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## County Manager Presents FY2013 Recommended Budget

FAYETTEVILLE – County Manager James Martin presented the FY2013 recommended budget to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners tonight. The budget, including the manager's message, is available online at [http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/finance/budget\\_reports.aspx](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/finance/budget_reports.aspx).

The recommended countywide budget is \$518,035,003, a decrease of 1.5 percent of the current year's countywide budget. It includes multi-year projects of \$123,255,225. The recommended FY2013 General Fund budget is \$306,886,642 and represents a 5.36 percent increase over the current year General Fund budget. The consolidation of mental health activities, previously recorded in a special revenue fund, accounts for \$15,492,840, or 5.32 percent of this increase.

The budget includes a recommended property tax rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as the current year. Each one cent on the tax rate is projected to generate \$2,130,448 in real, personal and motor vehicle taxes.

The recommended budget includes a 2 percent cost-of-living increase for all employees and maintains funding for the county schools at the same amount, \$76,220,676, as the current FY2012 budget.

The commissioners will meet again Tuesday, June 5, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 564 of the Cumberland County Courthouse to hear department head appeals. A public hearing is set for Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in Room 118 of the Courthouse.

Commissioners have scheduled the following budget meetings:

- June 5            5:30 p.m.        Department Head Appeals/Work Session in Room 564
- June 7            7:00 p.m.        Budget Public Hearing in Room 118
- June 11          5:30 p.m.        Budget Work Session in Room 564
- June 12          5:30 p.m.        Budget Work Session in Room 564
- June 14          5:30 p.m.        Budget Work Session in Room 564
- June 18          6:45 p.m.        Adopt Budget in Room 118

The June 7 public hearing will be broadcast on Time Warner Channel 7, as well as the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday, June 18.

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