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Cumberland County 2019 Proposed Budget on View; No Tax Increase Planned

Carlisle, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today voted to place the \$284.2 million proposed 2019 county budget on view. The General Fund is \$87.7 million of the total county budget, with no tax increase planned.

For the fifth consecutive year, the county remains in stable financial standing. The proposed budget contains no increase in the county's General Fund real estate rate and no increase to the county library tax. Real estate millage remains at 2.195 mills and library millage remains level at 0.166 mills.

Funding for Farmland Preservation and the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC) military preservation effort and workforce initiative continues at the 2018 level.

The county has maintained its AAA bond rating for 10 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.

Cumberland County, the fastest growing county in the commonwealth, 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 2019, 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 2019 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 at www.ccpa.net.

The commissioners are scheduled to adopt the 2019 budget on Monday, Dec. 3, 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.