

# \$28.2 million road budget approved

The Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners has approved a \$28.2 million budget that embraces construction, maintenance, administrative costs and all other aspects of the road unit's activity.

Previously, the road commission had operated solely with a construction budget and periodic cash-flow projections.

The new budget provides for:

- Nearly \$7 million more in receipts and expenditures than in 1973;
  - Repayment of a 1972 loan of \$700,000 to the county;
  - Record \$18.7 million for 1974 new construction — an increase of 37.5 percent over the 1973 figure of \$13.6 million;
  - Allowance of a net \$270,000 to complete projects started in 1973.
- The budget rests on pre-energy crisis estimates of current 1974 revenues of \$24.7 million, plus a 1973 revenue carry-over of \$1.5 million and the pending sale of the first \$2 million of \$4 million in notes authorized by the Board of County Commissioners, according to William M. Richards, chairman of the road commissioners.

RICHARDS SAID downward adjustments may have to be made in the budget to reflect revenue losses from lowered gasoline tax collections, which provide the bulk of road commission funding. But he said the budget will not be altered substantially because of the energy crisis.

"We now have a proposal before the governor to minimize the energy crisis effect on roads by allocating a portion of sales tax collections on gasoline to roads," he said. "The proposal would cut the Oakland County Road Commission's anticipated loss by about half."

HE NOTED the budget authorizes 19 additional employees for the traffic, engineering, maintenance, permits and engineering functions. He said deferred hiring of some or all of the new employees could give the commission additional flexibility in meeting possible revenue shortages.

He said the fall in gasoline tax revenue also could be offset by sale of the second \$2 million in notes already authorized and being held in reserve.

Nearly half the commission's \$16.4 million operating budget is allocated to maintenance — \$7 million. Other major operating items are \$2.5 million for engineering and \$2.2 million for combined debt service, utilities and insurance costs.

Additionally, \$147,000 is provided for seasonal employees. Total budget for salaries and wages is \$7.7 million.

MAXIMUM EMPLOYMENT is 548 full-time positions — 19 more than at year-end, Richards said.

\$707,000, he said. Of this, \$645,700 is for road equipment, \$43,200 for shop equipment and \$18,700 for office equipment.

The budget also includes \$136,500 for cost-of-living adjustments.

"The board of road commissioners recognizes that even this record 1974

budget falls short of meeting the legitimate road needs of the county," Richards said. "It does, however, provide for substantial improvements in our road construction, maintenance and other services by tightening fiscal controls and forcing rational forward planning in the allocation of our always inadequate resources."

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# Vaccine totals show increase

By ELMER WHITE

What an increase! Ninety-one percent for measles vaccine, 68 percent for rubella vaccine and 56 percent for polio vaccine.

That's the report from the Michigan Department of Public Health after an all-out campaign to acquaint citizens with the benefits of vaccine.

John A. Orris, chief of the department's immunization program, released the final figures for the October 1973 antigen (vaccine) doses, comparing them with doses for October 1972.

THE FIGURES show 27,335 doses of measles vaccine dispensed last October, compared with 14,340 doses for October 1972; 28,333 rubella vaccine doses compared with 15,688 for the previous October; and 59,101 polio vaccine doses compared with 37,962 doses for October 1972.

Orris said in each of the months compared, private doctors used about 40 percent of the total, while health departments dispensed the remainder.

THANKS GO to many folks for helping increase the totals.

Among others was a group of medical students from Wayne State University who helped man vaccination points in the inner city areas of Detroit. The Michigan State Medical Society as well as media representatives throughout the state, also helped wage the continuing war against measles, German measles and polio.

Orris said a small ongoing committee will continue to review progress and problems in the field of vaccinations.

DEPARTMENT director Dr. Maurice Reizen stressed immunization against these three diseases in a recent speech before local health officers.

Reizen said immunization was among a number of "sensitive issues related to organization, funding and performance which must be addressed in individual programs right now."

OPEN MEETING legislation awaiting action in the legislature would, in most cases, assure Michigan citizens of being able to hear who says what and votes how on a myriad of issues now in a sort of gray area.

With few exceptions — discussions of collective bargaining, lawsuits, employee personnel matters, etc. — public bodies would be required to hold open meetings.

An offshoot of that legislation, assuming another exception isn't written into the bill before it becomes law, would directly affect the legislature itself.

LEGISLATIVE committees now occasionally "round robin" bills out for action by the entire house or senate. That means simply that no formal meeting is called. Instead, a piece of paper is sent around to committee members, who sign the paper if they want to vote the bill out of committee.

According to a senate backer of the open meeting bill, Patrick McCollough, that practice would become a thing of the past if the bill became law.

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