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Cumberland County Commissioners Pass 2025 County Budget

Budget Includes Increase to County Real Estate Millage Rate and Library Tax. Residents to see Increase in Tax Bills in 2025.

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today voted 2-1 to approve the \$330.3 million county budget, which includes an increase to the county real estate millage rate to help close the county's projected \$5.2 million deficit. The increase will boost county revenues by approximately \$2.7 million. In addition, the county will use \$2.5 million from fund balance management. Homeowners will see an increase of approximately \$1.87 per month or \$22.42 a year based on a home assessed at \$222,000, which is the county's average home value. The county real estate millage rate will increase to 2.625 mills.

The primary causes for the millage change include:

- Bond issue for the Department of Public Safety's P25 radio project.
- Increases in demand for county services.
- Inadequate state funding for mental health and 9-1-1 services.
- Increased costs experienced by vendors and those costs passed on to the county.

The Cumberland County Commissioners also acted to increase the library tax by a vote of 2-1. The cost to taxpayers will be an increase of approximately \$1.55 a month or \$18.65 a year. The 2025 library millage rate will increase to .250 mills. This is the first increase in the library millage rate since 2017. According to Cumberland County Library System Director Carolyn Blatchley, the library millage increase is expected to be used to restore hours and staffing, maintain current programs, services, technology, physical and digital collections, as well as maintain the library facilities.

Residents will see an increase in their tax bills on March 1, 2025.

The 2025 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. ####