

Jail expansion OK'd — reluctantly

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Despite some dismay at high bids, Oakland County will move ahead with plans to convert its former laundry into satellite housing for jail prisoners.

The County Board of Commissioners gave 10-8 approval to administrators to negotiate with Fordon Co. for renovations to house 90 prisoners.

A handful of Democrats — including Larry Pernick and Alexander Perinoff, both of Southfield — cast the dissenting votes. Pernick complained the board "didn't listen to the former sheriff (Johannes Spreen) for eight years" and plan to build new facilities.

FORDON, THE low bidder, offered to do the work for \$1.28 million, about 50 percent more than the estimated \$820,000, according to the

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board's planning and building committee.

So the board asked the Department of Central Services to negotiate with Fordon "to see what savings can be reached without jeopardizing the project." The contract is to be capped at \$1.28 million, however.

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court consent agreement to reduce jail overcrowding.

IN OTHER jail business, the county board authorized the architectural firm of Neumann, Greger & Associates and Henningson, Durham and Richardson to complete bidding documents for addition of 256 jail beds — half for men and half for women.

The jail's medical, booking and laundry

dry areas are to be renovated, and air conditioning is to be added.

Although the vote was 25-0, Commissioner James Doyon, D-Madison Heights, asked County Executive Daniel T. Murphy if any money had been appropriated for studies on "privatization" of the additional jail facilities.

"I've read about this in the newspapers," said Doyon, "but no money has been authorized for a study."

Murphy said no money was being spent on such a study, and that it consisted of "asking people in the business to talk to us." He added that Commissioner Richard Kuhn, R-Waterford, had been asked to join the talks in order to keep the board's planning and building committee advised of developments.

'Image-power' workshop sponsored by OU Thursday

An "Image and Personal Power" workshop designed to teach women how to develop skills to shorten the career ladder is planned Thursday in the Southfield Hilton.

Sponsored by Oakland University, the workshop features Arlene LaBella, author of "Personal Power: The Guide for Today's Working Women."

LaBella's topics include: the power

star, elements of personal power, presentation skills, promoting yourself and getting others to promote you, power tactics, dealing with criticism and managing conflicts.

The author is co-founder of the Virginia-based Professional Development Institute.

Registration fee is \$70 at the door. It is sponsored by OU's continuing education office (370-3120).

ACT, SAT exam workshops begin at Oakland U. Oct. 5

Oakland University is offering workshops to help prepare for A.C.T. (American College Testing) and S.A.T. (Scholastic Aptitude Testing) program beginning Oct. 5.

Enrollees in one set of workshops for \$75 may take the other series for a reduced cost of \$50 during the same year. Workshops may be repeated at no extra charge.

Registration is underway for both sets.

The A.C.T. workshop will be conducted on Saturdays Oct. 5, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 in preparation for the Oct. 28 exam.

The S.A.T. workshop is scheduled on Oct. 12, Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 for the Nov. 2 exam.

Meeting times are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first two Saturdays and 9 a.m. to noon on the last Saturday.

Instructors will focus on the best approach to test taking. They will analyze the mathematics sections of the exam and explain reading comprehension, sentence completion, analogies and analogy sections.

For registration information, call the Continuing Education office 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays at 370-3120.

Commissioners seek 4-year terms

They would like to have four-year terms, but Oakland County commissioners aren't confident they will get them.

The Oakland County board gave 21-3 approval to a resolution asking the Michigan Legislature to adopt a bill that would extend county boards' terms from two years to four.

Dissenting, Commissioner James Doyon, D-Madison Heights, whose district includes part of Troy, said it was unrealistic to expect passage because a four-year term would allow commissioners a mid-term election to run for the Legislature without

giving up their county board jobs.

The move for four-year terms came from the Michigan Association of Counties.

U.S. senators have terms of six years, U.S. representatives two years, state senators four years, state representatives two years, and county commissioners two years.

THE COUNTY board gave 22-1 approval to a

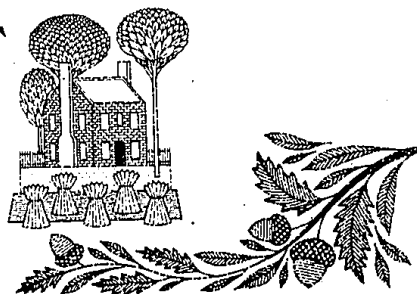
resolution asking the state to require deposits on the increasingly popular wine cooler beverages.

Voters in 1978 adopted a state law requiring deposits of five cents for bottles and 10 cents for cans of beer and soft drinks. At the time, wine coolers were a minimal part of the market.

"The fact that wine cooler beverages have made tremendous gains in sales in recent years and registered a 575 percent sales increase in the past year is viewed as a threat to the state's successful litter control program," the resolution said.



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