

County adds liaison to south Oakland

BY PAT MURPHY
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Oakland County commissioners have approved a new position that will enable County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to fulfill a campaign pledge.

But not without first trying to hold Patterson's feet to the fire on another promise.

At its regular twice-monthly meeting Thursday, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved creation of a liaison officer within the executive's office to focus attention on south Oakland communities including Southfield, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Patterson requested the position as part of his plan — frequently mentioned in last fall's campaign — to combat urban blight in the southern communities, particularly along Eight Mile Road.

That position will be filled by a Patterson appointee with a salary starting at \$44,169 and going to \$52,373 in five years in addition to fringe benefits. Early indications are the executive will likely name Jean Chamberlain of Royal Oak to fill that post.

"This is an important move," said commissioner Donald W. Jensen, R-Birmingham, who voted to create the position. "I

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didn't want to delay it any more." Other commissioners, however, were concerned Patterson live up to another pledge, namely to fund the new position from his budget, preferably by cutting other other positions.

"I'm very concerned about where funding for the new position is going to come from," said commissioner Kevin Millner, R-Waterford, whose 6th District in-

cludes part of West Bloomfield. Millner and others balked when, at the Republican caucus preceding Thursday's meeting, officials said money for the new position would not come directly from the executive's budget as previously understood. Instead, it would come from another fund.

Some commissioners, including John Garfield, R-Rochester Hills, said they recognize the need for the liaison position. But they also recognize the need to control costs.

Commissioner Sue Douglas, R-Rochester, said she is concerned about information provided to commissioners in committee. She didn't like being informed funding for the new position was coming from the executive's budget only to later learn that was not the case.

"If I'm going to sit through committee meetings, I want the information given to me to be as accurate as possible," said Douglas.

Commissioner Thomas A. Law, R-West Bloomfield, agreed. He relations between commissioners and the executive. "I want things to be done right."

The new position was approved after board Chairman Lawrence Crake urged commissioners to expedite creation of the position and resolve any funding issue later.

Any misinformation was a communication glitch, Crake said. The board will insist Patterson live up to his promise and cut his budget in order to create the liaison position.

Although he had reservations, commissioner Lawrence R. Pernick, D-Southfield, voted for the new position. "I think the new liaison person should be part of the economic development department, rather than part of the executive's staff. I think that person would be more effective."

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Officers disciplined

Criminal action still possible

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Disciplinary action against nine members of the sheriff's department does not rule out criminal sanctions against those same employees, according to the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

"Disciplinary action within the department is the sheriff's business," said Gerald Poisson, the chief assistant in the prosecutor's office. "Criminal sanctions are a different thing altogether."

Poisson made his comments in response to reporters' questions Thursday morning at the Republican caucus preceding the regular meeting of the county Board of Commissioners.

The previous day, Sheriff John F. Nichols announced he was giving some officers a written reprimand, while others would receive suspensions of one, two or three days.

All the employees — three sergeants, eight deputies and a civilian employee — were assigned to the troubled work-release program in which deputies and supervisors are alleged to have ac-

cepted gifts from inmates in exchange for favors.

Previously, Nichols said no members of his department would be disciplined until any criminal investigation into alleged misconduct in their respective area was completed.

This, when the reprimands and suspensions were announced, some observers — including commissioners and media representatives — speculated it meant the investigation into the work-release program had been concluded.

No so, said Poisson. The investigations into the work-release program as well as the department's substation in Rochester Hills are continuing, Poisson said. He reiterated last week's statement that criminal sanctions, as well as departmental disciplinary action, are possible.

In Wednesday's press releases, Nichols said disciplinary action included:

- Two sergeants suspended after inmates "shrink-wrapped" two boats, meaning the boats were covered with protective plastic.
- One deputy suspended for hiring an inmate to do masonry work, at a reduced rate, on his home.
- A sergeant suspended for hiring a trusty to clean, wash and polish recreational vehicle.
- One deputy suspended for accepting a case of juice, valued at \$8, from an inmate.
- One deputy reprimanded for accepting a hand-crafted decorative plate from an inmate as a going-away gift.
- One deputy reprimanded for failing to properly report the late arrival of an inmate.

County commissioners Thursday said they are concerned about an apparent communication breakdown between Nichols and Prosecutor Richard Thompson.

"But I'm confident they will work things out and get at the problem," said commissioner Donald Jensen, R-Birmingham.

Board Chairman Lawrence Crake, however, said the apparent poor communication "doesn't look good to the public. It looks like a mess."

Free law classes begin

The Oakland County Bar Association is offering a series of free seminars on the next three Tuesdays in March under the heading of People's Law School.

Registration is required (338-2100 or 898-3937). All seminars will occur from 7-9 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library's green room, 1099 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

■ In the consumer protection

seminar, Detroit consumer affairs director Esther Shapiro will discuss consumer protection laws March 9.

■ Attorney Frederick Buesser III will discuss divorce procedures March 16.

■ Aspects of the court system, including traffic violations, landlord/tenant disputes, small claims and alternate dispute resolution, will be discussed March 23.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Office of the Oakland County Drain Commissioner will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. in the Bloomfield Hills City Hall, located at 45 East Long Lake Road, to present information on the Bloomfield Hills CSO Area Project Plan, including estimated user costs, and receive comments and views of interested persons. The Project Plan contains alternate solutions to control the pollution in the Rouge River caused by Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) from the Bloomfield Hills CSO Area.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ON THE PROJECT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF PROPOSED ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That copies of the Draft Project Plan will be available for public inspection on or after March 10, 1993 at the following locations:

Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office
No. 1 Public Works Drive
Waterford, Michigan 48328-1907

City of Bloomfield Hills
45 East Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That the alternatives proposed and contained in the Draft Project Plan are:

Alternative 1
Sewer Separation - Construction of sanitary and storm sewers in City streets to separate combined sewers to comply with the requirements of the Bloomfield Hills CSO Area, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. MI 0025461. Probable future requirements of the NPDES Permit will be discussed.

Alternative 2
Collection, storage and treatment of overflow - Construction of one (1) Retention Treatment Basin (RTB) and required collection sewers.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: That written communications will be accepted up to and including seven (7) days after the date of the Public Hearing. All written communication should be addressed to:

OAKLAND COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
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