



MINUTES

Cumberland County

Finance Meeting

December 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioners Hearing Room

Courthouse, Carlisle, PA

Phone (717) 240-6150 Website: www.cumberlandcountypa.gov

Present: Commissioners Kelly Neiderer, Jean Foschi, and Gary Eichelberger.

Staff Present: Stacy M. Snyder, Chief Clerk; Angela Smyser, Deputy Chief Clerk; Katja Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant.

Department Staff Present: Shane Henry, IMTO; Samantha Krepps, Communications; Keri Finkenbinder, Brandon Yeager, Ron Snow, Finance; Mark Adams, IMTO; Brent Durham, Facilities; Dana Best, Paul Landers, Finance.

Department Staff Present via Zoom: Kirk Stoner, Planning; Keeter Kallam, Veterans Affairs; Carl Goshorn, Vince McCollum, Conservation District; Anne Miller, Ag Extension; Dee Condon, Julie Kurtz, Tax Mapping; Chanda Gipe, Finance; Aubrie Barrick, Facilities; Jennifer Knight, Recorder of Deeds.

Other Agencies Present: None.

Others Present: Hubert Gilroy, Martson Law Offices; Martha Reilly, McNees, Wallace & Nurick; Peter Edelman, Stevens & Lee; Sean Witty, Dickinson College; Jarrod Leo, Messiah Lifeways.

Others Present via Zoom: David Walker, State Police.

Media Present: Charlie Thompson, PennLive.

Roll Call: Commissioners Neiderer, Foschi, and Eichelberger were present.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 3, 2025. Commissioner Foschi seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2025-23 Re: TEFRA Issuing a Certificate of Approval for a Project to be Undertaken by Dickinson College

Hubert Gilroy, Esquire of Martson Law Offices, provided an update regarding the issuance of a tax-exempt bond for Dickinson College, which had already received prior approval from the Municipal Authority.

Sean Witty of Dickinson College shared that the funds will be used to partially refinance the college's 2016 bonds and make a scheduled payment on the 2017 bonds. Additionally, approximately \$30 million will support renovations to the Union Building, focusing on modernization and enhancing student spaces.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-23 Re: TEFRA Issuing a Certificate of

Approval for a Project to be Undertaken by Dickinson College. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2025-24 Re: TEFRA Issuing a Certificate of Approval for a Project to be Undertaken by Messiah Home, d/b/a Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village

Hubert Gilroy, Esquire of Martson Law Offices, discussed the issuance of a tax exempt bond for Messiah Lifeways. He noted that the funds will be used for partial refinancing of current debt.

Jarred Leo, Messiah Lifeways, explained that most of the proceeds from the bond transaction will be used to refinance existing debt and a smaller portion will fund pre-development costs for a planned expansion of independent living housing in Fairview Township.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-24 Re: TEFRA Issuing a Certificate of Approval for a Project to be Undertaken by Messiah Home, d/b/a Messiah Lifeways at Messiah Village. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Approval of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Application of \$75,000.00 for IMTO

Mark Adams requested approval to move forward with this grant application. He explained that in previous years, the state provided four in-kind services, and this year the state is offering funding instead of services, giving the county more flexibility with existing programs.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant application. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2025-25 Re: Adopting the 2026 Budget

Keri Finkenbinder requested approval of the 2026 budget. She noted that total county revenue is budgeted at \$270.8 million, while expenses are budgeted at \$290.1 million. She explained the general fund includes \$109.9 million in revenue and \$126.7 million in expenses. She also shared the budget has no increase in the millage rate.

Commissioner Neiderer stated that \$6 million has been drawn from reserve funds to balance the budget and expressed appreciation for county leadership's efforts in managing resources wisely.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-25 Re: Adopting the 2026 Budget. Commissioner Neiderer seconded the motion. Commissioner Eichelberger opposed the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 2025-26 Re: Setting the 2026 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate and Library System Tax Millage Rate

Keri Finkenbinder requested approval of the resolution to set the millage rate at 2.875 mills, which remains unchanged from the previous year.

Commissioner Neiderer remarked that while neighboring surrounding counties are experiencing tax increases, proactive measures taken earlier along with sound guidance from the finance team, have helped avoid the need for any increases. She emphasized the importance of using taxpayer dollars wisely and acknowledged that residents are already burdened by rising cost of living and cannot continue to absorb further increases.

Commissioner Foschi made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-26 Re: Setting the 2026 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate and Library System Tax Millage Rate. Commissioner Eichelberger seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

Space Allocation Plans Presentation

Brent Durham outlined space allocation plans for the courthouse and other county offices, referencing the facilities master plan as a long-term roadmap for decisions. He explained this presentation provides guidance for current and near-future space needs. (See attached). Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Neiderer expressed appreciation for Brent Durham's focus of how certain departments have improved service accessibility for county residents, particularly through online options, which also contributed to freeing up physical space as well as his approach and the goals he set to improve efficiency and deliver value to taxpayers.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: With no additional business to come before the Board, Commissioner Foschi made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Katja Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant