Eighth woman wins board seat

West Bloomfield nearly sat out Monday's election for Oakland County commissioner while others in the 11th District supported Republican Nancy Dingeldey over Democrat Mark Clancey by a margin of nearly 2 to 1.

Dingeldey was sworn into office about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday after the certified vote tally indicated she had beaten her Democratic oppo-nent 1,618 to 855.

The county's newest commissioner — who brought the total number of women on the 25-member county board to eight — will serve on the personnel and general government meetings. Her first official meeting as a commission-

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er is next Thursday.

"I think it was the Republican tradition of the district," Dingaldey said when asked how she managed the one-sided victory. We both worked hard," but the district has been a GOP strong-hold for some time.

The 11th District includes three precincts — the 2nd, 4th and 8th — in West Bloomfield and all of Wirom and Commerce Township. Of 29,844 registered voters in the district, 2473, or about 8 percent, turned out.

In West Bloomfield, the turnout was even lower. Only 263, 4530 registered voters went to the polls, for a turnout of about 6 per

cent. The township's vote total in the general election was 203, compared with 246 in the primary. One apparent reason for West Bloomfield's apathy was the lack of a local candidate and the absence of any controversial issues to atimulate voter interest. Both Dingeldey and Clancey are from Wixom where they are colleagues on the city council. Furthermore, each admitted spending more time in those parts of the district expected to have bigger turnouts. "We both spent a lot of time in West Bloomfield in the primary," Dingeldey said, "And I think that carried over." While Dinceldey was busy tak-

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While Dingeldey was busy taking the eath of office and tending to the paper work associated with

n new job, Clancey was back at work in Southfield where he owns the Precision Tune Auto Shop.

Clancey was working on a car Tuesday afternoon, according to a co-worker who answered the phone. "He's under a car and can't come to the phone right now. But he may get back to you later."

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Dingeldey said the campaign leading up to Monday's election was clean and issue oriented—
just as the two candidates had promised.

"Wo're still friends," said an exuberant Dingeldey, who re-signed from her council seat Mon-day night. "I'm really looking for-ward to representing all the peo-ple in the district."

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