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## Budget Message – Commissioner Laureen A. Cummings

Fiscal responsibility is vitally important to me. Cutting costs, eliminating wasteful spending, doing more with less, and getting the best value for every taxpayer dollar are the elements that I have advocated for both our current operating environment and inclusion in the County's 2017 budget.

This is the only way that we can be accountable to the County's hard working residents.

I have logged many hours in the preparation of the County's 2017 fiscal plan. I've attended almost all of the budget hearings with staff and participated in deliberations with my colleagues and our Revenue & Finance Department. This document is the outcome of the hard work that went into the 2017 budget process.

I want to thank everyone for all of their efforts and commitment.

I will continue my due diligence over the next several weeks by reviewing the document and seeing if other adjustments can be made to tighten areas further to save additional revenue.

I am committed to supporting the various contractual agreements that were previously approved. However in the future, I will have the opportunity to participate in the process, enabling me to better achieve the goals that I was elected to perform.

I encourage everyone to review the document, participate in our hearings and make suggestions that may be of assistance to us. We have the opportunity to do so until November 16 when it will be voted on for approval and implementation.

This is your budget, funded by your tax dollars. We are your stewards in managing it.

Please take the time to look, digest and offer any constructive advice.

We appreciate your support.

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*This Budget Message is respectfully submitted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016 pursuant to Section 1.12-1203 of the Lackawanna County Home Rule Charter.*

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