

Sameness dominated exec race debate

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rent Drain Commissioner George Kuhn, a fellow Republican.
Last week Lewand said the now-separate road, drain and parks commissions should come under the executive.
"Tonight's the first time I heard him say he didn't want to put the DPW under the drain commissioner," said Murphy. "Now he wants it under the county executive. Very good."

MURPHY REPEATED criticisms that Lewand missed many roll call votes on two county board committees. The executive emphasized his experience in county government and his administration's reduction of the county tax rate by 30 cents since 1978. County taxes represent 8 percent of total property taxes.
Murphy is seeking his second four-year term as county executive. Since 1956, he has also been county clerk and chairman of the county board of auditors. The auditors' jobs were abolished with creation of the executive post.
Lewand, an attorney, emphasized

three times in his closing remarks that he was a "corporate lawyer." He said county taxes have risen faster than the inflation rate during Murphy's administration.

"It's easy to run a balanced budget when your income has gone up 70 percent," Lewand said. Half of Murphy's latest 20-cent tax reduction was due to the Headlee amendment, which mandates tax rate rollbacks, Lewand said.

The Royal Oak Democrat said he would lobby for more federal funds for county-sponsored projects. In obtaining discretionary federal funds, Oakland County trails Detroit by a wide margin, even though the populations of both areas is nearly the same, Lewand said.

Lewand said Detroit is getting \$153 per person in discretionary federal funds while Oakland County receives \$27 per person.

Murphy replied: "If you're broke, you have to go to Washington and Lansing. That shouldn't make you a leader because you have to go to Washington to pull your chestnuts out of the fire."

EVEN DETROIT Mayor Coleman Young became a topic in the debate. In response to a question about the relationship between Detroit and Oakland County, Murphy said he and Young were on "very good" terms.

"I'll call him and we'll have a meeting, or he'll call me and we'll have a meeting," Murphy said. "I don't think all the problems (in Detroit) were created by Young." Some were created "years ago by bad management," and were inherited by Young, Murphy added.

Without mentioning Young, Lewand said there was a "definite problem" be-

tween Detroit and Oakland County. "Our Oakland County residents often feel cheated," he said.

On toxic waste control, another issue Lewand has continued to raise in the campaign, the Democrat said Murphy was ignoring the problem.

"The DNR (state Department of Natural Resources) is on top of them," Murphy said regarding known and suspected toxic waste dumps in the county. Murphy insisted that the two toxic waste landfills discovered in Rose and Springfield townships last year have been cleaned up.

Noting that 70 percent of county res-

idents get their drinking water from the Detroit water system, Murphy said polluted ground water was not a health problem.

"There is nowhere (in the county) where health is at stake," he said.

ON OTHER ISSUES, the two candidates:

- Agreed that the Tish tax cut amendment would not help business expansion.

- Supported community-based group homes for the mentally ill and retarded.

- Opposed the county leaving the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA).

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