

Commissioner takes full-time county position

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In a multifaceted county clerk's office that already employs an optometrist as the head cheese, a chiropractor has been added as second banana.

Clerk Lynn Allen, the Waterford optometrist, announced this week that he has hired G. William Caddell, the chiropractor, as deputy clerk.

Caddell cracks backs for a living in a Union Lake office but is also a county commissioner in his spare time, representing Commerce Township, Wixom and the Green and Middle Straights lakes area of West Bloomfield.

He is expected to resign his commission (a \$20,000-a-year job) on Jan. 7 and start clerking the following day for \$66,000 a year. It will also be necessary for Caddell to cut back on his chiropractic work because the new job will consume at least 40 hours a week. Besides, Allen says he doesn't permit employees to do anything but county work on county time.

Caddell replaces Richard Elliott, 60, who was deputy clerk for 24 years and resigned in October for health reasons. "I'm sorry to lose Dick, but I believe Bill Caddell will bring new insight and enthusiasm to the job," Allen said. "He's very good with people, and you know, in this office you have to be."

Caddell, 57, has been a county commissioner for 13 years and chairman of the finance committee for 11 years.

Allen said Caddell's chief qualification for the new job is his finance background, considering that the clerk's office deals with

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large amounts of money.

"It's very helpful to have someone who's very familiar with finance," Allen said.

Commissioner Donald Jensen, R-Birmingham, worked with Caddell on the finance committee.

"I have a lot of respect for 'Doc' Caddell," he said. "He's very good with numbers. I think Lynn Allen is very fortunate to get him."

Oakland County Commission Chairman Larry Crake, R-Waterford, said the Republican-controlled commission will probably appoint a Republican to Caddell's seat within 30 days of his resignation.

Then a special election will be held sometime next year.

Residents of the 11th District who are interested in getting the appointment should send their resume to Crake at the county commission office, 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac.

As for the finance committee, Crake said commissioners Marilyn Gosling, R-Bloomfield Hills, and John McCulloch, R-Royal Oak, are interested in being the next chair.

However, the full board of 25 commissioners has to make that choice and isn't expected to do that until at least January.

Human menorah



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New twist: Zahi Tamir and his classmates last week formed a human menorah in front of a more traditional one on the grounds of the Lubavitch Foundation of Michigan in Farmington Hills. They were ushering in the eight days of Hanukkah, a festival of freedom which Jewish people all over the world are currently celebrating.

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