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Cumberland County Commissioners Adopt FY2014 Budget

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted the FY2014 budget Monday, June 17. The general fund budget totals \$312,750,398 and includes a property tax rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as the current year.

The budget includes a one-time stipend for all permanent full- and part-time employees hired prior to July 1, 2013, and who are on the county's payroll for the pay period ending August 10. Full-time employees will receive \$700 and part-time employees will receive a prorated stipend in their August 16 pay.

The county will continue a 1 percent employer contribution to a 401-K retirement plan for all employees eligible to participate in the Local Government Employees Retirement System.

The budget includes \$1.3 million to implement Phase II of the county's employee job reclassification study and pay plan effective in September. The departments of Public Health and Social Services are covered in Phase II. All other county departments were included in Phase I, which was implemented in FY2013.

The budget maintains funding for the Cumberland County Schools at \$76,220,676, the same amount as in FY2013. Fayetteville Technical Community College is recommended to receive \$9.5 million for current expenses; \$275,199 for additional capital needs; and \$670,000 for debt service.

The budget includes 53 new positions, including 36 that will be phased in once the Detention Center expansion is complete this fall. Of the 14 recommended new positions with the Public Health Department, eight are for jail health and are needed with the Detention Center expansion.

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