



Worcester County Administration

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WSY 03/18/25

TO: Worcester County Commissioners
FROM: Weston S. Young, Chief Administrative Officer
Kim Reynolds, Budget Officer *Kim Reynolds*
DATE: March 7, 2025
RE: FY2026 Notice of Public Hearing Requested Operating Budget Advertisement

Attached please find a copy of the required advertisement that will be placed in the newspapers for the Notice of Public Hearing for the FY2026 Requested Operating Budget. The meeting will be held at the Government Center.

We plan to advertise with the following options:

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. Written 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 5, 2025 in the County Commissioners' Office at Room 1103 Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. Written comments received will be posted on the county website. 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:

6:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 6, 2025
WORCESTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, SNOW HILL, MD

The advertisement for the Notice of Public Hearing FY2026 Requested Operating Budget is legally required to run at least once a week for two weeks. It will be advertised during the weeks of April 15 and April 22, 2025.

Attachment: Notice of Public Hearing

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TO: *The Daily Times Group and Ocean City Today Group*
 FROM: Kim Reynolds, Budget Officer
 DATE: March 18, 2025
 RE: Worcester County Notice of Public Hearing

Please print the attached two-page Notice entitled “Worcester County Notice of Public Hearing” in *The Daily Times/Worcester County Times/Ocean Pines Independent* and *Ocean City Digest/Ocean City Today* on April 15, 2025 and April 22, 2025. I need to receive full-page tear sheets of each printing of the advertisement to confirm the run date. **This ad needs to run for TWO weeks.**

Here are a few guidelines that should be followed:

1. The notice **may not** be placed with legal notices or classified advertisements.
2. This notice does not have a size requirement but should not be any larger than a quarter page for large size print newspapers such as the Daily Times.
3. The County needs the certificate of publication mailed with the invoice for this display ad.

I will need to review the ad prior to printing. Please email the draft copy of the notice to kreynolds@co.worcester.md.us. If any questions arise, please call me at 410-632-1194. Thank you for your assistance.

Attachment: FY 2026 Requested Operating Budget Notice

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**WORCESTER COUNTY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2026 REQUESTED OPERATING BUDGETS**

The Worcester County Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budgets as requested by the Agencies and Departments which are funded by the Worcester County Commissioners. 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 5, 2025 in the County Commissioners' Office at Room 1103 Government Center, One West Market Street, Snow Hill, MD 21863. Written comments received will be posted on the county website. 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:

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General Fund requested expenditures exceed available revenues (based upon current tax rates) by \$2,260,825. 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.

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATED REVENUES

	Requested Budget		Requested Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 192,047,762	Licenses & Permits	2,864,115
Income Taxes	53,000,000	Charges for Services	2,673,454
Other Local Taxes	18,310,000	Fines & Forfeits	31,000
State Shared	3,525,791	Interest	5,000,000
Federal Grants	374,013	Misc/Sale of Assets/& Other	758,557
State Grants	4,786,747	Transfer In – Casino/Local Impact	1,203,470

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES \$284,574,909

GENERAL FUND REQUESTED EXPENDITURES

	Requested Budget		Requested Budget
Board of Education: Operating Expenses	\$126,182,686	Library	4,805,729
Debt Payments to be paid on behalf	7,673,065		
Boat Landings	406,513	Maintenance	3,051,085
Circuit Court	2,313,737	Mosquito Control	296,482
Commission On Aging	2,067,837	Natural Resources	615,800
County Administration	2,050,614	Orphan's Court	80,199
Debt Service (less Education Debt)	2,407,570	Other General Government	5,026,967
Development Review & Permitting	3,300,568	Other General Government: (State Dept. of Assessment Operating Exp)	1,265,573
Economic Development	633,606	Parks	1,757,866
Elections	1,607,132	Public Works Administration	1,496,863
Emergency Services	5,865,456	Recreation	3,334,288

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Environmental Programs	2,933,319	Recreation & Culture	95,001
Extension Office	282,741	Recycling	1,250,950
Fire Marshal	1,469,304	Sheriff	20,385,451
Grants to Towns	8,627,048	Social Service Groups	967,940
Health Department	12,581,419	State's Attorney	4,609,821
Homeowner Convenience Centers	968,561	Taxes Shared w/ Towns	4,068,096
Human Resources	838,243	Tourism	1,723,039
Information Technology	1,708,149	Treasurer	1,946,020
Jail	15,798,670	Vol. Fire Co. & Ambulance Co.	13,720,627
Roads	7,557,795	Wor-Wic Community College	2,707,168
		Interfund Charges	<u>6,356,736</u>
TOTAL REQUESTED EXPENDITURES <u>\$286,835,734</u>			