

WISCONSIN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interview with Emil M. Stanislawski
Former City Supervisor and Staff Aide to O'Donnell
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Pressures and daily life of being a supervisor. Social service issues, meetings, weekend events. Time commitment was a big part of the reason he left the position. Did a lot of reading and attributes his power and

knowledge on the board to that. A lot of paperwork activity in his job and had no aides to help. Changes in the

nature of the county board (fewer attorneys now, people used to work part time also). More interest in county government today.

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Binnet interacts with budget and financial related. Pension liability issue. Local battle on public transportation

didn't think he was ready to be the chair (29 years old). Thinks he could have been elected if he stayed in 1980 but realized that he didn't really want it; too much "babysitting" of board members and petty complaints. Chair is powerful because he develops relationships with the members through their complaints or, perhaps, to them

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when he needs things done. Ament not generally overt about calling in favors; more a personal relationship way

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and yesterday afternoon. Court records office is the most sensitive place to work because its employees

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because it is at the center of activity. Job was difficult because the board was very hostile towards Sabulitz

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over the composition of the transit board; debate over who (county exec or county board chair) would appoint his replacement when Stanislavski left the transit board to become finance chair. CID would test the board's

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