

County Tax Rate Same; Budget Up

Wayne County general government will cost \$184.8 million in fiscal 1970, which begins Dec. 1, 1969.



KIRBY D. DILWORTH, 6916 Apache, Westland, has been promoted to controller and office manager of the N. A. Woodworth Co., Ferndale. Formerly chief accountant of the firm, Dilworth received his B.A. in business at Wayne State University in 1949, earned his public accountant certificate in 1954, and is a member of state and national professional groups.

Tax rate will remain the same as this year, although the budget approved by the Wayne County Board of Supervisors is approximately \$20.5 million greater.

An unappropriated \$2 million surplus, economic gains and some new charges, such as golf course fees, are expected to support the record outlay. Observers and supervisors all voted for the budget as proposed by the county board Ways and Means Committee.

CARL PURSELL (R-Plymouth and Livonia), Harvey Beattie (D-Redford) and Ralph P. Turco (D-Garden City and Westland) told Observer Newspapers afterward they feel it is a "realistic" budget.

All said they would oppose a tax increase to meet another \$28 million represented by non-approved requests from department heads.

They said they feel the services proposed with the larger amount make them "legitimate" requests, but that revenues are not available and some could possibly be met with greater economies in overall county operations.

BY A 20-3 VOTE, with three absentees, the new 26-man county board passed the budget only slightly revised from an \$18.1 million increase recommended by the county board of auditors.

They tacked on \$2.5 million, mostly for increased fringe benefits to employees, A \$100,000 addition for added juvenile court staff, a boost of \$25,000 to make a total \$50,000 contribution to the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) and \$375,000 for boys

and girls training school expenses of the juvenile court were added also.

Debate had occurred in "committee of the whole" sessions previously, so floor debate was almost brief.

APPROVED AT THE same session were the tax levies for county general government, intermediate school district operation, and local special assessment drain and paving projects. The general support rate was continued at 7.07 mills (\$7.07

per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation). This will yield a total of \$76,450,860 toward the total county budget.

Local yields will be derived by applying the 7.07 mills to the following state equalized values:

City of Livonia: \$606,019,990 (third largest in the county, after Detroit and Dearborn); Westland: \$236,424,970; City of Plymouth: \$25,315,370; Garden City: \$103,050,970; Redford Township: \$323,807,290; Plymouth Township: \$121,117,560; and Canton Township: none.

Canton Township: \$37,413,080. INTERMEDIATE schools yields on 0.03 mills (same as last year) will be gained from the same local valuations.

Special assessment drain levies, as approved by voters in local communities, were approved as follows for the local area: Livonia: none; City of Plymouth: none; Garden City: \$56,722; Westland: \$56,458; Redford Township: \$85,135; Plymouth Township: \$1,235; and Canton Township: none.

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