

# Murphy in line to head SEMCOG

Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy is expected to be elected chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) at the General Assembly annual meeting tonight in the Renaissance Center.

Murphy has already been recommended by the SEMCOG nominating committee.



Daniel Murphy

Also recommended for the group's five vice-chairmen were Detroit Councilman Clyde Cleveland, White Lake Township Supervisor James Reid, Saline Mayor Donald Shelton, St. Clair County Commissioner William E. Smiley and Livingston Intermediate School District President Robert E. Smith.

Trenton Mayor Robert Bovitz is completing two years as SEMCOG chairman. Murphy's recommended term would be 1991-92. Traditionally, chairmen are re-elected once.

MURPHY, COUNTY executive since 1974, served earlier in the week he would be a voice to be heard in planning the economic future of the region.

"The concentration of attention on a single entity like Detroit has polarized the rest of southeast Michigan," he said Monday at a conference sponsored by Metropolitan Affairs Corp., a research foundation.

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"I had to call a congressman to be invited to a conference on transportation," Murphy complained. He referred to a meeting in Gov. William Milliken's office on a regional response to anti-rapid transit rumblings in the Reagan Administration.

"There's going to be a new charter and an executive for Wayne County," Murphy said. "He and I will represent 3.5 million of the 4.5 million people in southeast Michigan. We've got to be heard."

ALSO ON SEMCOG's agenda will be a \$3.9 million budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, down 28 percent.

Staff size is being cut 23 percent, and the cost-of-living allowance was eliminated, said SEMCOG executive director Michael Glusac. In addition, contracts for outside work were reduced.

SEMCOG will consider a policy for control of air pollution emission reduction credits.

SEMCOG is an organization of counties, cities, townships, villages and educational institutions in seven counties.

Each unit is represented in the General Assembly by at least one elected representative.

This will be the first meeting since the organization was formed a dozen years ago in which Wayne County will not be represented officially.

Wayne County dropped out when it was unable to pay its dues during its current budget crunch.

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