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All Should Be Informed On County Spending

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We would like to see some real concrete facts after figures brought out into the open to defaily substantiate whether the Oakfand Columb, Board of Supervisors & moothing in the right direction in planting to develop a large county airport. The many timings which have been safe by 186th the proponents and opponents of this project have not convinced us one way or the other as yet. Over the bast several moiths there has been a 16th written in this newspaper and others throughout Oakland County about the County Board of Supervisors expenditure of over \$350,000 in tax payers money for acquisition of an airport site, northwest of Ponitac on U.S. 24. As we understand it, most in not alford the money used to purchase the Allen Airport site and additional acreage adjacent to: Leame from surplus money in the welfare fund. The original plan was to develop a jet airport here but the Federal Aviation Agency rejected this as not suitable and the County Board is now exploring the possibilities of developing it as a general aviation airport.

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The matter has come up for two or three rather heated debates before the City Council during the past few months and councilment are split in their opinion as to what stand should be taken by the City on-the County Board's chosen course of action.

A lot of Township citizens' tax money is involved in this project as well but, as far as we know, this matter has not been discussed at any Township meeting we attended. With this much money in-

volved and possibly a lot more in years to come, we feel Township officials should be as deeply concerned as city officials are on this matter.

Last week we received a letter from the Oakland County Homeowners and Taxpayers Association ch a r g in g the Board of Supervisors with very poor planning in the use of County funds for this purpose and in sabotaging plans for improvement of the Pontiac City Airport. The Michigan Aeronautics Association has already approved an outlay of \$146,000 for improvements for the Pontiac City of the Pontiac

Michigan.

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If there are good reasons to show that a county general airport is needed now that a jet airfield has been rejected, these reasons should be clearly spelled out by the Board of Supervisors to the general public. The more than \$350,000 expenditure of taxpayers money for the site alone with an even greater expenditure likely if this site is developed needs to be clearly justified to all the state of the likely in the property of the life and the same and the same are now claiming it was their we feel the Board of Supervisors has an obligation to admit its mistake and take action to get back the more than \$350,000 invested in the airport land to date.

Let's Make It A Decision By Majority

According to public opinion polis con-ducted for both political parties in early February, it was revealed that if the election on the proposed new state con-stitution had been held at that time a half or more of the qualified electors, wouldn't leven have bothered to show up

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Both of the polls showed the proposed, constitution to be favored by a sizeable majority of those who had opinions but also showed an alarming number of undecided electors. The pollsters feel that a very large percentage of the undecided vill never go to the polls April 1.

We favor adoption of the proposed revised constitution but we don't want to see it approved by default.

It is hard for us to understand how a matter of such importance to the state can stimulate so little interest. A lot of hard earned tax money out of your picket and ours was spent to hold the constitutional convention and this fact in itself should raise interest. The fact that several highly controversial issues on the proposed new constitution have been raised and publicized should also be an interest stimulative. In spite of these factors, however, it presently appears that the fate of the proposed constitution may well be decided by a minority.

There is no excuse for ignorance of the facts on the revised constitution proposed for approval. Newspapers throughout the state have been and will continue to be earrying factual material on the contents of the document. A number of public discussions have been and will continue to be carrying factual material on the contents of the document. A number of public discussions have been and will continue to be carrying factual material contents of the document.

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