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FY2020 Budget Meeting Schedule Announced

Westminster, MD, Thursday, March 7, 2019 – This morning, Mr. Ted Zaleski, Director of Management and Budget, presented the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Overview to the Carroll County Board of Commissioners (BOC).

The FY20 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: major revenues are growing more slowly than anticipated leading to reductions in the 6-year revenue projections; limited flexibility heightens the importance of every decision; and pressures on our ability to maintain service levels remain. He then revealed a thorough and detailed presentation of the FY2020 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 26th, the Recommended Budget will be presented to the BOC. Then the board will meet with any agency requesting funding that wasn't included in the Recommended Budget. Below is the list of meetings as they are currently scheduled:

Agency Meetings with Commissioners

Thursday, March 28

Tuesday, April 2

After the commissioners meet with 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 9th.

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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 Tuesday, April 30th.

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:

Wednesday, May 1 st	7:00 pm	Eldersburg Library
Thursday, May 2 nd	7:00 pm	Mount Airy Library
Monday, May 6 th	7:00 pm	Westminster Library
Tuesday, May 7 th	7:00 pm	Taneytown Library
Wednesday, May 8 th	7:00 pm	North Carroll Library

The Community Meetings are followed by a Budget Public Hearing which is scheduled on Monday, May 13th 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 21st and Thursday, May 23rd.

The budget adoption is planned for Tuesday, May 28th.

These sessions are open to the public, majority will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 24 and streamed live on the [county meeting portal](#). 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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