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Commissioners To Place Proposed 2024 Amended County Budget on View

Proposed 2024 Amended Budget Will be on View Beginning Monday, Jan. 29.

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners voted to place the proposed 2024 amended county budget on view which includes a 15% increase to the county real estate property tax. By a vote of 2-1 the board voted to amend the proposed budget to include a real estate tax increase for the first time in 10 years due to inflation and the increased cost of services to the county.

The proposed tax changes will increase county revenues by approximately \$8.8 million and cost the average homeowner \$6.08 per month or \$73 a year. This amendment was made to help close a nearly \$20 million budget deficit. The county will be using a significant portion of its one-time ARPA funding to fill the gap.

“With a proposed increase of 15 percent, the real estate millage rate will increase to 2.524 mills and library millage remains level at .166 mills,” said Cumberland County CFO Dana Best. “If millage changes are not made now, we would be looking at a 35 percent county property tax increase next year.”

Due to insufficient state funding for our Office of Mental Health and Department of Public Safety, the county has had to subsidize these departments by \$7.6 million per year.

There are \$2 million in outstanding county projects that could be postponed. But these projects would still need to be completed in 2025 and have the potential of being more costly if delayed.

County vendors are experiencing increased costs and although the county uses the lowest bidder, the increases are passed on to the county.

The proposed 2024 amended budget will be on view Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., beginning Monday, Jan. 29 in the Cumberland County Commissioners Office, Room 200, One Courthouse Square, Carlisle, or [online](#). The budget will be on public view for 10 days before being approved at the Wednesday, Feb. 14 Finance Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Residents can also view the budget beginning Jan. 29 through [Questica OpenBook](#), a visualization software that allows the county to communicate its budget data visually and provide more transparency to residents. OpenBook allows residents to view the budget at the fund level and drill down to the line-item level if chosen.