Dems approve platform, endorse 3 candidates

By SUSAN L. SILK
OAKLAND COUNTY—County Demo-cratic Party members Tuesday ap-proved a moderated version of its ex-centive committee's 1974 justicem. The six plank platform—a statement of the party's position no various issues-addresses itself to the areas of epics, environment, humpin services, law enforcement transportation and presonnel.

personnel.

During the two-and-a-half hour meeting about 250 party members also endorsed three county candidates seeking nomination in the Aug. 6 primary election.

AMIDST speeches and applause, the members unanimously endorsed—to no one's surprise—Eugene W. Kuthy of Orchard Lake, candidate for county executive. His opposition is Daniel W. Barry of Union Lake.

William M. Travis, of Pontiac, currently the Oakland Probate Court Register, also received unanimous endorsement in his candidacy for the heavily-created fourth seal on the non-partisan Probate Court bench.

Travis is opposed by attorneys Barry M. Grant of Southfield and John J. O'Brien of Birmingham in the primary race.

Consumer unit may broaden

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Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson, presenting his plan to the Personnel Practice Committee Priday, suggested a second title and a 23,000 salary in crease for the control of the control of the control proceeding the control of the cont

have to assume 100 percent of the funding.

PATTERSON SAID he had been studying the economic crime project for several months with plans to apply for membership in the future.

First the prosecutor was planning to seek board approval of the consumer protection unit's funding for the new fiscal year.

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Personnel practices approved the Patterson reorganization draft and jassed a resolution on to the full board for future deliberation.
Wayne County Prosecutor William Chalan has scheduled a 10 am. Monday press conference to announce his selection for director and staff of that consumer unit, a spokesman said.

Counseling workshop set

Registration is now underway

Registration is now underway for the counseling and communication skills workshop slated for Saturday, July 27, at the Troy Hilton Hotel by two Wayne State University education professors.

Geared to parents, teachers, counselors, ministers, nurses and other persons in similar work, the workshop is aimed at preparing them to better relate and respond to individuals they deal with in everyday life or professional sutuations.

"Workshop sponsors Dr. Alan Hoffman and Dr. John Pietrofesa as and that the mini-course will emphasize "helping behavior" or sensitizing people to listening, observing, and attending to others.

The non-redit workshop is scheduled to run redit workshop is scheduled to run credit workshop is scheduled to run credit workshop is pm. There is a registration fee. To register and obtain further information, contact the Pietrofesa at \$77-1654 or Dr. Hoffman at \$77-1654 or Dr. Hoffman

OAKLAND COUNTY 50th District Court Judge James R. Stelt, of Pon-tiac, was also endorsed in his candi-dacy for the Oakland County Circuit Court seat of former Judge Clark Adams who retired in March, 1973.

That bench post has since been filled by Gov. William Milliken's appointed Judge Robert Webster. Webster will face Stell and attorney Stuart Brickner in the primary.

Members narrowly approved an ethics plank after an hour-and-a-half debate On a 52-48 vote, the widely-

modified section calls for full net in-come disclosure by candidates for full-time elected office.

COMMISSIONER Alexander Per-inoff of Southfield rose to oppose the disclosure plank, as he had at a re-cent public hearing.

Public pressure for full financial disclosure is a "Watergate backlash" which violates the fourth amendment consitutional right to privacy and the 4th amendment right to equal protection under the law, according to Perinoff, a practicing attorney.

"The disclosure requirement picks

out a particular segment of the population and asks them to give information that others' are not asked for," Pernoff said.

"THE FACT that you are a million-aire, does that make you a good candi-date, or if you had no assets does that mean you'd be a good candidate?" Perinoff asked.

"A lot is to be said about privacy but if people don't want their privacy invaded then they should stay the hell out of public life," a middleaged, bearded man retorted. Wide applause

greeted the man, wearing a "Power to the People" T-shirt: Party members also voted:

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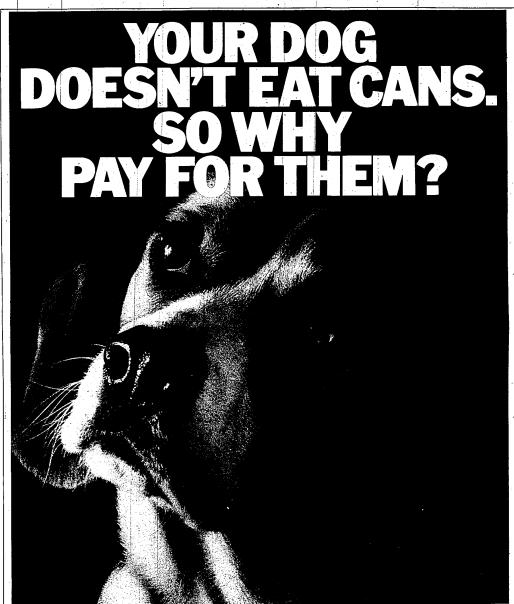
"To include a paragraph condeming the "secrecy of life in Oakland County government" during the past two Republican-dominated years on the Board of Commissioners.

"To support establishment of a county ordinance "which makes possible the speedy suspension and removal from office of appointed officials who profit at the public's expense." However, they struck from the sugested platform a suggestion that appointed officials' signed and undated

resignations be made available to the Board of Commissioners to facilitate speedy dismissals.

**To require any company seeking a county contract to file a record of all county office candidate campaign contributions.

The adopted platform also supports party development of mass transportation, voluntary, involvement in the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG), a solid waste disposal program and Sheriff Johannes F. Spreen's call for coordination of staff and resource services to communities that cannot themselves provide such protection.



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