

'Try it, you'll like it'

County executive praises job before Wayne commissioners

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Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy is searching for support—in Wayne County.

Murphy went to Detroit last week trying to convince the Wayne County Board of Commissioners to support a plan to give the nation's third-largest county an elected county executive.

Murphy told the board of commissioners' legislative committee that a shift to the elected executive form of government would mean consolidation, efficiency and a single voice speaking for Wayne County in Lansing and Washington. He was also lobbying to gain some bargaining power of his own.

"A county executive would go to Washington representing 2.5 million people. How hard do you think Congress would listen to you?" Murphy asked rhetorically.

"I think they'd listen damn hard."

More importantly, Murphy needs a person speaking for 2.5 million Wayne residents to support some of his initiatives in the state legislature.

MURPHY HAS repeatedly tried, without success, to convince the state legislature to allow him to incorporate the autonomous Oakland County Road Commission and the county parks and recreation commission into his administration. Amendments to the law allowing counties to adopt an

elected county executive or an appointed county administrator form of government are needed to bring the road and parks commissions under the executive's control.

"We've tried to get the changes regarding the road commission and the parks commission and we're getting no place."

"In order for me to get those changes, I need Wayne County to support those changes," Murphy said.

HE URGED Wayne County's board to support a plan to put the county executive proposal on the next primary election ballot. Murphy said that even though present legislation is imperfect, the idea of a county executive is still preferable to a 27-member board of commissioners that both sets and administers policy.

"County executive government is good for the people," Murphy said. "Right now, people can't call up and get immediate answers. They can't call up and find out where the buck stops."

"In Oakland County people can do that," Murphy said.

He said Wayne County should press ahead with a county executive plan, even though it might be opposed by the City of Detroit. Murphy said persons opposing the county executive were afraid to change the "existing power structure."

In the absence of a powerful Wayne County spokesman, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and his efforts to revitalize the city have captured national attention and millions of dollars in federal and state grants.

WHILE MURPHY was the featured speaker, he was not alone.

An Oakland County state representative, Claude Trim (D-Detroit), cautioned Wayne's governing body that the county executive will not solve all their problems.

"Going to a county executive is not a panacea," he said.

"You're going to have a lot of problems."

THE MOST VOCAL opponent of the county executive proposal was Wayne County Commissioner Arthur Carter (D-Detroit). He called an elected executive "window dressing."

"A county executive would be just one more elected official in Wayne County," he said.

Moreover, he said, the interests of the City of Detroit would suffer under the executive form of government.

"We would see the county executive ignore the poor, blacks and other ethnic minorities. He would, however, concentrate on providing services for people with political clout. That means the suburbs," Carter said.

In Oakland County, where a Republican executive and a Republican-dominated board of commissioners control county government, Democratic commissioners have long complained that "human services" have been ignored by the county executive.

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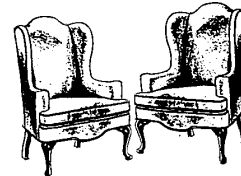
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If you're planning on breeding your dog or cat, make sure the would-be mother is in top physical shape.

Prior to breeding, your dog should be vaccinated against canine distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis (a disease of the liver and kidney) and rabies. Cats should have immunity against feline distemper, rabies and certain respiratory diseases.

Temporary resistance to these diseases, in the form of maternal antibodies, is passed on in the mother's milk to the puppies or kittens. Maternal immunity is extremely important to protect the litter against disease until they reach proper vaccination age, usually 12 weeks.

The gestation period is generally the same for cats and dogs—6 weeks or 63 days. However, you should be ready for the litter to arrive at any time

between the 58th through the 63rd day. Just as often births occur early and late, the same thing applies in small animals.

Once pregnant, your animal should be exercised on a scaled-down basis until the time of delivery. As she begins to lose her girlish figure and puts on a little more weight, you will find that she is less anxious to romp and play, and her exercise period should be shortened. Don't permit her to stop all activities. Without exercise, she may become too fat and her muscle tone may deteriorate, presenting problems at delivery time. From about the fifth to the sixth week on, it's not wise to allow her to race up and down stairs or to jump on and off furniture and other high objects.

Take extreme care that your pet never becomes chilled when wet. If she shows signs of a running nose, eyes, or a sudden loss of appetite, check with your veterinarian.

During the last week of pregnancy, the expectant mother may appear restless. She is probably searching around the house for a safe and quiet place to have her litter. This is when she should be introduced to her maternity box. It should be placed in a quiet location, out of drafts and the family's usual traffic pattern. Most breeders

have a maternity box which is used while the litter is born and during the time they are nursing. It should be large enough so the expectant mother can stretch out at full length on her side and have spare room at head and tail.

To help the expectant mother get accustomed to the maternity box, place her regular mattress or blanket in it. This will help her feel at home when it is time for the litter to arrive. Remove her mattress or blanket just before delivery time and put in several layers of newspapers laid flat. Make sure the box is warm. You should keep the room temperature at least 70 degrees for the newborn puppies or kittens. It is very important to prevent the newborn from becoming chilled and to keep them out of drafts.

Along with up-to-date vaccinations against infectious diseases and a good environment for bearing the litter, nutrition is a vital element in the production of healthy offspring. Supplementing the diet with a quality vitamin product or with an iron supplement is good practice for both the expectant mother and growing pups and kittens. These nutritional supplements are available from your veterinarian, who should be consulted with the onset of your pet's pregnancy.

Teaching by tube at OU

Is the "teleconference" the answer to bringing people together over long distances and saving on travel costs?

Oakland University says the answer is yes. The university is sponsoring an electronic coast-to-coast seminar in four sessions beginning Feb. 13.

Two pieces of equipment will be used: microphones that replace hand-held telephones and an electronic blackboard, a Bell Telephone Co. gadget which displays words transmitted over telephone lines onto a video screen.

All four sessions run from 1-4 p.m.

Participation is limited to 30 persons. Registration deadline is Feb. 5.

Grand jury gets cash

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners last week approved nearly \$200,000 to pay for the operations of a one-man grand jury. The grand jury is investigating the Oakland County Organized Crime Strike Force and the Pontiac Police Department.

The board unanimously approved the appropriation. Observer & Eccentric-area commissioners voting to spend the \$200,000 were: Henry Hoot (R-Bloomfield Township), Paul Kasper (R-Bloomfield Hills), Robert McConnell (R-Farmington Hills), John McDonald (R-Farmington Hills), Lillian Moffitt (R-Bloomfield Township), Joseph Montante (R-Orchard Lake), Ralph Moxley (R-Birmingham), Dennis Murphy (R-Novi), Robert Page (R-Birmingham), Alexander Perloff (D-Southfield), Lawrence Pernick (D-Southfield) and John Peterson (R-Rochester).

The grand jury is slated for a six-month term. It may be extended an additional six months, though.

Oakland County Circuit Chief Judge Steven Andrews is the lone juror.

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