



## Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

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### Press Release

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### **Commissioners Place Proposed 2025 County Budget on View**

*Proposed 2025 Budget Will be on View Beginning Today, Thursday, Nov. 14*

**Carlisle, PA** – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners voted 2-1 to place the proposed 2025 county budget on view, which includes a 4 percent increase to the county real estate property tax.

If approved, the tax changes will raise county revenues by \$2.75 million, at an average cost to the taxpayer of \$22.42 a year, or approximately \$1.87 per month, based on a home assessed at \$222,000, which is the county's average home value. The current tax rate of 2.524 mills would increase to 2.625 mills.

"To mediate costs, the Board of Commissioners and Finance have met with every county department to thoroughly review budgets and have implemented, and will continue implementing, strategic cost-saving measures to address the budget deficit," said Finance Director Ron Snow. "Costs continue to increase, our county vendors are facing rising costs, and unfortunately, those increases are being passed on to the county."

In addition to rising vendor costs, the county has issued \$30 million in bonds for the long-awaited P25 radio project. Payment for the full impact of the new debt will begin in 2025.

The proposed 2025 budget will be on view Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., beginning Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Cumberland County Commissioners Office, Room 200, One Courthouse Square, Carlisle, or [online](#). The budget will be on public view for 20 days before being considered for approval at the Wednesday, Dec. 11 Finance Meeting at 1:30 p.m. If it is not approved at this time, then it will be considered for approval at the Thursday, Dec. 19 Board of Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Residents can also view the budget beginning today, Thursday, Nov. 14 through [Qwestica 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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