

Court contract to be ok'd soon

WEST BLOOMFIELD — A contract for operation of 48th District Court may soon be approved after eight months of financial haggling. The new one-year contract, which contains many of the problems of last year's contract, expires Dec. 31. It was approved in resolution form by the township board Monday. The old contract expired Dec. 31, 1973.

Since Birmingham has already approved the contract, the proposal awaits only an okay from Bloomfield Township before it is signed and implemented.

West Bloomfield Township attorney Joseph Brennan said Wednesday there was no doubt in his mind that Bloomfield Township will sign.

But he was not particularly enthusiastic about the contract, which will release six months of court revenue moneys which have been held back from each community until a contract could be decided upon.

"IT WAS the minimum agreement we could enter into and han-

dle the court's budget for this year," Brennan said.

The 48th District Court serves the cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake and the townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

Only three communities maintain local court facilities in addition to the central court offices located at 2709 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills.

They are Birmingham, Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield.

The only major change in the proposed contract is a more equal division of court revenue money derived from fines, Brennan said.

UNDER THE old contract, the community where the violation occurred would receive one-third of the fine. The community where the case was tried would get two-thirds.

What this meant, at least last year, was that a community like West Bloomfield which had higher than average fines imposed on vio-

lators would receive more court revenues.

The new contract will pool all fines and then distribute them on a caseload basis so that no community would receive more fine revenues per case than any other.

The contract, however, avoids any agreement on the paying of supplemental salaries to the three 48th District Court judges by more communities than the present two — Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.

NOR DOES the contract resolve the conflict as to whether Bloomfield Hills should maintain

a separate local court facility on its own.

Although it qualified for its own court with sufficient population in the 1970 census, the move, which would force that city to share more equally in the court's expenses, has never been taken.

"It was a complicated deal with lots of little details," Brennan said.

"We never could reach unanimous agreement on the whole package," the attorney added.

The operating costs for the court paid by each community will continue to be paid on a caseload basis, under the proposed contract.

OCC now at Oxford

Oxford High School will begin an adult education program this fall, including college credit classes in conjunction with the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland

Community College. Courses in psychology, English, and sociology will be available four nights a week at Oxford High School.

Oxford High School becomes the eighth education center coordinated by the Auburn Hills campus. Other Centers are located at Clarkston High School, Lake Orion Junior High School, Pontiac Northern High School, Pontiac Catholic High School, Pontiac Creative Arts Center, Rochester High School and Troy High School. Other centers with Oakland Community College credit classes are located in the General Motors Truck and Coach Plant, Pontiac Motors, and the Oakland County Jail.

For information on course offerings at all centers, call the Auburn Hills campus community services office at 852-1000. Registration for the fall classes begins Sept. 3 and continues through Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Training offered for dogs

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will hold fall dog obedience classes at the Waterford-Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford Township.

Evening sessions will begin at 7 p.m. and morning classes at 11

a.m. Sept. 17. Each unit consists of ten weeks of classes for one hour each week.

Registration fee is \$20 for each dog. Advanced obedience classes are at 8 p.m.; fee \$25 for each dog. A \$2.00 additional fee will be charged if not preregistered.

Conformation classes will be held at 9 p.m. beginning Sept. 17. The classes are for those interested in showing at dog shows.

A health certificate is required for all dogs.

The classes are taught by Bernadine Paul, owner-handler of Multiple Best In Show and Multiple Highest Scoring Dog In Trial Belgian Tervuren, American Canadian champion Bouhours D'Artagnan, C.D. and T.D.

For information, call 858-0913 during regular business hours.

Reading party set

A presentation of awards to youngsters who completed the Bloomfield Township Public Library's summer reading program will be made at 2 p.m. Friday.

The festival in the library's green room will include a puppet show by the Philip Molby Puppets.

Special reading certificates will be awarded to all who submitted written reports on at least 15 books in fiction and non-fiction.

Similar prizes will be won by those with the best developed single theme using both fiction and non-fiction.

Paperbacks will be the prize for the most books reported.

Presentations will be made by R. Rebecca Lamb, assistant director; A. Michael Deller, community relations coordinator; and the youth room librarians.

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