

By TOM LONERGAN

Where campaign money is coming from has become an issue in this fall's Oakland County executive race.

During the first face-to-face debate last week between Republican incumbent Daniel T. Murphy and Democratic challenger F. Thomas Lewand — before the Troy Chamber of Commerce — the first question to Lewand asked him to name his largest campaign contributor.

"I'm glad to see you're taking questions from the county executive's table," Lewand said before telling the Troy Chamber of Commerce his largest donor (\$20,000) has been from the United Auto Workers Oakland County Political Action Committee.

THE UAW and the chamber, a long-time business group, are hardly political bedfellows.

But Lewand was quick to add that two-thirds of the \$52,000 he has raised since March "comes from my business clients, the business community." Lewand is a partner in a corporate law firm.

Murphy didn't identify his largest sole contributor, but a check of the latest campaign finance reports shows the two-term chief county administrator has some influential supporters.

A fundraising party held last month for Murphy, hosted by Mrs. Dolle Cole, of Bloomfield Hills, netted the county executive's campaign \$8,000.

Among the \$100 contributors were General Motors President E.M. Estes and board Chairman Thomas A. Murphy. Max M. Fisher, well-known financier and philanthropist, also chipped in \$100.

Mrs. Cole's "in-kind" contribution

was valued at \$600.

Since June of 1977, the Murphy campaign has raised \$112,300, according to campaign finance reports, required by state law and on file at the Oakland County Clerk's Election Division. Murphy's committee has spent \$72,000 during that period.

Murphy said last week his 1980 re-election campaign started with a \$40,000 treasury.

The latest report filed earlier this month shows the Murphy committee with just over \$45,000. It lists no debts.

The Lewand committee reported earlier this month it had \$10,000 "on-hand."

MURPHY LISTS \$1,900 in campaign donations from the following: The North Oakland County Builders Association, \$500; the Realtors Political Action Committee (PAC), \$500; the General Motors Civic Involvement Program, \$300; Good Trace (Grand Trunk Railroad) PAC, \$250; HUDPAC (J.L. Hudson) and Mitchell PAC (Michigan Bell Telephone Co.), \$150 each, and Manufacturers Bank PAC, \$50.

The county executive's department heads have been large contributors to their boss's re-election.

Since last August, nine department heads have given a total \$2,560 to the Murphy committee.

They include: James B. Dunkel Jr., personnel director, \$440; Glen M. Dick, central services director, and Patrick M. Nowak, deputy county executive, \$410 each; Robert E. Chisholm, public services director, and Milton W. Handorf, public works director, \$310 each; Leroy A. Volberding, human services director, \$300; William M. Spinelli, deputy county executive, \$230; Shan G. Topiwala, computer services director,

\$200, and James M. Brennan, management budget director, \$150.

The Murphy committee has received \$225 from unions — \$150 from the Amalgamated Meat Cutters of Madison Heights and \$75 from Teamsters Local 327 Political Education Committee.

The bulk of Murphy's fundraising has been through cocktail parties, annual dinner/dances called "celebrity nights" and golf outings.

A March dinner-dance at Roma's of Bloomfield netted the Murphy campaign \$22,500, according to campaign finance reports. A June golf outing raised about \$2,000. A golf outing last August cleared about \$3,800.

The bulk of the individual contributions listed by the Murphy committee range from \$30 to \$200.

BESIDES THE UAW, Lewand's major contributor has been the Oakland County Democratic Party. According to campaign finance reports filed by Lewand's election committee earlier this month, the county Democratic Party has contributed nearly \$6,320.

That includes \$385 "in-kind" for office supplies and staff for Lewand's headquarters.

Lewand has also received a total \$730 from other Democratic party sources. Contributors include: State Sen. Kerry Kammer, D-Clarkston, \$250; state Rep. Gary Vanek, D-Royal Oak, \$130; the Blanchard for Congress Committee, \$250; and the 18th District Congressional Committee, \$100.

The Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) sent the Lewand

committee \$200. A \$500 contribution is listed from the Michigan United Transportation Union PAC, of Lansing.

Corporate PAC contributors to the Lewand campaign include the Michigan Auto Dealers of Lansing, \$500 and Michigan Bell, \$150.

Many of Lewand's individual contributors of \$100 or more are lawyers. About a dozen lawyers have given \$200 or more.

Longtime Democratic Party fundraiser Stuart E. Hertzberg, of Bloomfield Hills, a candidate for the University of Michigan Board of Regents, gave Lewand \$500 as did the candidate's law partner, Ira J. Jaffe, of Farmington Hills.

THE BULK of Lewand's individual contributions range from \$25 to \$250.

A July barbecue party fundraiser in Birmingham netted Lewand \$5,800, according to the latest campaign records.

Two earlier fundraisers left the committee 4,290 richer.

Lewand has listed a debt of \$9,116, the majority a \$7,600 loan he made to himself earlier this year.

Regardless of how much either candidate raises, it appears they'll spend it.

Both campaigns have a full-time paid manager, some paid staff and offices.

Lewand's office at 949 N. Main in Royal Oak has been open nearly six months.

Murphy recently opened two offices — at 21 S. Telegraph in Pontiac and 411 S. Lafayette in Royal Oak.

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