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Cumberland County Commissioners Adopt 2015 Budget

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt the County’s 2015 Budget today during their public meeting. The \$223,292,018 Budget includes aggressive cost cutting initiatives and moderate revenue growth and has been available for public viewing since November 6, 2014.

The 2015 Budget process finds Cumberland County in an improved position relative to the previous two years. Property tax rates in Cumberland County will remain the lowest among comparable counties in the State. The County’s bond rating remains at the AAA level; a level that few other Pennsylvania Counties hold. This is positive feedback from the marketplace on how the County manages its finances, which includes fiscal policy, pension funding, size of reserves, overall borrowing and more. The rating has yielded substantial benefits for the County; most recently in the extremely competitive rates, the County was able to garner for the bond issue utilized for the renovation project of the Rehab Facility at Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

2015 marks the year of implementation for transitioning the way the County conducts business. This includes a Pay-for-Performance plan geared at changing the organization’s culture from longevity based pay raises to compensation based on individual productivity and increased efficiencies that align with departmental and the overall County vision, mission, goals and objectives. This Pay-for-Performance initiative was one of several adjustments made to the County’s business operations as a result of a Mission Review that began in 2013 conducted by Public Financial Management (PFM), a Philadelphia based firm. The Mission Review was undertaken to help address the County’s increasing gap between expenses and revenues.

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