

# Dems attack county pay hikes

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Oakland Democrats will hold Republicans' feet to the fire over a plan to raise the salaries of countywide GOP officeholders salaries 14 to 17 percent.

"Arrogant," said Commissioner James Doyon, D-Madison Heights. "It undermines our collective bargaining process with the unions."

The salary-increase plan would apply to every officeholder except County Executive Daniel T. Murphy.

Introduced last week by finance chairman G. William Caddell, R-Walled Lake, the plan would raise the drain commissioner, clerk-registrar, treasurer and sheriff to \$59,430 in order to put them ahead of Murphy's top aides, who are paid about \$59,000.

The plan also would increase the prosecutor's salary to \$71,425.

Over Doyon's objections, the plan was sent to the personnel committee, chaired by Commissioner John McDonald, R-Farmington, one of the co-sponsors.

BY REPUBLICAN calculations, the increases are only 10-14 percent. Those figures compare current 1985 salaries to proposed 1986 salaries.

But Doyon compared 1985 salaries to proposed '86 salaries.

For the prosecutor, he calculated the raise from \$62,549 to \$71,425 at 14.2 percent. For the four other officeholders, he calculated the raises from \$50,993 to \$59,430 at 16.99 percent.

Caddell, several co-sponsors and Murphy said the plan was fair. Elected

officials answering directly to the public deserve more than appointees, they said.

Caddell's resolution also credited the elected officials with winning public respect for Oakland's reputation "as a well-run and efficient county government."

DOYON CHARGED that the plan, if implemented, would upset Oakland's entire salary administration process.

He predicted that if the Caddell salary plan is approved, Republicans next will come up with plans to hike salaries of deputy officeholders.

"We allocated only 4.5 percent for increases. We asked some units to settle for 3 percent," he said.

Rather than paying elected officials

more, Doyon said commissioners should "consider retarding the growth" of salaries for the executive's appointees.

He pointed to the contract that the county board ratified earlier in the meeting with the 336-member Deputy Sheriff's Association.

The three-year pact calls for annual increases of 4.25, 4.5 and 4.25 percent. It is retroactive to Jan. 1.

Deputy II officers in both the jail and patrol divisions would be paid \$27,448 to \$30,441 in the first year and \$29,902 to \$33,103 the third year.

Deputy I officers would get \$21,645 to \$26,741 the first year and \$22,619 to \$28,111 the third.

The whole package would cost \$573,000 the first year, counting both salaries and fringes.

## OCC workshops aid women needing jobs

Free workshops are planned to help women prepare for employment in non-traditional areas at Oakland Community College starting March 10.

The program is designed for displaced homemakers, divorced or separated women, single mothers and others.

The format involves six two-hour workshops on self-awareness, goal definition, career exploration, job awareness, financial aid and planning, vocational training and tuition reimbursement.

AN ORIENTATION class will be held at the Orchard Ridge Campus at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13.

A tuition reimbursement program also is available to women who decide to enroll in vocational education classes at OCC and who meet grant eligibility requirements.

For registration information, call Joyce Sachs at 853-4267 at the Auburn Hills Campus, Elizabeth Anderson at 360-3067 at the Highland Lakes Campus, Joan Maloney at 471-7745 at the Orchard Ridge Campus and Judy Hewitt at 967-5725 at the Royal Oak Campus.

## Oakland backs revenue sharing

Hooray for federal revenue sharing. The vote was 15-6.

That's the message Oakland County commissioners will take to Capitol Hill this week as they attend a National Association of Counties convention.

With six commissioners absent or not voting, the county board gave lukewarm support to a resolution by Commissioner Lawrence Pernick, D-Southfield.

IT CALLED for "a freeze on all federal spending at present levels or an across-the-board reduction of all federal expenditures subject to prioritization by the affected agencies."

It called that plan preferable to "total elimination of high priority programs such as general revenue sharing."

The resolution was supported by Pernick, Alex Perinoff, D-Southfield, and Republicans William Hassberger of Birmingham, Susan Kuhn of Clawson, Thomas Law of West Bloomfield, John McDonald of Farmington and Roy Rewold of Rochester.

Opponents included Marilyn Gosling and Nancy McConnell of Bloomfield Hills, David Moffitt of Bloomfield Township and Ralph Nelson of Rochester.

IN OTHER business, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners:

- Rejected 25-0 a \$22,500 bid from Masonic Lodge 21 of Pontiac for the 4-

If property at 1754 N. Perry in Pontiac, County real estate experts say the 18-acre parcel is worth at least \$275,000.

Awarded a \$60,000 contract to Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates of Southfield to update the existing Service Center master plan. The vote was 17-8 with two Republicans joining eight Democrats in opposition.

Commissioner Betty Fortino, D-Waterford, argued that county officials in the past have paid for such plans and

then disregarded them. "There's talk of a county library, and we know a computer center has to be built approximately where the present one is. We can hire a college intern at \$5 an hour rather than (a consultant) at \$50 an hour."

The majority voted for the contract without rebutting her.

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A love offering will be taken at both sessions. Luncheon on Saturday will be provided by the Youth of Unity for a donation of \$4.00.

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