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### **Majority Commissioners Seek Accounting of Sorvino Movie**

Lackawanna County majority commissioners Michael J. Washo and Corey D. O'Brien are requesting a report on the status of the Paul Sorvino movie "The Trouble of Cali," which was financed using \$500,000 of county funds.

Washo and O'Brien said they want to review the status of the deal to ensure the residents of Lackawanna County receive a return on their investment.

"This is the people's money. It's our duty to make sure that it has been spent wisely," O'Brien said.

A certified, return receipt letter was mailed to Sorvino from county Director of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer Thomas P. Durkin at the direction of the commissioners. The letter asks for "a full accounting of the use of the monies we invested, a report on the status of the project and an estimate of when we might begin to receive a return on the investment."

The request comes after the county received a K-1 tax return schedule for 2006 that showed no activity on the county's investment in The Trouble with Cali, LLC. A K-1 schedule outlines the partner's share of current year income, deductions, credits and other items. The form shows the county has a 62% share of the movie.

The 2006 tax filing deadline for the partnership investment was October 15, 2007. The county received the tax return from The Trouble with Cali, LLC on or about October 12, 2007. The county does not expect to receive a similar 2007 tax form from The Trouble with Cali, LLC, until next October, closer to the 2007 filing date, Durkin said.