



# Cumberland County

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## Item Details

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### **Agenda Item Request:**

Approve the 2025-2026 Jail Budget to Exceed the 4% grown limitation factor.

### **Background and Purpose of Request:**

Counties live by a 4% growth limitation factor, which dictates what counties can increase above the base assessment level.

The FY26 jail budget has been extremely difficult to budget for the coming year. Increases in food, utilities, medical and personnel in addition to having both labor unions negotiating new contracts effective July 1st, has created the perfect storm. Additionally, the County needs to fund a number of the positions that were unfunded back in the 2023/2024 budget. This is due to increasing inmate numbers at the Jail and the commitment that these unfunded positions would be slowly funded if hiring efforts were successful. The County jail is hovering around 370 inmates daily (compared to 230 inmates when positions were unfunded) and the County's recruiting effort is approaching the number of positions currently funded.

The County Administration has proposed funding 9 Correction Officers and 2 Sergeants in the FY26 budget.

The need to request for the Commissioners to exceed the 4% CAP was first proposed in November. It was again brought up during the Finance Committee process. This item is brought forth for the County Commissioners to vote to exceed the growth limitation CAP. The proposed jail budget is at 8%, exceeding the 4% CAP.

**Funding Amount and Source:** General Fund & Jail Revenues

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## HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
02/18/2025	Board of Commissioners	APPROVED	
<b>Action Text:</b> A motion was made by Commissioner Cloutier, seconded by Commissioner Caterina, that the Order be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:			
Yes: 4 Chair Gorden, Vice Chair Smith, Commissioner Cloutier, and Commissioner Caterina			
No: 0			
Excused: 1 Commissioner Tyler			

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**Attachments:** PP - Jail Tax Growth Limitation