

## Position Paper for Agenda Item

To: Cumberland County Board of Commissioners  
From: Melinda J Fairbrother-Dyer  
Date: May 11, 2026  
Subject: Town of Cumberland Dispatch Contract

### **Requested Action or Motion**

Authorize the County Manager to sign the Dispatch Contract with the Town of Cumberland.

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

The current Communications Contract between the Cumberland County and the Town of Cumberland expires June 30, 2026.

This contract represents a change in pricing for dispatch services. The fee's associated with the contract are based on a per capita fee based on the town's 2020 census population of 8,473. Instead of the previous three-year projected increase of 3%, the contract now provides a range of 3-5% increase, after the initial FY27 increase of 6%.

Additionally, a \$2,000.00 IT fee for the Fire Departments connection to the County's CAD Software starts on July 1, 2026. This fee is in addition to the already accessed \$8,833.33 IT fee for Police IT CAD software. The Cost section of the contract has been modified to reflect these changes.

### **Funding Amount and Source**

The FY27 Dispatch Contract is increased by 6%, resulting in an annual service fee of \$233,675.75. With an additional IT fee of \$10,833.33 for IT CAD software for Fire and Police.

### **Effective Date**

July 1, 2026

### **Attachments**

- Dispatch Contract signed by the town