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Commissioners Pass 2024 Amended Cumberland County Budget

2024 Amended Budget Includes 15% Increase to County Real Estate Millage Rate

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today voted 2-1 for a 15 percent increase to the county real estate millage rate to help close the county's \$20 million budget deficit. The 2024 budget was amended to include a millage rate change for the first time in 10 years.

The increase will boost county revenues by approximately \$8.8 million. In addition, the county will be using a significant portion of its one-time ARPA funding to fill the gap.

The cost to the homeowner:

- Average home valued at **\$220,000; taxes will increase \$6.08 per month or \$73 a year.**
- The county real estate millage rate will increase to 2.524 mills; library millage remains level at .166 mills.
- Residents will see an **increase in their tax bills beginning March 1.**

Cumberland County real estate taxes remain one of the lowest in central Pennsylvania.

The primary causes for the millage change include:

- Increases in demand for county services.
- Inadequate state funding for mental health and 9-1-1 services. The county will have to subsidize these two departments by an estimated \$7.6 million for 2024.
- Vendors are experiencing increased costs, and those costs are passed on to the county.

Commissioners have begun a departmentwide review process to discuss potential budget savings with each department and will closely monitor all income and expenses throughout the year.

The 2024 amended budget is available in the Cumberland County Commissioners Office, Room 200, One Courthouse Square, Carlisle, or [online](#). Residents can also view the budget 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.

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