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***Cumberland County Commissioners Adopt 2016 Budget***

**Cumberland County, PA** – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted the County’s 2016 Budget and Strategy at their public meeting today. There is no tax increase in the \$229,703,678 Budget for 2016 despite modest revenue growth and increased operational costs fueled in part by unfunded mandates for child protective services; aging bridge infrastructure in need of repair or replacement; and the ever increasing cost of medical benefits. The County’s leadership and departments have worked diligently to implement prudent fiscal policies coupled with aggressive cost containment measures to lessen the gap between costs and revenues. Cumberland County’s fiscal policies and procedures have had a positive impact to the 2016 Budget process enabling the County to sustain its AAA bond rating; a rating the County has held since 2008 - a rating that few other Pennsylvania counties hold.

As the County’s 2016 Budget is adopted, concerns are increasing over the impact of the State budget impasse due to suspended funds to the County’s Human Services Agencies. These agencies provide vital services for our most vulnerable citizens. The County is currently able to withstand this financial strain as a result of its existing reserves and emergency policies designed to lower the County’s rate of spending during the impasse. The County’s leadership is closely monitoring cash flow to continue to provide services as close to normal levels as possible. Should the State’s budget impasse continue into 2016, the County may be faced with borrowing funds through a tax anticipation note and the possibility of additional cost saving measures.

As the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth, Cumberland County continues to pursue opportunities to reduce costs, increase efficiencies, and modernize the delivery of services while demonstrating fiscal accountability to the taxpayers. For more information about Cumberland County Government visit [www.ccpa.net](http://www.ccpa.net).

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