



# Howard County Council

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## **FY 2018 Budget Work Session**

May 12, 2017

C. Vernon Gray Room

8:30 a.m.

### **Minutes (Approved)**

The Chairperson opened the work session at 8:33 a.m.

Members Present: Jon Weinstein, Chairperson; Calvin Ball, Vice Chairperson; Mary Kay Sigaty; Jen Terrasa; Greg Fox

Staff Present: Jessica Feldmark, Council Administrator; Craig Glendenning, County Auditor; John Gwynn, Assistant County Solicitor

#### University of Maryland Extension

Rick Walter, Georgia Eacker, and Terry Matthews provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council.

#### Health Department

Maura Rossman, Antigone Vickery, and Monique Blue provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council. Holly Sun joined them in answering questions.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Historical and demographic (GEO-mapped) information regarding the opioid problem – tracking over the past several years and how data has changed over the years
2. Additional clarification on statistic that 86% of food service establishments were found to comply with Health Department standards; how does that compare to State and what is the reason for non-compliance?

#### Mental Health Authority

Madeline Morey provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Fiscal analysis of MHA's strategic plan

#### Department of Social Services

Karen Butler and Patricia Anyaegbunam provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Data on salary comparison with surrounding jurisdictions.

### Transportation Services

Clive Graham and Jai Saunders provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Data on ridership specific to Howard County.
2. Progress update on 2014 recommendations from Connecting Howard County report from PTB.
3. Administration's response to ACS testimony from May 10
4. Return to May 16 work session to discuss plans to provide transportation to Leola Dorsey Community resource Center
5. Additional detail on Transportation organization chart.
6. Update data for Strategic Goals and Measures on page 191 of operating budget book

### Department of Community Resources and Services

Jackie Scott and Cheryl Mattis provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council. Kathy Swanson joined them in answering questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Additional detail on HUD grant funding decrease

### Community Service Partnerships

Jackie Scott, Kathy Swanson, and Megan Godfrey Jackson provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Administration's response to ACS testimony from May 10
2. Full overview of all funding and in-kind support provided to grantees from all County sources and combined impact on the grantees' programs
3. For FIRN and HopeWorks, provide detailed budget portion of applications

### Department of Technology and Communication Services

Tom Yeatts and Melissa McDonald provided an overview of the proposed budget and answered questions from the Council. Norm Schnobrich joined them in answering questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Detail on the work flow of projects through the IT steering committee into project management and how they are accounting for the funding to support the projects
2. How does contingency fund compare to how other jurisdictions account for such expenses?
3. Explore the option of sharing Disaster Recovery Center or partnering with another jurisdiction to host each other's.
4. DTCS to organize meeting with Finance, Budget and Auditor to review the Broad Band Funds.
5. Recommendations for updating the classification plan in preparation for next year's budget process.

The meeting was recessed at 11:47 a.m. The Chairperson reconvened the work session at 1:15 p.m.

### Board of Education

Michael Martirano provided an overview of the revised budget proposal which he has worked with the Board and staff to develop. Bess Altwerger, Kirsten Coombs, Christina Delmont-Small, Bruce Gist, Beverly Davis, Scott Washington, Gina Petrick, Greg Bara, David Ramsey, Caroline Walker, and Nancy Fitzgerald joined him in answering questions from the Council.

Council Members requested the following additional information:

1. Additional detail on moving forward with TSES and what existing funds in Systemic Renovations can accomplish
2. Information on funds needed to avoid delay of Oakland Mills Middle School project.
3. List of all HVAC projects by priority assessment
4. Comparison of costs to construct a Net Zero school vs. regular school (TVMS vs WLMS)
5. HCPSS to provide a comparison of facilities at Hammond High School to other high schools
6. Specific details on the amount of extended hours and services for the SOAR program – hours/day, days/week, and number of weeks
7. Continue to provide any additional documentation from the DMC contract as received/discovered
8. Bulleted list of Dr. Martirano opening remarks
9. Board concurrence of the operating budget category amounts by next Tuesday
10. Information of position control and the related impact on Fixed Charges
11. Schedule of the total impact of the Superintendent's severance and all associated legal fees paid for each fiscal year
12. Time period during which \$507,000 in legal fees occurred
13. Verification if the Board could have used MABE Directors insurance and why it wasn't used
14. Detailed cash flow analysis for FY 18 for health and dental fund

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.