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County Manager Presents FY2014 Recommended Budget

FAYETTEVILLE – County Manager James Martin presented the FY2014 recommended budget to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners today. The budget is available online at http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/finance/budget_reports.aspx.

The recommended FY2014 General Fund budget is \$312,881,703, which is \$8.8 million more than in FY2013, a 2.9 percent increase. The recommended budget maintains the property tax rate at 74 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as the current year. Each one cent on the tax rate is projected to generate \$2.17 million in real, personal and motor vehicle taxes.

The budget includes approximately \$9.1 million for mental health activities in the county, including \$2.3 million for a contract with Cape Fear Valley Health System to provide detoxification services, a Crisis Intervention Drop-In Center and a 23-hour Crisis Bed Unit; and \$3.7 million allocated for the managed care organization, Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. Negotiations with Cape Fear Valley and Alliance are ongoing and Martin said there may be adjustments. The remaining \$3.1 million is designated for mental health services and operating expenses.

The recommended budget maintains funding for the 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 \$2.2 million for 52 new positions, including 36 that will be phased in once the Detention Center expansion is complete in September. Of the 14 recommended new positions with the Health Department, eight are for jail health and are needed with the expansion.

The budget includes \$1.3 million to implement Phase II of the county's employee reclassification study effective in September. Phase II covers the departments of Public Health and Social Services. All other county departments were included in Phase I, which was implemented in FY2013. There is no across-the-board pay raise recommended.

The commissioners will meet again Tuesday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 564 of the Cumberland County Courthouse to hear department head appeals. A public hearing is set for Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. in Room 118 of the Courthouse. Anyone interested in signing up to speak should contact the clerk's

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office at 910-678-7771 or cwhite@co.cumberland.nc.us. The public hearing will air live on Time Warner Channel 5 (Fayetteville/Cumberland Education TV).

Commissioners have scheduled the following budget meetings:

Tuesday	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Department Head Appeals/Work Session	Room 564
Thursday	June 6	5:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session	Room 564
Monday	June 10	7:00 p.m.	Budget Public Hearing	Room 118
Tuesday	June 11	5:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session	Room 564
Thursday	June 13	5:30 p.m.	Budget Work Session	Room 564
Monday	June 17	6:45 p.m.	Adopt Budget	Room 118

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