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Commissioners Adopt FY2011 Budget

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners adopted the FY2011 budget tonight during their regular meeting.

The general fund budget totals \$285,954,486 and includes a property tax rate of 74 cents per \$100 valuation, a reduction of 2.6 cents from the current rate of 76.6 cents. The county has earmarked six-tenths of a penny of the county-wide tax rate, which is expected to total \$1.2 million, for a jail expansion capital project. The commissioners also approved transferring \$1.8 million from the designated Health Department renovation reserve to the jail expansion reserve, bringing that new line item to \$3 million.

The budget also includes a 2 percent cost-of-living pay increase for permanent county employees hired before June 20. The raise is effective beginning with the first full pay period in July.

The commissioners, based on the recommendation of the Public Safety Task Force, increased the special fire service fire district tax to 1.25 cents, a three-fourths of a cent increase, in order to raise the minimum funding level from all sources to \$250,000 for five low-wealth departments (Beaver Dam, Bethany, Godwin/Falcon, Stedman, and Wade). This also provides additional funding for the Fire Chiefs' Association, which will benefit all volunteer fire departments.

The adopted budget includes funding for the county's new Child Support Department. The state eliminated funding for the state-operated Child Support Enforcement offices in 28 counties, including Cumberland, effective July 1. First-year funding is set at \$3.8 million, with a projected revenue offset of about \$2.8 million, for an estimated net cost to the county of \$1 million.

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