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Mercer County releases proposed 2027 budget with no county tax rate increase

MERCER, PA – At their regular meeting on Thurs., Nov. 19, 2026, the Mercer County Board of Commissioners released the proposed 2027 budget. The proposal keeps the county real estate tax rate at 27.25 mills and would fund General Fund operations at $38.75 million. The general operating budget did not change significantly. The 2.5% increase is largely due to cost-of-living adjustments, particularly in wages and salaries.

“Families across Mercer County make hard choices about what they can afford and they expect us to bring that same care to the county budget,” said Dr. Ann Coleman, chair of the Mercer County Board of Commissioners. “This proposal holds the county tax rate steady for a second year while funding the services people count on, from answering a 911 call to keeping a bridge open.”

Dr. Coleman invited public participation, adding, “We are releasing these figures now so people can ask questions while there is still time to act on the answers.”

Public inspection begins Fri, Nov. 20, at the Commissioners’ Office, 125 South Diamond St., Mercer, during regular business hours and at www.mercercountypa.gov. Residents may address the Board at its public meeting Thurs., Dec. 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Mercer County Courthouse.

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