I've looked long and hard at county government. There might be fat here and there, but I think county government by and large is pretty well run, pretty well managed under the present leadership of Dan Murphy."

Mentally ill

One particular area of disagreement is the county's role in providing services for the mentally ill.

Howe says the county is gridlocked in negotiations over Oakland County's taking full management responsibility for mental health services.

Patterson scoffs at the term "gridlock." Oakland County officials are refusing to assume full management of mental health services until state officials guarantee continued funding, he says.

That's not gridlock, Patterson said. "It's prudent government and effective (and responsible) negotiation."

Patterson said Howe's cry for more reform of county government is a "political Trojan horse."

Democrats haven't been too successful under Oakland County's present form of government, he said. They're outnumbered 19 to 8 on the county board, and can only dream of winning the offices of executive, clerk, sheriff or register of deeds.

"Since they can't win under this system," Democrats want to change the form of government, Patterson said. It's crass political self-interest.

Patterson said he would have no problem with having the road commission under the control of county government — accountable directly to the executive or the board of commissioners. Roads are, after all, a crucial issue in Oakland County, particularly for continued economic

growth.

Patterson said he favors better cooperation with the road commission, even having its director, John Grubba, regularly attend the executive's staff meetings. "But the road commission (funded by gasoline and motor vehicle taxes) are operating on reduced revenue. If the road commission was under control of the county, there would be great pressure to spend more county taxes on roads."

He also would spin off the public works department from the executive's control and merge it with the drain commission, under the elected drain commissioner in the interest of efficiency.

Howe would rather have the office of drain commissioner abolished and bring its functions under the executive.

Howe and Patterson agree continued economic growth is important in Oakland County, particularly in the southern tier of communities.

Howe, who was part of a trade commission for the Michigan Department of Commerce that successfully recruited business from Japan and Australia, said Oakland County must recruit businesses more effectively. "We need to put the full economic clout of Oakland County" into bringing industry and business to the vacant buildings and land in southern Oakland County.



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Irreconcilable differences: L. Brooks Patterson would go after Fortune 500 companies for Oakland County; Betty Howe for Fortune 50's.

She also favors shifting some functions from the county complex on north Telegraph Road into the threatened downtowns of communities like Pontiac, Ferndale, Royal Oak and Southfield.

Patterson likes the idea, but wants to go further. He advocates locating a water tower in Hazel Park or another southeast Oakland County community to provide forensic and pathology services to Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties.

Patterson said he would use the executive's office as a kind of a "bully pulpit" to lobby on behalf of individual communities as well as the entire county.

He would set up a council of Oakland County business leaders and take his lead from them.

Incineration

Another area of sharp disagreement between Howe and Patterson is county efforts to implement a comprehensive solid waste program

— a \$500 million proposal including a waste-to-energy incinerator in Auburn Hills.

"I am unalterably opposed to incineration," Howe said, "particularly this most obnoxious kind, waste-to-energy."

Patterson is critical of the methods county officials used to put together the county's solid waste plan, although — in what he considers a mark of political courage — he publicly endorsed it.

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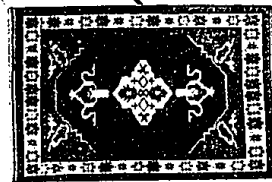
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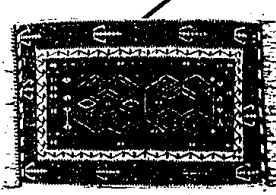
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