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Schedule of Future Budget Meetings Released

Westminster, Thursday, March 16, 2017 – This morning, Mr. Ted Zaleski, Director of Management and Budget, presented the Fiscal Year 18 Budget Overview to the Board of County Commissioners.

The FY18 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: the revenue outlook is modestly improved; pressures on our ability to maintain service levels remain; and that uncertainty is greater than our flexibility. He then revealed a thorough and detailed presentation of the FY18 budget.

To view the open session meeting, please click [here](#).

To view/download the presentation material, please click [here](#).

Throughout March, April and May, a series of budget meetings will be held in order to develop and adopt the final budget. The Recommended Budget will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, March 28th and Thursday, March 30th. Then the Board will meet with any agency requesting funding that wasn't included in the Recommended Budget. Throughout the months of March, April and May a series of budget meetings will be held in order to develop and adopt the final budget. Below is the list of meetings as they are currently scheduled:

Agency Meetings with Commissioners

Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 4

Thurs. April 6

Monday, April 10

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After the Commissioners have met 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 11th.

Once the Proposed Budget is agreed upon by a majority of the Commissioners, a Proposed Budget News Conference will be held. The news conference is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 27th.

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 Meetings:

Monday, May 1	7:00 pm	Eldersburg Library
Wednesday, May 3	7:00 pm	North Carroll Library
Monday, May 8	7:00 pm	Westminster Library
Wednesday, May 10	7:00 pm	Taneytown Library
Thursday, May 11	7:00 pm	Mount Airy Library

The Community Meetings are followed by a Budget Public Hearing which will be held on Monday, 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. This work session is tentatively scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 23

The budget should be adopted on Thursday, May 25th.

These sessions are open to the public. In addition, the entire budget process is broadcast on Comcast Channel 24 and streamed 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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