



# County of Lackawanna

Lackawanna County  
Administration Building  
200 Adams Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania  
18503

## Certified Copy

Ordinance: 13-0280

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### Ordinance #230

#### Second Reading

Authorizing the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes

First Reading: December 10, 2013

Second Reading: December 18, 2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE #230

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED \$9,500,000.00 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPLE 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 2014, tax revenues, such revenues being as yet unreceived; and

WHEREAS, the County has estimated such expected tax revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year 2014 and, on a monthly basis, will experience a cash flow deficit during some portions of such year; and

WHEREAS, the County has therefore determined to borrow for the purpose of meeting current expenses by issuing a note to be repaid from said anticipated tax revenues (the "Note"), 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has received an acceptable proposal for the purchase of the Note, as hereinafter described; and

**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 Note will be outstanding and, by their execution of a certificate with respect thereto dated within 30 days of, but no later than the date of, this Ordinance ( the "Certificate as to Taxes and Revenues") have certified said estimate, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

**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"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the County to authorize the issuances and sale of its Tax Anticipation Note in amounts not to exceed \$9,500,000.00 in aggregate principle amount outstanding at any given time, such Notes to be completely repaid on or before December 31, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, such borrowing in anticipation of tax revenues shall be pursuant to and evidenced by the Note, 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 \$9,500,000.00 in aggregate principle amount outstanding at any given time in anticipation of the receipt of tax revenues, said Note 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 Note, 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 Note shall be designated "Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, Series A of 2013" and the Note shall be issued in denominations to be agreed upon by the County and the Purchaser (as herein defined), shall be subject to repayment 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 principle balance hereof from the date hereof at a rate not to exceed 1.54% fixed, per annum subject to the Indemnity and Alternate Rate Agreement. Said principle and interest shall be payable on December 31, 2014 at the place in the manner and be otherwise in substantially the same form recited in Section 10 hereof.

SECTION 4. The Note shall be executed by at least two members of the Board of Commissioners, the Treasurer and the Controller of the County and shall have to corporate seal of the County affixed thereof, duly attested by the Chief of Staff. Those officers are further authorized and directed to deliver the Note to the Purchaser upon the terms and conditions hereinafter provided for such delivery and to execute and deliver such other documents and to take action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the issuance and sale of Notes, all in accordance with the Debt Act.

SECTION 5. The Note shall be secured by a pledge of, first security interest in, and a lien and charge on, the tax revenues received by the County during the period when the Note is outstanding; and the Chief of Staff is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file such financing statements as may be necessary under the Pennsylvania Uniform Commercial Code and Section 8125 of the Debt Act to fully perfect said pledge, security interest, lien and charge.

SECTION 6. There is hereby established a Sinking Fund to be known as "Sinking Fund, County of Lackawanna Tax Note, Series A of 2014" into which the County covenants to deposit and into which the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit, on or before December 31, 2014, from taxes and revenues received by the County, amounts sufficient to pay the interest due on that date and the principle on the Notes as provided in Section 3 hereof. All sums in the Sinking Fund shall be applied exclusively to the payment of said principle and interest. Said Sinking Fund shall be kept in a separate account at the principle office of the Sinking Fund Depository provided for in Section 7 hereof, until such time as the County and the Treasurer thereof shall provide for a similar separate account in another bank or trust company or bank and trust company located and lawfully conducting a bank or trust business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The said Sinking Fund Depository, without further authorization than is herein contained, shall pay from all moneys in the Sinking Fund the interest on the Principle of the Notes, when the same shall become due.

SECTION 7. The County shall establish with Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company an Escrow Account as set forth in paragraph four (4) of the Proposal of Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company attached hereto and marked Exhibit "B".

SECTION 8. The Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to contract with a commercial bank for its services and Sinking Fund Depository (the "Sinking Fund depository") and paying agent (the "Paying Agent") said bank being hereby appointed to such positions in respect to the Notes.

SECTION 9. The Note shall be sold at private, negotiated sale upon receipt of an acceptable proposal for the purchase thereof, which proposal shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Debt Act. The County Commissioners hereby find that such private, negotiated sale is in the best financial interest of the County.

SECTION 10. The Proposal of **Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company**, (the "Purchaser"), presented to the Board of Commissioners at a public meeting on the date of the first reading of this Ordinance, such proposal being in conformity with the requirements of Section 8 of this Ordinance for the purchase at private sale by negotiation of the Notes, is hereby accepted and the Notes are hereby awarded to the Purchaser. The Chief of Staff is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Purchaser of such action and to file the original of said proposal with the records of the County. The officers of the County are hereby authorized to deliver the Notes to the Purchaser upon receipt of the principle amount thereof and upon compliance with all conditions precedent to such delivery required by the Debt Act, this Ordinance, the County Home Rule Charter and said proposal, and the officers of the County are hereby authorized and directed to prepare, verify and deliver to the Purchaser, concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the certificate required by Section 8127 of the Debt Act, a copy of which certificate shall be retained in the records of the County during the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2014, shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 11. The forms of the Note shall be substantially, as contained in Exhibit C, attached hereto and made a part of hereof ( with necessary language changes, as approved by counsel), The terms and conditions set forth in such form being hereby incorporated by reference and enacted as if fully recited at length herein and said form is hereby approved.

SECTION 12. The County does hereby designate the Note as a "Qualified Tax-exempt Obligation" as the same is defined in §265 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SECTION 13. All prior Ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 14. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after publication, as required by law.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lackawanna

County held on December 18, 2013.

COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA

  
COREY D. O'BRIEN

  
JIM WANSACZ

  
PATRICK M. O'MALLEY

ATTEST:

  
MARIA ELKINS  
CHIEF OF STAFF

Approved as to form and legality:

  
DONALD J. FREDERICKSON, ESQUIRE  
COUNTY SOLICITOR

**Exhibit "A"**

**PROPOSAL**



## PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE TAX & REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTE

**Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company**, (the “Bank”) hereby offers, on the terms and conditions herein set forth, to purchase, at the principal amount thereof, (a) tax and revenue anticipation note Series 2014, (the “Note”) as follows:

1. The Note shall be issued by the following local government unit, (the “Issuer”):

**County of Lackawanna**, a municipality located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and shall be in substantially the form of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note, and shall have the following terms:

Principal Sum: Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$9,500,000.00) Dollars (“Loan”)

Interest Rate: 1.54% per annum, (the “Tax-Free Rate”) based on a year of 365 days, and paid for the actual days elapsed, provided that the interest is free of Federal and Pennsylvania income tax in the hands of the holder (the “Tax Assumption”) and the interest paid on funds used to purchase the Note are (the “Cost to Carry”) deductible to the extent of not less than 80% thereof (the “Cost to Carry Assumption”) as provided in Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”); if the Tax Assumption or the Cost to Carry Assumption is not correct the rate shall be 2.05 percent. (“Alternate Rate”).

Due Date: Not later than December 31, 2014

Closing: Closing shall occur in 2014 and within sixty (60) days of the date of this proposal

Payable to the Bank or its order at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

2. The Note shall be in form and content satisfactory to the Bank, and shall be issued and sold by the Issuer pursuant to the Pennsylvania Local Government Unit Debt Act 177 of 1996, P.L. 1155 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as amended, (the “Act”) and shall be dated the date of the loan evidenced thereby.

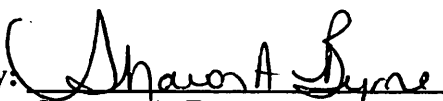
3. The Bank shall purchase the Note at such time as the Issuer shall request, subject, however, to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent at or before the issuance of the Note and the making of the loan evidenced thereby, to wit:
  - (a) The Issuer shall have duly adopted an ordinance in form and content satisfactory to the Bank authorizing the issuance of the Note to the Bank, and the Bank shall receive a copy of the Ordinance duly certified by a duly authorized officer of the Issuer;
  - (b) The Bank shall receive an executed counterpart of a Certificate of Authorized Officers confirming that the principal amount of the Note does not exceed the maximum principal amount permitted by the Act, dated not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the closing and otherwise complying with the Act.
  - (c) The Bank shall have received the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Issuer's Solicitor as to (i) the due adoption, legal sufficiency and continuing effectiveness of the Ordinance, (ii) the due authorizations, execution, issuance and delivery, validity, binding effect and enforceability of the Note, and (iii) the absence of pending or threatening litigation with respect to or affecting acceptance of this Proposal, adoption of the resolution and issuance of the Note, and such other matters as the Bank shall reasonably request;
  - (d) The Bank shall have received the unqualified approving legal opinion (i) that the interest in the hands of the holder is free of Pennsylvania and U.S. income tax, (ii) that the Cost to Carry is deductible by the Bank to the extent of 80% thereof; and (iii) that the Note is a "qualified tax exempt bond" under Section 265 of the Code;
  - (e) The proceedings for the issue and sale of the Note shall have been duly filed with the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in compliance with the Act, and the Bank shall have received satisfactory evidence of such filing;
  - (f) The Bank shall have received a duly executed Certificate as to Estimated Taxes and Revenues to be collected during the period that the Note will be outstanding dated as of the date of the Note;
  - (g) The Note shall be secured by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Issuer and the Bank shall be entitled to file Financing Statements complying with the Pennsylvania Uniform Commercial Code describing the pledge by the Issuer to the Bank of the taxes and revenues to be received by the Issuer;



- (h) The Bank shall have received such information and certification as the Bank may in its discretion require in order to establish that the Note will not be an "arbitrage bond" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the regulations thereunder;
  - (i) The Bank shall receive an Indemnity and Alternate Rate Agreement.
  - (j) The Bank shall have received at the time of payment for and delivery of the Note, or promptly thereafter, a copy of IRS Form 8038-G prepared by the Issuer in compliance with Section 149 (e) of the Code along with evidence of the filing thereof with the Internal Revenue Service Center; and
  - (k) All legal details and proceedings in connection with the transactions contemplated by this proposal and such loan shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the Bank, and the Bank shall have received all such counterparts or certified copies of such documents and proceedings as the Bank may reasonably request.
4. On or before closing, the County of Lackawanna to establish a deposit account with the Bank, and make monthly deposits in a minimum amount of 1/12<sup>th</sup> of the Loan amount, or \$791,667 on or before the last day of each month. The initial deposit for the first three months will not be required until March 31, 2014, and shall be in a minimum amount of \$2,375,000 (the "Escrow Deposit"). The County of Lackawanna shall also have the option of reducing the principal balance under the Loan on a monthly basis from the funds deposited in the Escrow Deposit account, in accordance with the minimum requirements referenced above.
5. There will be no penalty for prepayment.
6. County of Lackawanna to pay Bank legal fees up to \$1,000.
7. This proposal is subject to acceptance by the Issuer not later than sixty (60) days following the date hereof, such acceptance to be evidenced by the execution by the Issuer, as indicated below.

Dated: December 9, 2013

**Peoples Security Bank and Trust  
Company**

By:   
**Sharon A. Byrne**  
**Vice President**

Accepted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2013

Attest:

County of Lackawanna

Maria E. Evers  
Secretary

By: Cory J. Bruin  
County Commissioner

Maria E. Evers  
Secretary

By: [Signature]  
County Commissioner

Maria E. Evers  
Secretary

By: [Signature]  
County Commissioner