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No Tax Increases; Cumberland County 2021 Proposed Budget on View

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today voted to place the \$255.5 million proposed 2021 county budget on view. The General Fund is \$96.5 million of the total county budget, with no tax increase planned.

For the seventh consecutive year, the proposed budget contains no increase in the county's General Fund real estate rate. Real estate millage remains at 2.195 mills and library millage remains level .166 mills.

The county has maintained its AAA bond rating for 13 years due to strong financial management and a strategic approach to balancing costs and revenues. The commissioners, working with the county's department heads, have worked to slow the growth of short and long-term costs, without sacrificing services to county residents.

"COVID-19 has completely transformed the county's operations," said Chief Financial Officer, Dana Best. "At this time, we don't know how COVID-19 will affect the county; however, we will continue to consider best practices and make changes based on the current needs."

Cumberland County has one of the lowest tax rates and unemployment figures among counties in the South Central Pennsylvania region.

The county continues to pursue opportunities to lower its operational costs, where possible, and to modernize its delivery of services. Throughout 2021, the county will continue to monitor costs, pressures and demonstrate fiscal accountability to the taxpayers, while providing efficient and cost effective services to the public.

Public input on the proposed budget is welcome. The 2021 proposed budget will be on view Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Cumberland County Commissioners Office, Room 200, One Courthouse Square, Carlisle, or [online](#).

The commissioners are scheduled to adopt the 2020 budget on Monday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m.

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Cumberland County is the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth and offers the perfect mix of small town, suburban and rural living. Established in 1750, Cumberland County consistently maintains one of the lowest tax and unemployment rates in the state, while providing exceptional services for its more than 250,000 residents. More information on Cumberland County can be found at www.ccpa.net.