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County Delays Budget Action

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Oakland County Supervisors sent a proposed \$25 million county budget back to committee Monday with instructions that the 1969 budget be considered as its first item of business at the next session of the board.

During the same meeting the Supervisors approved the tax spread for throughout the county including voted millage for parks and recreation and a non-voted levy to finance the county's building program.

Committees affected by the Board action are the Ways and

Means Committee and the Personnel Policies Committee. Farmington Township Supervisor Curtis H. Hall is chairman of the personnel policies committee, while David Levinson of Birmingham is chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

THE VOTE to table action came after a 40-minute public hearing that heard 14 citizens object to the proposed budget. The objections ranged from objections over the current ADC payments in the county to spending additional funds for a county airport and the proposed in-

crease in salaries for department heads on the county staff.

Voting to table the budget came on a motion by Willis Brewer of the City of Sylvan Lake. Brewer, a member of the Ways and Means Committee, said that he wanted to review the individual salaries before voting. Brewer said that he had not had an opportunity to do so.

His motion was approved by a voice vote of the supervisors. Salaries account for \$11,692,156 in the proposed budget.

DELOS HAMLIN, chairman of the board, told The Enter-

prise & Observer, that the last time action on a proposed budget had been delayed was "seven or eight years ago." The budget must be adopted by Jan. 1, 1969.

"This is the first time that I can remember a citizen voicing objections to a proposed budget," Hamlin said. He has served on the county board for more than 25 years.

In a related action, the supervisors approved the tax spread for the coming year. This was done so that the local cities and townships might prepare the tax bills for mailing in early December.

Hall told The Enterprise & Observer that it takes Farmington Township about seven weeks to prepare its bills.

LOCAL TAX spreads in terms of mills are:

City of Farmington: 36.5 for the Farmington Schools; 3.47 for Oakland Community College and the Oakland Intermediate Schools; 10 for the city; 5.64 for the county; for a total of 55.61 mills.

Farmington Township—in the Farmington School District: 36.50 for the schools; 3.47 for the college and intermediate schools; 4.7 for the township; 5.64 for the county; for a total of 44.11.

5.64 for the county for a total of 50.31.

Farmington Township—in the Clarens School District: 37.9 for the Clarensville Schools; 1.77 for the college and intermediate schools; 4.7 for the township; 5.64 for the county; for a total of 50.01.

Walled Lake Township—in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District: 30.30 for the Walled Lake Schools; 3.47 for the college and intermediate schools; 4.7 for the township; 5.64 for the county; for a total of 44.11.

A mill equals one dollar for every \$1,000 for assessed valuation for your home.

Arrest Ends Chase

Friday night movie viewers at the Grand River Drive-in saw the end of a high speed chase when a car was forced off the road and an officer fired a warning shot before arresting two suspects—and it wasn't on the movie screen.

Donald G. Sutton, 19, of an unknown address, and a 16-year-old youth, who said he was a hitchhiker, were arrested by City of Farmington Police in the theater parking lot after a 70 miles-per-hour chase through downtown Farmington.

Sutton was later identified as an escapee from the Detroit House of Correction.

The juveniles were released to their parents after questioning revealed that he had been picked up by Sutton minutes before the arrest.

The chase started at Grand River and Grove St. at 11 p.m. when Public Safety Officer Lee Smith observed Sutton squeal to a stop for the hitchhiker, police said.

Police said they clocked the car at 70 miles-per-hour on Grand River between Mayfield and Powers.

Sutton ran traffic lights at Orchard Lake and Nine Mile Rds. before traveling east on the westbound Grand River service drive, according to police.

The speeding car then ran into a wooden fence in the theater driveway and circled back into the parking area.

The suspect drove inside the east fence at 55 miles-per-hour before Officer Smith pulled up next to him, forcing the car into the fence, police said.

No injuries were reported. Farmington Township police assisted in the arrest.



GREETINGS — Smoky the Bear took his fire prevention message to the people watching the parade down Grand River.

Sirens Play Tunes: Fire Parade Feature

Did you know that a fire siren can play musical tunes? That's just one fact gleaned by the sparse crowd that lined Grand River Saturday morning to watch the city's fifth annual Fire Prevention Parade.

They saw fire equipment—including water, craft, utilized by the Oakland County Sheriff's Patrol and the state's Mutual Aid Fire Board.

They saw fire equipment ranging from a 1918 engine to the latest in modern day equipment from throughout the area. They saw a full complement of both city and township fire equipment.

They heard the bands from both Farmington High and North Farmington.

They saw Sparky the Bear, clowns furnished by the police

department, and all sorts of Keystone Kops on their mini-scooters.

They saw floats entered by Scout troops and by the Farmington Board of Commerce.

Fire prevention was the parade theme and it was the City Department of Public Safety's kickoff to Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 6-13).

This is the fifth annual parade staged by the department. Dignitaries in the parade included Mayor Wilbur V. Broderick, Councilman John Allen, City Manager John Dinan, incumbent Republican Congressman Jack McDonald and the Democratic Congressional hopeful Gary Frink.

Following the parade, Broderick issued a plea for fire prevention and safety in the

home as he told the crowd that during 1967 \$2 billion dollars in property damage had been caused by fires; more than 600,000 homes had been damaged; and 12,000 people had been killed by fire in the country.

Parade awards presented by Director of Public Safety Robert F. Deadman were:

Oldest piece of fire equipment—a 1918 American LaFrance engine owned by Bert Jackson of Birmingham.

The department that came the furthest—Green Oak Township which traveled 35 miles for the parade.

Floats best depicting the parade theme—Cub Scout Pack 162 for its float showing Scouting as "The Doorway to Fire Education," first place; and the Farmington Board of Commerce's float on "Fire Prevention is Good Business," second place.

Following the award presentations the city hosted an open house in the fire barn.

City Adopts Moratorium Extension

The Farmington City Council formally adopted a resolution continuing the area-wide ban on annexation or incorporation moves Monday night.

Council action came with no discussion.

Agreement to the moratorium had been hammered out the week before at a joint meeting of the council, the Farmington Township Board, and the village councils of Wood Creek Farms and Quakerstown.

The township board is expected to adopt a similar statement of policy at its meeting next Monday night.

Both village councils are also expected to take action turning the moratorium.

Under the terms of the resolution the ban on any activity toward changing the governmental status will be extended for a period of six months following the release of the area governmental development studies by the Michigan State University Institute for Community Services and private consultant Donald Oakes.

The studies are expected to be completed for public release in November.

IN OTHER action the council:

Heard a report from the Beautification Committee for the combating of Dutch elm disease in the city. Project Chairman George Strleczuk warned the council that the disease could eliminate most of the city's present trees.

The committee has proposed to replace dead trees and plant new trees with varieties that would not be susceptible to Dutch elm disease.

"We also need to make sure that new trees will be able to live in the climate and soil conditions in the area," Strleczuk said.

The committee has proposed

that six varieties of trees be planted in 12 sections of the city.

The committee's four-month study used suggestions from an agriculture department horticulture agent and landscape architects.

City Manager John Dinan told the council that the promotion of the sale of trees to citizens should be handled by the Beautification Committee. Flat rates for trees and installation will have to be handled by the council, he said.

Further action on new trees has been tabled pending establishment of administrative procedures for the project.

IN OTHER action, Dinan reported that progress on the Bel-Air Hills Subdivision sewer release is coming as expected. The final report is anticipated Nov. 1, he said.

Grews from the consulting engineers have located the sanitary and storm sewer manholes and their elevations, Dinan said.

FUNERAL services were held Tuesday for Vicki Newlin, who died Oct. 4 following a traffic accident Sept. 20 near campus at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Newlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Newlin, of 30617 Park Ridge Rd., was struck by a car while crossing a street, relatives said.

She was a 1966 graduate of North Farmington High School and a junior at the university. Funeral arrangements were handled by Thayer Funeral Home, Farmington.

Services For Coed Tuesday

OCC Dedicates Center To Memory Of Dr. King

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Solemnly marked the ceremonies Sunday during which the Learning Resources Center on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Many Negroes were among the 200 or more present for the occasion and it was fitting that Dr. Donald H. Godbold, acting provost of Orchard Ridge, a Negro, was the host.

The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Enrich, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, offered two prayers in invocation—one a thanksgiving for the life of Dr. King and all who have died in the service of the country, the other a favorite prayer of King's.

IT WAS PLANNED that a portrait of King by artist Jon Lockard, of Ann Arbor, would hang in back of the rostrum during the ceremony but because of the rain the painting did not arrive until just as the service ended.

After the ceremonies, most of the 200 guests went to the rostrum for a better look at

the art work.

It would have been an appropriate backdrop for remarks made by Rep. John Conyers, the guest speaker, because the painting is a montage of King in the many roles he filled in life.

SAID CONYERS: "I saw Martin Luther King on the Sunday night before that terrible Thursday. We met with a number of black Americans to talk about a new turning point in the civil rights movement. We agreed that what was needed was a meaningful coalition of blacks and whites on the political scene."

"We had begun to recognize that somehow we had to get to those Americans who were dedicated to get leaders into government."

CONTINUED CONYERS, "Out of that last meeting, we began to see a need for a great deal more commitment to the community activities which spell a network of what society is really like. Today, nothing is more important than the crucial question—How can we implement those dreams?"

Dr. King.

"He ho-ed," Conyers added, "that there would be a National Committee of Inquiry to find out if there was any presidential candidate who merited the support of black America. He was trying to move away from the traditional civil rights activity into political activity."

BEFORE GOING ON to discuss King's efforts against the Vietnam War, Conyers commented, "I have been touched by things that have happened in Washington. These have made me try to keep the faith with Dr. King today more than I did while he was alive."

He summed up with a quotation from King and said, "Racism is ingrained in our society. This racism—latent to be sure—is now emerging in the presidential campaign. Martin saw this in his own beautiful way."

The dedication ended with remarks from Ronald Lee, of Farmington, president of the Orchard Ridge Student Government, whose idea it was to dedicate the resources facility to



IN MEMORIAM — A painting of Dr. Martin Luther King, by Jon Lockard, was the center of attention when the Learning Resources Center at the Orchard Ridge Campus was dedicated to King on Sunday. From left to right are Dr. John Godbold, acting provost of Orchard Ridge; Rep. John Conyers, Jr., guest speaker; and George R. Mosher, of the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees.

today's hot line

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LIVONIA—The Livonia National Bank has offered a \$500 reward to the first person who supplies information leading to the arrest and conviction of the two men who robbed the bank on Sept. 30 of approximately \$6,000.

OAKLAND COUNTY—The State Highway Commission said it will begin work on a portion of the I-696 freeway next summer—more than a year ahead of schedule. The 10.2-mile project will connect the I-75 freeway with I-94 at 11 Mile Rd. in Roseville. Total cost is estimated at \$10.2 million. Reason for the speedup: New engineering studies and favorable federal aid forecasts.

GARDEN CITY—With a signed teacher's contract in hand, the Garden City Board of Education Monday night approved its 1968-69 operating budget which represented an increase of \$1.1 million over last year. The final budget was raised by some \$893,000 by salary costs coming out of this summer's negotiations. The budget includes a total operational millage levy of 36.3 mills.

WESTLAND—A legal opinion from Attorney General Frank Kelley will be given to Westland City Councilmen next week regarding a possible conflict of interest problem involving three council members. Two of the three are Ford Motor Co. personnel and a third has a husband who is a Ford employee.

REDFORD—Redford Township voter registrations showed a record high of 36,516 at the deadline Friday. Many persons volunteering their agency to support the presidential candidacy of Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

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WINTER FUN All year around will be available at Livonia's new municipal skating rink at Ford Field. Take a look at the latest addition to recreation in Livonia on a full page of pictures and information in the Sunday Observer Newspapers.

PROGRESS—Northville State Hospital has started a new program for young adults, recreation and recovery. Read Margaret's report in the Observer Newspaper is Sunday.

CAREERS—Teen Editor Dianne Ziessow will discuss careers in a monthly session on the Area 4 Career Fair. It will be the second of a series of about careers teenagers might contemplate.

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