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4 more years 2 veteran county officials win eighth term

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Thankfully for them, the Clinton-Gore win did not have the trickle-down effect some of the state's Democrats had predicted. Yet Oakland County's seven-term treasurer admitted this race had a different feel than others he had been through.

"I have never been this apprehensive," Republican C. Hugh Dohany said Tuesday night. He compared the feelings of 1986 Republican candidates to 1994 Republican candidates. "Not since the 1964 (Lyndon) Johnson (D) landslide over (Barry) Goldwater (R) has there been such a concern for a Democratic sweep."

Yet Oakland County's incumbent treasurer and clerk celebrated an easy victory Tuesday night, defeating their opponents by a comfortable margin for the

two four-year seats. Both men will earn \$90,645 annually.

Dohany, 71, netted 268,953 votes, 58 percent of the county's total while Democratic challenger William Pearson, 60, received 190,219 votes. Republican Lynn Allen, 71, Oakland County's Clerk/Registrar of Deeds, tallied 268,366 votes, 59 percent of the county's registered voters compared to 187,311 votes for Democratic challenger M. Kay Brady, 60.

Watching the results as they came into the County building, Dohany said he did not feel his job was in jeopardy due to the Clinton-Gore popularity, but admitted he was "waiting in anticipation."

Just a few feet away, Allen agreed the night "has been interesting." Early results showed "people (were) splitting their ticket" electing a Democratic

president and local Republican leaders.

When asked if Clinton's popularity would hurt local Republicans, Allen responded, "thus far it hasn't. In the two or three precincts we've gotten in by 10 p.m., that has not occurred." By the end of the night, he estimated 2-3 percent of Oakland County residents had supported local Democrats on the coattails of Clinton.

While the small number was good news for Dohany and Allen, Pearson had hoped more residents would vote straight ticket. As it was, he recognizes some of his votes were attributable to President Clinton.

"I wouldn't dispute that," he said, when asked about the possible Democratic connection. "I think with Clinton doing so well, I did well."

Despite the turnout, Pearson called his campaign "a learning experience" and said "all is not lost."

"I met a lot of nice people" he said, adding that Dohany has contacted him about one of his campaign stances — helping people on a fixed income.

"I'd like him to find some type of loan program for them out of the treasurer's office," Pearson said. "Something short term to help them pay their taxes so they are not kicked out of their houses."

Meanwhile, Brady, the Democratic clerk contender, is "real pleased" with her voter support. "I kind of figured 42 percent would be there for me," she said

Wednesday morning.

About her opponent, she said, "all along, I've said Lynn Allen is a good clerk and a good person. The voters in Oakland County were in an enviable position" of voting for two good candidates.

The county treasurer's office handles the money for all Oakland County's agencies, including: the road commission, parks and recreational; the library board; and economic development. The elected official also invests the county's money. Dohany has served as treasurer for 28 years.

His focus for the next four years will be technology.

"It's changing all the time," he said. "We will constantly be updating the (computer) system. Soon, the taxpayer will be able to pay their taxes by phone."

Allen, also a 28-year-incumbent, maintains records concerning the circuit and probate courts, births, deaths, marriages, land sales and campaigns, including expense reports and voting.

If re-elected, Allen said his first priority would be to continue the task of updating the computer system, making the clerk's office more user-friendly, and implementing an improved voting system through Oakland County. Only 16 percent of the county has yet to receive the state-of-the-art system, which promises to yield final voting results quicker and provides uniformity for residents who move from one Oakland County municipality to another.



C. Hugh Dohany



Lynn Allen

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