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County Council Members Accept Pay Cut

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With New Castle County residents facing tough economic times, county council members are also tightening their belt.

County Councilman Dave Tackett says he will return about eight thousand dollars in community grant money that was allocated for his district--but not spent---during the past fiscal year.

Tackett admits that the community grant money is not a huge sum in a multi-million dollar county budget.

Under the 2010 County budget, county workers are getting a five percent pay cut.

As a show of support, all county council members are giving five percent of their pay back to the county fund. The council members earn approximately 42-thousand dollars a year for their "part-time" job.