

ORDINANCE #188

**First Reading – December 11, 2007
Second Reading – December 21, 2007**

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED \$8,500,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OUTSTANDING AT ANY GIVEN TIME; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, DENOMINATION, INTEREST RATE, MATURITY DATE AND PLACE OF PAYMENT PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES; ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF A LOCAL LENDING INSTITUTION FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NOTES; PROVIDING THE SECURITY FOR THE NOTES; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PREPARATION, CERTIFICATION AND FILING OF THE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHING A SINKING FUND IN RESPECT OF THE NOTES; PROVIDING FOR A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY AND PAYING AGENT; SETTING FORTH A FORM OF NOTE; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the County of Lackawanna (the "County") anticipates receiving, in fiscal year 2008, tax revenues, such revenues being as yet unreceived.

WHEREAS, the County has estimated such expected tax revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2008 and, on a monthly basis, will experience a cash flow deficit during some portions of such year.

WHEREAS, the County has therefore determined to borrow for the purpose of meeting current expenses by issuing notes to be repaid from said anticipated tax revenues (the "Notes"), all in accordance with the Local Government Unit Debt Act (the "Debt Act") being Act No. 185 of the 1972 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 12, 1972, as amended and re-enacted by Act No. 52 of the 1978 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the County has received an acceptable proposal for the purchase of the Notes, as hereinafter described.

WHEREAS, as required by Section 8126 of the Debt Act, the authorized officers of the County have heretofore made an estimate of the tax revenues during the period when the Notes will be outstanding and, by their execution of a certificate with respect thereto dated within 30 days of, but not later than the date of, this Ordinance (the "Certificate as to Taxes and Revenues") have certified said estimate.

WHEREAS, Section 8121 of the Debt Act provides, with regard to tax and revenue anticipation notes, that "the power to borrow from time to time shall include the power to make a single authorization and then issue and sell portions of such amount of authorized notes whenever desired during the fiscal year."

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County to authorize the issuance and sale of its tax anticipation notes in amounts not to exceed \$8,500,000 in aggregate principal amount outstanding at any given time, such Notes to be completely repaid on or before December 31, 2008.

WHEREAS, such borrowing in anticipation of tax revenues shall be pursuant to and evidenced by the Notes, the form which is as substantially specified herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, that:

SECTION 1. For the reasons and purposes recited above, the County hereby authorizes the issuance of the Notes in amounts not to exceed \$8,500,000 in aggregate principal amount outstanding at any given time in anticipation of the receipt of tax revenues, said Notes to be sold and delivered as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. At least two of the members of the Board of Commissioners, Chief of Staff, Controller and/or Treasurer of the County, or any duly appointed successor, as the case may be, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and verify a certified copy of this Ordinance and a true copy of the accepted proposal for the purchase of the Notes, all as required by Section 8128 of the Debt Act and to file all of the above, together with an executed copy of the Certificate as to Taxes and Revenues, the contents of which are hereby approved, with the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 3. The Notes shall be designated "Tax Notes, Series A of 2008" and the Notes shall be issued in denominations to be agreed upon by the County and the Purchaser (as herein defined), shall be subject to prepayment prior to maturity, shall be payable to the registered owner thereof, shall be dated the date of delivery thereof, shall bear interest on the unpaid principal balance hereof from the date hereof at a rate not to exceed 3.37% fixed, per annum. Said principal and interest shall be payable on December 31, 2008 at the place in the manner and be otherwise in substantially the same form recited in Section 10 hereof.