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County to be Recognized Nationally

SCRANTON, PA --- Americans for the Arts and the National Association of Counties have recently informed the Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners that they have been selected to receive the **2006 County Leadership in the Arts Award**. This award honors an elected county board whose leadership and role in the advancement of the arts and arts education within their community has provided heightened visibility to the value of the arts. The Lackawanna County Board of Commissioners was nominated for this award by Philip Horn, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

“This signal effort by the Lackawanna County Commissioners may be the tipping point for Pennsylvania, demonstrating the means by which local government support may be provided to support the arts. It’s not hard to appreciate the giant step taken by Majority Commissioner Munchak and Cordaro,” said Phillip Horn Executive Director, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

“The Lackawanna County Commissioners has set into motion groundbreaking initiatives that are setting a precedent for counties all over Pennsylvania as well as the nation. They understand the impact that the arts have on the citizens of their county and the value of encouraging local artists and arts organizations. This is significant infusion of new funding, to not only promote and foster arts and culture, but also to conserve and preserve the historic regional assets that present arts in the County of Lackawanna,” said Robert N. Lettieri, Chairman, and Citizens for the Arts Pennsylvania.

The Commissioners will officially receive the award at the 71st annual NACO conference in Chicago, Illinois.