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Schedule of Future Budget Meetings Released

Westminster, Thursday, March 8, 2018 – This afternoon, Mr. Ted Zaleski, Director of Management and Budget, presented the Fiscal Year 19 Budget Overview to the Board of County Commissioners.

The FY19 Budget Overview is derived from hundreds of staff hours during which staff review prior budgets, meet with agency and department leaders, follow trends in the real estate market, income taxes, recordation and filing fees and a whole host of other activities to ensure that the recommended budget is based on the best, most accurate and up-to-date information possibly available.

Mr. Zaleski began the [presentation](#) with three core messages: income tax uncertainty led to reduced 6-year revenue projections; limited flexibility heightens the importance of every decision; and pressures on the ability to maintain service levels remain. The Recommended Budget will build on existing plans and Commissioner direction. Mr. Zaleski then revealed a thorough and detailed presentation of the FY2019 budget. The entire Budget Overview presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Throughout March, April and May, a series of budget meetings will be held in order to develop and adopt the final budget. On March 13th and March 15th, the Commissioners will hold Infrastructure Discussions. The Recommended Budget will be presented to the Board on Thursday, March 22th. Then, the Board will meet with any agency requesting funding not included in the Recommended Budget. Below is the list of meetings as they are currently scheduled:

Agency Meetings with Commissioners

Tuesday, March 27
Thursday, March 29
Tuesday, April 3

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After the Commissioners meet with the agencies, the Board will begin discussing the budget options amongst themselves to create a proposed budget. The Proposed Budget Work Sessions will begin on April 5th.

Once the Proposed Budget is agreed upon by a majority of the Commissioners, it will be released. This release is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 26th.

Mr. Ted Zaleski will then hold a series of community meetings to review and explain the Proposed Budget. These meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

Budget Community Presentations:

Thursday, April 26	7:00 pm	Westminster Library
Tuesday, May 1	7:00 pm	Eldersburg Library
Wednesday, May 2	7:00 pm	Mount Airy Library
Thursday, May 3	7:00 pm	Taneytown Library
Tuesday, May 8	7:00 pm	North Carroll Library

The Community Meetings are followed by a Budget Public Hearing which will be held on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm at the Carroll Community College, Scott Center Auditorium.

Additional Budget Work Sessions may be held by the Commissioners to make any modifications to the proposed budget based on the information received during the Budget Public Hearing. These work sessions are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 22nd and Thursday May 24th.

The budget should be adopted on Tuesday, May 29th in Room 311 of the County Office Building.

These sessions are open to the public and will also be televised on Comcast Channel 24 and [streamed live on the county website](#). All meetings will be held in the County Office Building, 225 N. Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157, unless otherwise noted. Meeting times and places are subject to change, so please check the [county website](#) or call 410-386-2400 to confirm.

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