

County Council Budget Calendar

Budget Fiscal Year 2024

The Howard County Council welcomes your participation in the budget process for Fiscal Year 2024. The schedule below lists the public meetings at which the Council will consider the County Executive's proposed budget. Meetings will be held at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. Public hearings, legislative sessions and work sessions will be held in the Banneker Room.

April 2023

Capital Budget due to Council by April 1

Monday, April 17, 6:30 pm

County Executive's Budget Presentation to the County Council

Prefile Deadline for Budget Legislation

Operating Budget due to Council - April 21

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m. Preliminary Public Hearing - Capital Budget

- Education
 - Board of Education
 - Libraries
 - Howard Comm. College
- General County
 - Technology
 - Sewer
 - Water
 - Storm Drainage
 - Transportation
 - Bridges
 - Road Resurfacing
 - Road Construction
 - Sidewalk/curb
 - Intersection Improvements

Friday, April 21, 9:30 am¹

Work Session #2 - Capital Budget

- Recreation & Parks
- Storm Drainage
- Road Construction
- Road Resurfacing
- Bridges Sidewalk / Curb
- Intersection Improvements

Monday, April 24, 6:00 pm Public Hearing – Education Operating Budget

- Board of Education (HCPSS)
- Howard Community College (HCC)
- Libraries Capital Budget (HCLS)

Wednesday, April 19, 9:30 am

Work Session #1 - Capital Budget

- CIP Overview
- Police
- Fire
- Agricultural Preservation
- Technology
- Sewer
- Water
- General County

Wednesday, April 26, 9:30 am

Work Session #3- Capital Budget (*if needed*)

- DT Columbia Project Overview
- New HCLS Central Branch & Relocation (L0020)
- Tax Increment Financing (C0319)
- New Cultural Center (C0364)
- Safe and Sound (C0337)
- Pending Capital Items

Thursday, April 20

¹ Eid Al Fitr begins at sundown

MAY 2023

Monday, May 1, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Work Session #1 Cap & Op

- Revenues Overview
- Howard Community College
- Library System
- Board of Education

Monday, May 1, 7:00p.m.

Constant Yield Public Hearing followed by Legislative Session – Introduction of Budget Bills

Wednesday, May 3, 9:30 am

Work Session #2 – Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department:

- Legislative and Judicial
- Department of Corrections
- Non-Departmental Fees, Funds and Expenses

Monday, May 8, 7:00 pm

Public Hearing – Operating Budget

- All departments *except* Board of Education, Howard Community College and Libraries

Wednesday, May 10, 9:30 am

Work Session #3 - Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department:

- Technology and Communications
- Finance
- UMDE
- Soil Conservation
- Planning and Zoning
- Ag. Preservation
- Inspections, Licenses and Permits

- Housing & Community Dev.

Thursday, May 11, 9:30 am

Public Hearing Capital and Operating Budget

Friday, May 12, 9:30 am

Work Session #4 – Operating Budget

- Economic Development
- Police
- Fire
- County Executive
- County Administration
- Transportation

Monday, May 15, 9:30 am

Work Session #5 – Operating Budget

- Social Services
- Health Department
- Community Resource & Services
- CSP
- Recreation and Parks
- Department of Public Works
- Pending issues - Capital and/or Operating Budget

Monday, May 22, 2:00 pm

Budget Amendment Prefile

Monday, May 22, 9:30a.m.

Work Session #6 – Capital and Operating Budget Finalization

- Budget Amendments
- Pending issues

Wednesday, May 24, 12:00 pm

Legislative Session – Adoption of Budget Bills