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Winners

...they get gold stars
for attendance

Sinners

...they are near the bottom
in attendance

Board sets attendance record

By ROBERT KIPPER

OAKLAND COUNTY—Whatever else the 1973-74 Oakland County Board of Commissioners accomplished, it established a good attendance record. Based on two-year attendance figures, compiled recently, 22 of the 27 commissioners attended board and committee meetings at least 80 per cent of the time. Commissioner Lawrence Pernick (R-20), of Southfield, bested his colleagues on a percentage basis. During the last two years, he attended 97 per cent of his meetings. The poorest showing was made by Dale Hurley, former Democratic commissioner of the 5th district in Royal Oak. He barely attended half his meetings, compiling a 55 per cent attendance figure during his last term as commissioner.

ALTHOUGH NO real contest developed for bottom spot, other low ranking commissioners were Donald Quinn (former R-13), of Troy, who attended 68 per cent of the time, Lee Walker (former R-10), of Madison Heights, who attended 74 per cent of meetings, and Paul Kasper (R-23), of Bloomfield Hills, who showed up three-quarters of the time.

Ironically, it was Kasper who blasted fellow commissioners who were absent during the all-important closing session of 1974, calling bad attendance "a travesty to the constituents they represent."

Commissioner Henry Hoot (R-14), of Troy, compiled the second best record during the past session. Not only did his committee last require that he be at more meetings than any other commissioner, but his attendance record was just higher than 95 per cent.

Other commissioners who attended better than 90 per cent of the time were Ann Hubbard (former R-1), of Pontiac; Joseph Montante (R-26), of Orchard Lake; and James Dunaway (R-2), of Highland Township.

ATTENDANCE FOR full board meetings was higher than attendance at committee sessions. Last year, seven commissioners had perfect attendance at board meetings while 15 others missed only three board meetings or less.

Burley tied with Walker for missing the most board meetings in 1974. Each was absent for eight of the 26 board meetings. Mary Dearborn (R-22), of Birmingham, missed six board meetings last year.

Burley also missed more committee meetings in 1974 than anyone else—36. Following closely behind were Quinn, who missed 33, and Kasper, who missed 32.

One of the incentives for commissioners to attend committee meetings will be missing this year. Previously, commissioners were paid \$35 per meeting, up to \$3,000 a year, in addition to their regular salary of \$6,000 per year. Now they will receive a flat salary of \$10,500 per year regardless of how many meetings they attend.


Only 16 commissioners attended enough committee meetings last year to receive maximum pay. The two-year attendance record for commissioners incommensurate covered by The Observer & Eccentric: Fred Houghton (R-6), of Rochester, attended 231 meetings and missed 45 (82.7 per cent, or the 19th best record); Donald C. Quinn (R-13), of Troy, at-

tended 164 meetings and missed 75 (68.6 per cent—26th best record); Henry W. Hoot (R-14), of Troy, attended 242 meetings and missed 11 (95.7 per cent—second best record); Lillian V. Moffitt (R-15), of Bloomfield Township, attended 220 meetings and missed 37 (85.6 per cent—15th best record); Lawrence Pernick (R-20), of Southfield, attended 206 meetings and missed six (97.2 per cent—best record); Alexander Pernick (R-21), of Southfield, attended 172 meetings and

missed 23 (86.2 per cent—11th best record); Mary Dearborn (R-22), of Birmingham, attended 173 meetings and missed 41 (80.8 per cent—22nd best record); Paul E. Kasper (R-23), of Bloomfield Hills, attended 117 meetings and missed 38 (75.5 per cent—24th best record); Lew Coy (R-24), of Wixom, attended 229 meetings and missed 31 (88.1 per cent—12th best record); Patrick Nowak (R-25), of Farmington, attended 201 meetings and

missed 36 (84.8 per cent—17th best record); Joseph Montante (R-26), of Orchard Lake, attended 218 meetings and missed 13 (94.4 per cent—tie with third best record); Wilbur Brotherton (R-27), of Farmington, attended 212 meetings and missed 35 (85.8 per cent—14th best record). Of the above commissioners, Quinn and Brotherton are no longer members of the board. Quinn was defeated in the August primary and Brotherton was elected to the state legislature.

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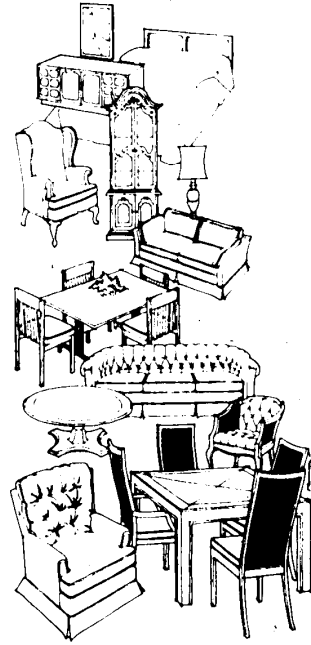
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