

**WORCESTER COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2022 REQUESTED OPERATING BUDGETS**

The Worcester County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budgets as requested by the Agencies and Departments which are funded by the Worcester County Commissioners. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing considerations, the number of attendees in the room may be limited. If you wish to speak or attend in person, we encourage you to pre-register by calling the County Administration office at 410-632-1194. Speakers will be allowed to address the County Commissioners for up to two (2) minutes. Public Comment may also be submitted in advance by email at wchearing@co.worcester.md.us or in writing received on or before 4:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Monday, May 3, 2021 in the County Commissioners' Office at Room 1103 Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. All commenters must identify themselves by their full name and address to be included in the public record. Written comments received by the deadline will be read into the record by Worcester County staff during the public comment portion of the meeting. Anyone not planning to speak may view the public hearing live on the County website at <https://worcestercountymd.swagit.com/live>. The Public Hearing will be held at:

**7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 4, 2021
WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, SNOW HILL, MD**

General Fund requested expenditures exceed available revenues (based upon current tax rates) by \$8,013,513. This difference must be reconciled by the County Commissioners either through reductions in expenditures or increases in taxes, fees and/or use of Budget Stabilization Funds. Copies of the requested budgets are available for public inspection on the Worcester County website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

<u>GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES</u>			
	Requested Budget		Requested Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 148,203,984	Licenses & Permits	2,404,376
Income Taxes	30,000,000	Charges for Services	2,942,095
Other Local Taxes	16,811,000	Fines & Forfeits	29,000
State Shared	2,469,458	Interest	200,000
Federal Grants	532,473	Misc/Sale of Assets/& Other	358,843
State Grants	4,139,878	Transfers In – Casino/Local Impact Grant Funds	2,500,100
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES			<u>\$210,591,207</u>

<u>GENERAL FUND REQUESTED EXPENDITURES</u>			
	Requested Budget		Requested Budget
Board of Education: Operating Expenses Debt Payments to be paid on behalf	\$ 96,734,075 12,469,356	Library	2,794,287
Boat Landings	387,155	Maintenance	1,397,168
Circuit Court	1,345,533	Mosquito Control	225,083
Commission On Aging	1,603,783	Natural Resources	510,254
County Administration	1,014,806	Orphan's Court	28,900
Debt Service (less Education Debt)	1,218,575	Other General Government	2,757,069
Development Review & Permitting	1,907,524	Other General Government: (State Dept. of Assessment Operating Exp)	662,528
Economic Development	367,927	Parks	1,093,181
Elections	1,267,156	Public Works Administration	564,056
Emergency Services	3,809,561	Recreation	2,321,627
Environmental Programs	1,544,806	Recreation & Culture	100,001
Extension Office	206,217	Recycling	863,987
Fire Marshal	575,855	Roads	4,024,926
Grants to Towns	7,153,591	Sheriff	9,741,098
Health Department	5,676,975	Social Service Groups	1,103,768
Homeowner Convenience Centers	805,980	State's Attorney	1,707,745
Human Resources	488,316	Taxes Shared w/ Towns	2,642,357
Information Technology	557,847	Tourism	1,298,131
Insurance & Benefits: (Includes OPEB-all employees)	23,375,170	Treasurer	1,237,130
Interfund Transfer Out - Reserve Fund	520,300	Vol. Fire Co. & Ambulance Co.	8,402,603
Jail	9,568,071	Wor-Wic Community College	2,530,242
TOTAL REQUESTED EXPENDITURES			<u>\$218,604,720</u>