

Road funds may be denied

By ROBERT KIPPER

OAKLAND COUNTY—The proposal to spend \$230,000 in general county funds to help ease the expected traffic problem near the Pontiac football stadium is in trouble.

County commissioners on the planning and building committee Thursday narrowly recommended that the controversial proposal be defeated.

While the full board of commissioners must ultimately decide the issue, votes in committee are usually good indicators of how the full board will vote. As the first formal test of the proposal, Thursday's committee action indicated how hesitant the county board might be to devoting hard-

pressed county funds to a stadium-related road project.

THE COMMITTEE vote was 5-4, and its closeness gave supporters of the proposal encouragement that the full board vote would at least be close and possibly favorable.

However, neither a suggestion that the county loan rather than give money to the project, nor the urging of County Executive Daniel Murphy and two road commission officials changed any minds during committee discussion.

Commissioner Mary Dearborn (R-2), of Birmingham, said the county was already short of funds and that every dollar spent toward the sta-

tion-related project "means it doesn't go some place else."

Referring to the owner of the Detroit Lions, which will be the major user of the stadium, Commissioner Lawrence Perneck (D-30), of Southfield, added:

"William Clay Ford has a problem. He's the one who's worried about getting 80,000 people into the stadium to watch his team play. I don't think Oakland County per se has a problem."

THE PROPOSAL calls for the county to spend \$230,000 as part of a million dollar project to widen a one mile stretch of Opdyke Road in front of the stadium.

The county road commission has pledged \$600,000 to the project and the city of Pontiac will contribute the remaining \$230,000.

Murphy admitted that the Opdyke project was only a minor part of the road upgrading effort required by the stadium, and added:

"The county cash flow is such that \$230,000 is not a lot of money to a \$65 million county operation."

JOHN GRUBBS, managing director of the road commission, said that Opdyke has been plagued for widening for a number of years.

"The stadium project made widening more critical and put Opdyke on top of the priority list," Grubbs said. "The stadium is the straw that broke the camel's back."

The road officials acknowledged that widening only Opdyke could in ef-

fect be simply moving the stadium parking lot out into the street, where automobiles would still face long hours waiting for traffic to move.

Murphy has said that as much as a five hour wait could be expected even if Opdyke is widened.

IF THE COUNTY board stays out of the Opdyke project, a new revenue source must be found.

Grubbs said the Pontiac Stadium Building Authority, which operates as a public corporation on a tax-free basis, has been reluctant to supply any road funds.

The authority simply doesn't have any funds for roads, said Commissioner Richard Wilcox (R-1), of Orionville, who is also a member of the Pontiac Stadium Building Authority.

Commissioners voting for the proposal in committee, besides Wilcox, were: James Dunsen (R-3), of Highland; Joseph Montano (R-30), of Orchard Lake; and Patrick Novak (R-28), of Farmington Hills.

Two Pontiac-area commissioners joined those voting against the proposal: Patrick Daly (D-4) and Betty Fortino (D-4). Other opponents were: Kenneth Roth (D-17), of Berkley; William Patterson (R-30), of Clawson; and Perneck. Mrs. Dearborn was not present when voting took place.

The proposal will be discussed in the general government committee probably March 17 before going to the full board for a vote.

Need a LIFT?

GET IT AT THE ALL-NEW SHERATON HEALTH CLUB

- mixed sauna
- indoor pool
- exercise area
- weight room
- locker facilities

Memberships for six months or one year. Limited Number Available

Sheraton Pontiac-Bloomfield Motor Inn

1001 Woodward Ave. 338-4131

What kind of a nut buys air conditioning in the winter?



He's not a nut, he's a money-saver

...because he knows the dealer's crews aren't as rushed (nobody's pushing the panic button because of the heat) and he can make a better deal on installation costs. And he'll avoid the rush next summer. If by now this doesn't sound so nutty to you, call us today for a free estimate on

KAST HEATING & COOLING

phone: 646-7150

580 S. TELEGRAPH at Orchard Lake Road

You can save on your income taxes by starting your own retirement plan now.

Your DETROIT BANK-er has information and a FREE brochure about new legislation that makes it possible for you to start your own retirement plan by opening an Individual Retirement Account at Detroit Bank & Trust.

You can save on your income taxes and start saving for retirement at the same time. Here's how the plan works:

You're eligible for an I.R.A. if you're not currently participating in a retirement plan. Any employed or self-employed person who is not currently covered by any other retirement plan is eligible to open an Individual Retirement Account (I.R.A.). If you are already covered, but have a working spouse who is not, he or she is eligible.

A tax-shelter makes your money worth more now . . . and when you retire. All contributions to your I.R.A., up to 15% of your earned income (maximum of \$1,500 annually), are fully deductible.

Likewise, interest earned on your I.R.A. is exempt from income tax until it is withdrawn. When you finally do begin making withdrawals from your I.R.A., you are taxable only on the amount drawn out each year. And when you retire your effective rate of taxation will probably be lower.

If you invest \$1,500 (before taxes) at the beginning of each year, here's what you could accumulate.

| At the end of | With the help of a tax-sheltered I.R.A. | Without the help of a tax-sheltered I.R.A. |
|---------------|---|--|
| 5 years | \$ 8,061 | \$ 6,376 |
| 10 years | 20,506 | 14,213 |
| 15 years | 35,808 | 23,845 |
| 20 years | 55,914 | 35,683 |
| 25 years | 82,335 | 50,232 |
| 30 years | 117,054 | 68,112 |

(Table assumes taxpayer is in a 25% tax bracket and all figures are based on a 5 1/2% investment return.)

DETROIT BANK & TRUST

Member FDIC

211 West Fort St. Detroit, Michigan 48231

Please send me more information on tax-sheltered Individual Retirement Accounts.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BE YOUR OWN BOSS

AT AMERICANA VILLAGE

\$155 PER MONTH

WILL PUT YOU IN A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN

163 SHOPS AVAILABLE IN THIS UNIQUE NEW SHOPPING CONCEPT ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

Americana Village is the place where you can open your own part time business. Do you have a unique trade? Have you mastered an unusual craft? Is your favorite hobby marketable?

Americana Village is where you can make money at your own specialty. Or, perhaps you already own a business and want to expand without spending a fortune. Americana Village can be your answer.

Americana Village permits you to "mind your own business" while cutting your costs to the bone. It's all because of a unique retailing concept—a completely coordinated shopping village under one roof. Hundreds of shops and services are side by side. It's small town shopping with all the advantages modern design and retail "know how" can provide.

For as little as \$155 per month and that includes all utilities, air conditioning, complete security system, modern facilities, high traffic location, acres of free parking.

And, when it comes to time, here's another innovation. Americana Village is open only when shopping is at its peak • THURSDAY NIGHT • FRIDAY NIGHT • ALL DAY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. You get maximum exposure with a minimum of effort.

FIRST CAME THE DEPARTMENT STORE... THEN CAME THE SHOPPING CENTER AND, NOW

AMERICANA VILLAGE

HUNDREDS OF UNIQUE SHOPS UNDER ONE ROOF

Model Shops open for inspection... Monday thru Friday 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday & Sunday 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. 2048 Dixie Highway at Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Mich. Phone 313-326-8215