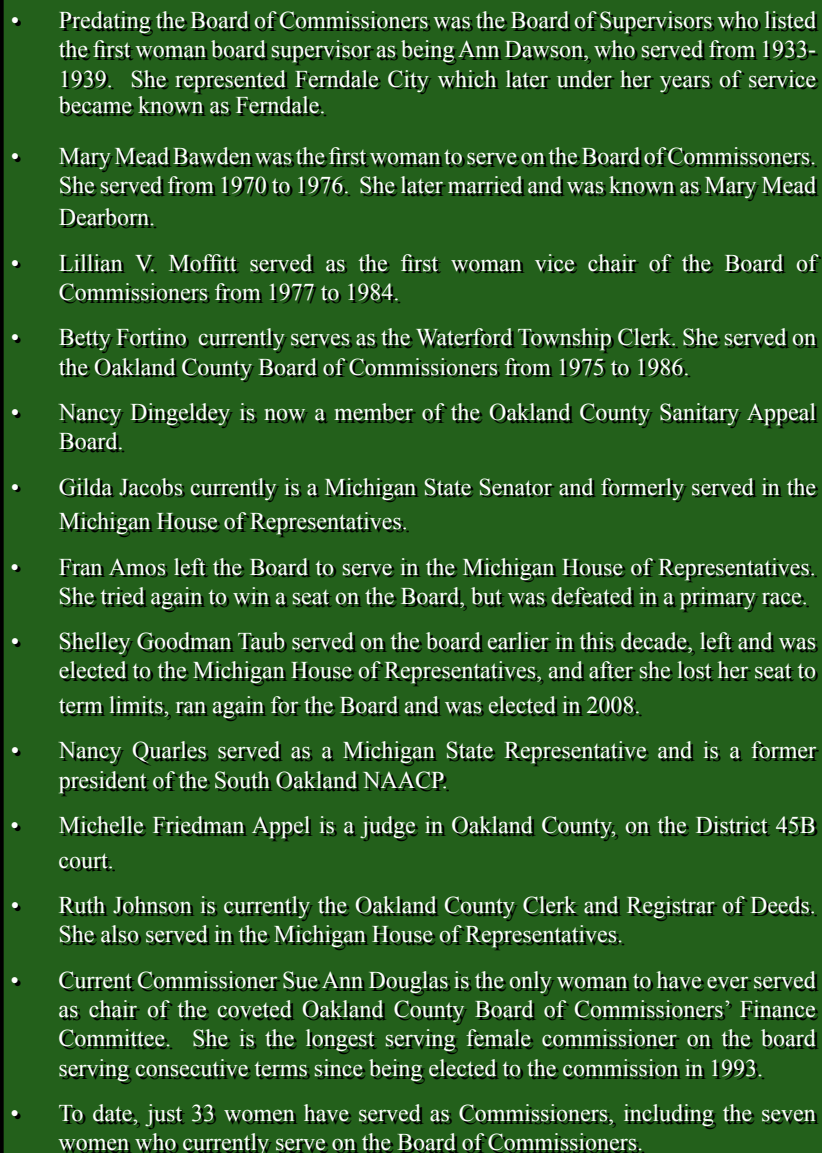


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- Predating the Board of Commissioners was the Board of Supervisors who listed the first woman board supervisor as being Ann Dawson, who served from 1933-1939. She represented Ferndale City which later under her years of service became known as Ferndale.
 - Mary Mead Bawden was the first woman to serve on the Board of Commissioners. She served from 1970 to 1976. She later married and was known as Mary Mead Dearborn.
 - Lillian V. Moffitt served as the first woman vice chair of the Board of Commissioners from 1977 to 1984.
 - Betty Fortino currently serves as the Waterford Township Clerk. She served on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners from 1975 to 1986.
 - Nancy Dingeldey is now a member of the Oakland County Sanitary Appeal Board.
 - Gilda Jacobs currently is a Michigan State Senator and formerly served in the Michigan House of Representatives.
 - Fran Amos left the Board to serve in the Michigan House of Representatives. She tried again to win a seat on the Board, but was defeated in a primary race.
 - Shelley Goodman Taub served on the board earlier in this decade, left and was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives, and after she lost her seat to term limits, ran again for the Board and was elected in 2008.
 - Nancy Quarles served as a Michigan State Representative and is a former president of the South Oakland NAACP.
 - Michelle Friedman Appel is a judge in Oakland County, on the District 45B court.
 - Ruth Johnson is currently the Oakland County Clerk and Registrar of Deeds. She also served in the Michigan House of Representatives.
 - Current Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas is the only woman to have ever served as chair of the coveted Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Finance Committee. She is the longest serving female commissioner on the board serving consecutive terms since being elected to the commission in 1993.
 - To date, just 33 women have served as Commissioners, including the seven women who currently serve on the Board of Commissioners.