

# County Council Budget Calendar

## Fiscal Year 2027

The Howard County Council welcomes your participation in the budget process for Fiscal Year 2027. 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. The final agenda order of each meeting will be posted on the Council website prior to the meeting.

### April 2026

#### *Capital Budget due to Council - April 1*

#### **Monday, April 13, 6:00pm**

##### **Public Hearing - Capital Budget**

- Education
  - Board of Education (HCPSS)
  - Howard Community College
  - Howard County Library System
- General County
  - Police
  - Fire and Rescue
  - Agricultural Preservation
  - Water
  - Sewer
  - Storm Drainage
  - Bridges Program
  - Recreation & Parks
  - Road Construction
  - Road Resurfacing
  - Sidewalk/Curb
  - Traffic/Intersection

#### **Wednesday, April 15, 10:00am to 4:30pm**

##### **Work Session #1 - Capital Budget**

- Police
- Fire and Rescue
- Agricultural Preservation
- Water
- Sewer
- Storm Drainage
- Bridges Program

#### **Monday, April 20, 6:15pm**

##### **County Executive's Budget Presentation to the County Council**

#### *Operating Budget due to Council - April 21*

#### **Wednesday, April 22, 10:00am to 4:30pm**

##### **Work Session #2 - Capital Budget**

- Recreation & Parks
- Road Construction
- Road Resurfacing
- Sidewalk/Curb
- Traffic/Intersection
- General County

#### **Thursday, April 23, 2:00pm**

##### **Profile Deadline for Budget Legislation**

#### **Monday, April 27, 6:00pm**

##### **Public Hearing - Operating Budget**

- Education
- Legislative/Judicial/IG
- Public Safety
- Public Facilities
- Community Services
- General Government
- Non-Departmental Expenses

#### **Wednesday, April 29, 10:00am to 4:30pm**

##### **Work Session #1 – Operating, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department (Edu. Operating and Capital)**

- Revenues Overview
- Education (Operating and Capital)
  - Board of Education (HCPSS)
  - Howard Community College
  - Howard County Library System
- Legislative/Judicial/IG
  - County Council / Auditor
  - Inspector General
  - State's Attorney
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Board of Elections

## May 2026

**Monday, May 4, 7:00pm**  
**Legislative Session - Introduction of Budget Legislation**

**Tuesday, May 5, 10:00am to 4:30pm**  
**Work Session #2 - Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department**

- Legislative/Judicial
  - Circuit Court
- Public Safety
  - Police
  - Fire and Rescue
  - Corrections
- Public Facilities
  - Planning & Zoning
  - Public Works
  - Department of General Services
  - Inspections, Licenses, and Permits
  - Soil Conservation District
- Community Services
  - Recreation & Parks
  - Transportation
  - Health
  - Social Services

**Thursday, May 7, 9:30am**  
**Public Hearing - Capital and Operating Budget (and continuation if needed)**

**Monday, May 11, 10:00am to 4:30pm**  
**Work Session #3 - Operating Budget, including revenue, fees, and funds specific to each department**

- Community Services
  - Community Resources & Services
  - University of Maryland Extension
  - Community Service Partnerships
- General Government
  - County Executive
  - County Administration
  - Finance
  - Office of Law
  - Economic Development Authority
  - Technology & Communication
  - Housing & Community Development
- Non-Departmental Expenses
  - Debt Services
  - Pay-Go Funds
  - Other Non-Departmental Expenses
  - Contingency Reserves
- Pending issues - Capital and Operating

**Thursday, May 14, 12:00pm**  
**Budget Amendment Profile**

**Friday, May 15, 10:00am to 2:30pm**  
**Work Session #4 - Capital and Operating Budget Finalization**

- Pending Issues
- Budget Amendments

**Monday, May 18, 6:00pm**  
**Real Property Tax Hearing, if needed, followed by Legislative Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, May 20, 12:00pm**  
**Legislative Session – Adoption of Budget Bills**