COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
Minutes of
Virtual FY 2023 Budget Deliberations
June 1, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rodvien at 9:00 A.M. Mr. Volke gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held remotely via Zoom Webinar, beginning with roll call of all present.

The following members of the County Council were present:

Sarah Lacey	First District
Allison M. Pickard	Second District
Nathan Volke	Third District
Andrew C. Pruski	Fourth District
Amanda Fiedler	Fifth District
Lisa D.B. Rodvien	Sixth District
Jessica Haire	Seventh District

The Auditor's Office was represented by the County Auditor, Michelle Bohlayer.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Laura Corby, Administrative Officer, read aloud a statement from the County Attorney regarding the Open Meetings Act.

PRELIMINARY MOTION

On motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Haire, the Council voted that the partial reading of any bill, resolution, minutes, or amendment constitutes the reading of the whole.

On motion by Mr. Volke, seconded by Ms. Pickard, the motion to hear and vote on Resolution No. 12-22 at this meeting was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Lacey, Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, Ms. Haire, Ms. Rodvien
Nay – None

PUBLIC HEARING AND CALL OF RESOLUTION FOR READING AND/OR VOTE

RESOLUTION NO. 12-22

The Chair called for the public hearing on Resolution No. 12-22, Resolution urging the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to delay implementation of new school start times for Anne Arundel County Public Schools; and the Administrative Officer read the title.

Ms. Pickard explained the resolution.

Mr. Volke, Ms. Fiedler, Mr. Pruski shared their views on the resolution.

Ms. Lacey expressed her concern about the resolution.

Ms. Rodvien shared her disagreement with the resolution.

The Council discussed the shortages and how they affect the county.

Pete Baron, Director, Government Affairs, explained the Administration's position on the resolution.

Resolution No. 12-22 was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye – Ms. Pickard, Mr. Volke, Mr. Pruski, Ms. Fiedler, and Ms. Haire
Nay – Ms. Lacey and Ms. Rodvien

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS – OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor, presented her comments on the Proposed FY23 Operating and Capital Budgets. (A copy of the Auditor's comments is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

RECESS

The Council took a recess at 10:41 A.M. The Chair stated the recess would last until 1:00 P.M.

RECONVENE

The Council reconvened at 1:00 P.M. Mr. Pruski, District Four, was absent.

ADMINISTRATION'S REBUTTAL – OPERATING AND CAPITAL

Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer, presented the Administration's rebuttal to the Auditor's comments on the Proposed FY23 Operating and Capital Budgets. (A copy of the Administration's rebuttal is attached to the official copy of these minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Pickard, seconded by Ms. Lacey, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Anna Macaulay

by Anna Macaulay

/s/ Laura Corby

for Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

County Auditor Comments
Proposed FY23 Budget

Introduction

Good morning Madam Chair and members of the Council. I am Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor. I am here to provide our comments on the County Executive's proposed Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Operating Budget and Capital Budget and Program.

I would first like to thank the team from the auditor's office who is here virtually with me today. Our presentation and recommendations before you would not be possible without their dedication and hard work. Our team includes Terry Gibson, Jennifer Mackie, Syed Taqvi, Karen Howes, Ronnette Akwei, and Joshua Naylor. Phyllis Clancy helped with the capital projects review and this year we also had the help of Amy Wang and Yasharth Vikram, Thank you to the entire team for all of your dedication and perseverance, it is no small feat to get through this entire budget in such a short period of time and it takes both individual effort and team collaboration to provide the best review possible. I think that the Office of the Budget and my office agree that summer officially starts on June 15th and we are excited to get to that finish line!

I would also like to thank department management and staff and the Office of the Budget who have been answering our many questions over the past few weeks. Specifically, I would like to thank Mr. Trumbauer – as he and I have discussed, this is a difficult timeline that takes time to get right and we appreciate the shared goals of getting the best budget possible for our County.

The first part of my presentation includes my general comments on the budget and its contents. After that I will move on to our recommendations for reductions to the budget.

Spending Affordability

On April 29th, the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC) delivered its report to Council, which provided its recommendations for FY23 spending and General Fund Debt Limit. I have provided calculations in my presentation showing that the proposed budgets exceed the recommended spending limit by $62.5 million, however, the County is within the recommended General Fund debt limit. The $62.5 million is 3.5% of adjusted recommended spending. I also provided the past four years of SAC recommendations as compared to the general fund spending in the proposed operating budget.

For FY23, the General Fund Appropriation Limit is calculated as follows: the recommended FY23 General Fund Spending of $1.8 billion is added to the available general fund balance of $262 million and the contribution to the Revenue Reserve Fund of $23.5 million. This totals to the adjusted recommended FY23 spending of $2.1 billion. The General Fund Spending per Proposed FY23 Operating Budget is $2.157 billion. The proposed FY23 spending in excess of the SAC Recommendation is $62.5 million. The SAC recommended FY23 General Fund debt limit is $1.8 billion. The estimated outstanding General Fund debt at the end of FY23 is $1.6 billion, therefore, the proposed FY23 debt less than the SAC Recommended Limit is $176 million.

Debt Affordability

I first want to acknowledge the work with the Office of the Budget, particularly Mr. Hasim, that is involved in bringing you my analysis of debt affordability. There are many factors and assumptions used in this calculation that affect projections. Most of the assumptions used this year in our review are consistent with last year unless otherwise specified. In the Proposed Capital Budget Overview on pages 1 and 3, the Administration presented its debt affordability analyses showing that the proposed capital budget and program is within the County's established guidelines. On page 1 of the capital budget overview, the Administration analyzes the CIP as an average of $160 million per year and calculates the debt ratios using the $160 million. On page 3, the Administration calculates the debt ratios using the actual bonds in the program. The average capital program for the next six years is $162.3 million, which is just below the average capital program cost over the prior six years, which was $163 million. This shows that the County is still within its debt guidelines using this capital program and outyear revenue and capital increases that are both 3.5%.

This slide shows a table with the debt statistics projected out past the first six years. In Scenario 1, I use the CIP as proposed and project the far out years assuming that growth in capital expenses keeps pace with revenue growth (at 3.5%). I have shown the statistics in 5 year increments. The County would stay within all of its guideline through FY45, except for Debt per Capita. However, it is important to note, as mentioned in the budget presentation, this needs to be changed periodically because it is inflationary.

I want to note a couple of things about the proposed capital budget and program. This capital program is relatively front loaded and has lower estimated capital programs than average in FY27 and FY28. I have also prepared long range projections using a second scenario, to show an alternate projection. In Scenario 2, I use all of the same assumptions except I assume a 5% growth in capital expenses, which reflects the average growth in the CIP over the last twenty years. I also included spending for FY27 and FY28 that reflect the average of the program size from FY23 through FY26 (less the $19 million in authority carried forward from underutilizing bonds last year). As you see the Debt as a % of Full Value guidelines are reached by 2040. The main point of this scenario is to show that growing the capital program at pace with revenue growth long term and being sure to keep the average six year program within the limit is better to stay within the guidelines than a capital program growing faster than revenue.

There are other factors that have provided such high amounts of PayGo funding to pay cash, rather than use debt to fund a very large program. This is great news for the County, but I caution that many of the factors that have led to this are unlikely to continue, at least to such a degree, in the future. Revenues have exceeded estimates in unprecedented levels. It was excellent that the County was conservative in estimates that led to this surplus, but we are already seeing revenues settle into more expected patterns. There has also been a significant influx in grant funding that has also helped alleviate pressure for both capital and operating expenditures. While not directly related to debt affordability, I point this out as a reminder that many of the tools the County has had at its disposal recently, are unlikely to be available in FY27 and FY28 and the spending level from FY24 through FY26 could make those years more challenging to stay within affordability guidelines. Later in our presentation, we will provide recommendations that will help reduce spending that could provide opportunities for current savings that can fall to fund balance and potentially provide additional PayGo opportunities for FY24, though everyone I have talked to agrees that it would be unlikely to ever reach the level seen this year.

Of course we cannot accurately predict that far into the future because there are numerous factors that could change these projections. However, I continue to urge the Administration and the Council to limit the debt load at a level that keeps the debt statistics flat.

Revenue Reserve Fund

This next slide shows the proposed changes to the Revenue Reserve Fund. The FY23 operating budget requests a transfer of $23.5 million. The current balance limit of this fund is 6% of general fund revenues, however, Bill 50-22 has been introduced and, if passed, will increase the balance limit of this fund to 7% of general fund revenues. FY23 estimated revenues are $1.9 billion, therefore the reserve maximum is $113.7 million at the 6% limit and $132.7 at the proposed 7% limit. Our FY22 estimates show an ending balance of approximately $105.7 million. With the FY23 contribution of $23.5 million and projected interest of $1.5 million, we estimate an ending balance of $130.7 million, $17 million over the current 6% cap and $2 million short of the proposed 7% cap.

Revenue Estimates

We have reviewed the Administration's estimates for revenue in all operating funds and concur with the estimates within a reasonable margin. I will give my annual reminder that I am not an economist, but based on our reviews performed, the assumptions used by the Administration seem reasonable.

Property Taxes – As you know the Administration has set the property tax rate at $.933 per $100 of assessed value and $.559 for the City of Annapolis. This year the County did not maximize its rate under the tax cap.

Income Taxes – The Administration has projected an overall increase in Income Taxes of $67.3 million over last year's original budget, however, this is only $18.2 million over the revised budget of $696.5 million. The most recent income tax distributions indicate that the County will likely exceed this revised budgeted amount. At this stage while there are still so many unknowns, we agree with the Administration's conservative approach.

Recordation & Transfer Taxes – We believe the Administration's estimate for FY22 Recordation & Transfer taxes is low. This is because we have the advantage of including another 2 or 3 months of actual activity to estimate the FY22 amounts and can see that we have already exceeded the Administration's FY22 estimate. We project $186 million in FY22, compared to the estimate of $170 million. However, we believe that their FY23 projection of $131 million is reasonable because we do not believe the current level of recordation and transfer taxes is sustainable over time and we have no way of knowing when that might suddenly change, therefore we would not recommend any higher level of revenue to be projected as a recurring revenue.

Tax Rates

Along with the submitted Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, the Administration introduced several bills to establish tax rates that will provide the revenue to fund the proposed FY23 budget appropriations. Bills 38-22 through 49-22 establish tax rates for the special taxing districts, special community benefit districts, shore erosion control districts, waterway improvement districts, the County property and income tax payers, the City of Annapolis, and the City of Highland Beach.

We have reviewed the calculation of the rates and agree the rates will generate revenue to support the FY23 appropriation request in the ABAO.

Now I will discuss the Operating Budget.

Contingency Account

The FY23 budget proposes to appropriate $12,000,000 for contingencies. This slide shows the amounts appropriated in the Contingency Account for the last five years. This fund is used for additional appropriation requests, historically this account included the cost of snow removal and storm damage, but was also the funding source of many unanticipated needs during FY20 and FY21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pay Increases

The pay increases for County groups vary and for your reference, this slide summarizes the pay increases provided to County employee groups, the Library, the Community College, and the teachers.

New Positions

The FY23 budget includes 58 new General Fund positions, one of which is partially grant funded and 1 new grant fund position. Appendix A provides a summary of the new positions and the estimated impact of these positions, including recurring costs (such as salary and benefits) and one-time costs (such as computers and desks).

ARPA Funds

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds are programmed in the FY23 budget, similar to how this occurred in the FY22 budget. These are the following departments with programs over $500,000. These projects would have otherwise come to the Council for review, per Bill 111-21, but will not because they are included in the FY23 proposed budget for approval.

ARPA Placeholders

This slide shows the departments in the FY23 budget that have placeholders for potential future ARPA funding. As discussed in the last slide, any projects over $500,000 will be required to come to the Council for review.

Community Grants

There are a total of $9.4 million in community grants funded by the General fund and $2.5 million in community grants funded by other funds included in the FY23 proposed budget.

OPEB Contributions

The FY23 proposed budget follows the County's re-evaluated Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Policy. The same methods and assumptions were used as last year to determine the Actuarial Determined Contribution (ADC). Based on the OPEB Annual Report as of June 30th, 2021, the County's total OPEB liability is $923 million and the asset was $371 million. This leaves a net OPEB liability of $552 million. The $1 billion liability estimate for FY22 is based on historical average and the $501,000 funded portion estimate is based on historical average with consideration of the estimated improvement of $50 million, which would bring the estimated funding to 50%. We wanted to show this graph to show the remaining liability and how important it is to continue to fund this liability.

I want to take a minute to discuss the school component units that have maintenance of effort agreements (MOE) related to their funding.

Board of Education

We have reviewed the Board's budget and have reconciled the County Executive's request to the schedules provided by the Board that present the Superintendent's and Board's request. This slide shows the FY23 requested appropriation as compared to the MOE and the prior four years of MOE required as compared to the budgeted appropriation. The FY23 proposed budget includes $50 million in funding above the MOE.

Anne Arundel Community College

We have reviewed AACC's budget and have reconciled the County Executive's request to the schedules provided by AACC. This slide shows the FY23 requested appropriation as compared to the maintenance of effort (MOE) and the prior four years of MOE required as compared to the budgeted appropriation. The FY23 proposed budget includes $1 million in funding above the MOE.

Other Items to Note:

I wanted to take an opportunity to discuss some of the placeholders and estimates that are included in the budget. The following are generally related to new program start-up funding and are high level estimates that were not able to be supported. The Crownsville Hospital Complex includes $780,000 in operating funds and $1 million in capital funding ($500,000 is for planning the property and $500,000 is for planning the park). The Fire Department has included $3 million in County general funds and $1.5 million in state grants to replace two fire boats. Other items included are: $10 million added to start the Housing Trust Fund; $713,300 for the Police Accountability Board; $500,000 in Recreation & Parks for a green infrastructure management consultant; $1.5 million for the Resilience Authority; and a $1 million community grant in the capital program for the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Station.

There are also the following additions included as placeholders in the following funds: $3 million in the Garage Vehicle Operating Fund due to rising gas prices; a 5.5% placeholder for an estimated 5.5% rate increase for health insurance rates on January 1, 2023, and a $16.5 million additional contribution to the Pension Fund.

Utility Rates

In the proposed operating budget, the water and sewer usage rates increase by 4.95% and 4.83%, respectively in FY23, with additional increases anticipated in the following three years (8.5% in FY24, 7% in FY25, and 2% in FY26). The Environmental Protection Fee and Water and Sewer Capital Facility Connection Charges will increase in accordance with the rates established in the Code. Last year, it was planned to delay the increase until FY24, due to the addition of ARPA funds as PayGo to the capital projects, however, due to the fund balance, the rate increases are now proposed to start in FY23.

The Solid Waste fee does not increase in FY23, however, there are planned increases in FY24 and FY25 for 10% and 2%, respectively.

Operating Recommendations

I first wanted to take a minute to explain how we develop our recommendations. The first is when the requested items do not total the budgeted amount. We also make recommendations to reduce the appropriation when there are no programmatic changes but the historical expenditures are not reaching the budgeted amount. We evaluated the support and explanations provided and have noted when a recommendation is due to lack of support. There are other types of recommendations that we describe in more detail during the following slides.

I am now going to go through our recommendations for the proposed operating budget by department and by fund, following the order of the ABAO.

Board of Supervisors of Elections

We are recommending three reductions to the Board of Supervisors of Elections for expenditures budgeted in FY23 for the primary election that were already purchased or encumbered with FY22 funds.

In contractual services we recommend reducing operating equipment services by $1,440,000. The Elections FY23 budget request is $4,326,900. The FY23 budget estimate included costs of $1,444,500 for the FY22 third and fourth quarter state voting system billings and for lease costs of ballot drop box security cameras that were already budgeted and encumbered in FY22. These funds will remain encumbered utilizing FY22 funds, but will not be paid until FY23 due to the Gubernatorial Primary Election being moved to FY23. We recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $2,886,900 to account for the encumbered costs in FY22.

Also in contractual services, we recommend reducing legal notices by $40,000. The Elections FY23 budget request is $73,800. Elections provided us with an update that $43,800 in election ballot specimens has already been ordered for the Gubernatorial Primary Election. Therefore, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $33,800 to account for the ballot specimen costs that will be paid in FY22.

In supplies and materials, we recommend reducing public information mail by $25,000. The Elections FY23 budget request is $75,700. Elections provided us with an update that $48,800 in mailing costs for election ballot specimens has already been paid related to the Gubernatorial Primary Election. Therefore, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $50,700 to account for the ballot specimen mailing costs paid in FY22.

Office of Central Services

In Bureau 180 (Facilities Management) in contractual services, we recommend reducing water and sewer by $40,000.This object has a requested FY23 budget of $841,900 for water and sewer costs. This proposed budget includes an increase of $114,800 by Central Services from the FY22 budget of $727,100 due to the plan to add four new locations to the existing inventory during FY23. Water and sewer actual costs have on average been decreasing historically. We recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $801,900. Our calculated estimate considered Central Services' estimated expenditures for FY22 plus inflation, weather volatility, and the estimated costs for the newly added locations.

Department of Aging

In Bureau 380 (Aging and Disability Resource Center), in personal services, we recommend reducing contractual - pay by $15,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $215,500 to pay fee-for-service positions, including case managers for specific programs. Historically, actual costs have not crossed $200,000. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $200,500. Our calculated estimate considered the actual expenditures for FY21 plus inflation.

In Bureau 390 (Long Term Care), in personal services, we also recommend reducing contractual - pay by $75,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $602,800 to pay contractual employees for long term care support. Aging failed to substantiate the full budget request. Instead, Aging only provided a contractual employee listing that totaled $575,500 and included five vacancies. Also, historically, actual costs have not crossed $500,000 even though the FY22 budget is $542,000. Specifically, annual expenditures ranged from $404,400 in FY18 to a high of $466,000 in FY21. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $527,800. Our calculated estimate considered the actual expenditures for FY21 plus inflation.

Department of Health

In Bureau 550 (School Health and Support) personal services, we recommend reducing contractual - pay by $645,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $8,620,700 to pay for contractual employees. According to the Health Department, it currently is experiencing a 50% turnover rate in contractual pay and, historically, actual costs have not crossed $7,000,000 even though the FY22 budget totaled $7,974,300. Specifically, annual expenditures ranged from $3,468,900 in FY20 to a high of $6,306,800 in FY19. We recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $7,975,700 (amount budgeted in FY22).

As a result of our recommendation to cut object 7016 (Contractual - Pay), we also recommend a corresponding cut to object 7066 (Contractual - FICA) by $45,000 to bring the budget down to the required federal contribution (7.65%).

Office of Information Technology

In contractual services, we recommend reducing fiber optics support services by $140,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $400,000 for fiber optics maintenance and unplanned fiber optics repairs, which is an increase of $143,000 from the FY22 budget. Information Technology failed to provide a detailed breakdown to substantiate the budget request and a valid justification why the budget increased from FY22. Annual expenditures ranged from $81,100 in FY19 to a high of $226,800 in FY20. We recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget of $400,000 to $260,000, the amount budgeted in FY22.

Office of Finance

In Bureau 135 (Billings and Customer Service), in contractual services, we recommend reducing financial/audit services by $25,000. This object is used to pay the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation fees related to administering the Homestead Tax Credit program. Finance's FY23 budget request is $112,000. The budget for FY22 was also $112,000, and Finance provided us with an update that known FY22 costs are $68,620. Based on historical billings from the state, costs incurred through April are generally the total amount billed and have gradually been on a decline. Specifically, annual expenditures have declined from $109,000 in FY18 to $61,000 in FY21, which have not crossed $70,000 since FY20. Based on historical expenditures and the most recent two-year average, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget of $112,000 to $87,000.

Office of Finance (Non-Departmental)

In Bureau 155 (Debt Service), contractual services, we recommend reducing consultants by $155,000. Finance (Non-Departmental)'s FY23 budget request is $557,000. Finance's budget estimate contained duplicate consultant expenses related to costs and fees for annual bond sale activity for the water and wastewater debt service, which is separately budgeted in the Water and Wastewater Sinking Fund. We identified the same duplicate consultant request by Finance during the FY22 annual budget review. As a result, this caused an overestimate of consultant fees totaling $155,000. We recommend eliminating the duplicate budgeted funds. A similar situation occurred with the water and wastewater debt service budget.

Also in Bureau 155 (Debt Service), in Object 8633 (Other Costs of Issue), we recommend reducing other costs of issue by $85,000. Finance (Non-Departmental)'s FY23 budget request is $985,000. Finance provided support that substantiated a budget estimate less than $900,000. As a result, we recommend eliminating the excess amount while allowing for inflation.

Office of the Sheriff

In the Office of the Sheriff, there were three areas that were unable to be substantiated and therefore, we are recommending to remove.

In contractual services, the Sheriff's Office other professional services object has a FY23 requested budget of $90,700, which consist of kenneling costs for six K9 deputy handlers. Kenneling costs for the six K9 Handlers are estimated at $6,000 for the year, resulting in an overestimate of $84,700 to its budget request. We recommend reducing this budget request by $80,000, which accounts for any additional kenneling costs that may arise.

Also in contractual services, the Sheriff's Office lease rate tech replacement FY23 proposed budget of $28,400 was requested in error. The County plans to move lease rate tech replacement costs to the Public Safety Tech Enhancement capital project. We recommend eliminating this error in its entirety.

In capital outlay, the Sheriff's Office erroneously included $7,500 to the automotive equipment object code with a FY23 requested budget of $42,500 that was separately requested for miscellaneous equipment (object code 8543). As a result, we recommend reducing the automotive equipment budget request to $35,000.

Office of Transportation

In the Office of Transportation, under Grants and Contributions & Other, we recommend reducing grant fund contribution by $205,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $642,400 to pay the County required match for applicable transportation related grants. Based on the supporting documentation provided by the Budget Office, the Large Urban grant will not be received, and the Budget Office plans to amend the Grants Special Revenue Fund. As a result, the corresponding County requested budget match is overestimated by about $205,000. We recommend removing the excess proposed budget, which reduces the FY23 budget request to $437,400.

Orphan's Court

In personal services, the Orphans' Court special pays budget request for FY23 of $16,200 was included in error. We recommend eliminating the special pays budget in its entirety.

Public Libraries

For the Department of Public Libraries personal services, we recommend reducing salaries and wages by $70,000. Within this requested salaries budget, Public Libraries has requested a budget for six new positions, two assistant managers and four library associates, totaling $331,000. The salary for each of the six new positions are budgeted above the starting salary outlined in the pay scale provided by Public Libraries. Public Libraries did not budget the new positions in accordance with the County's practice of budgeting new positions at their applicable starting salary. Specifically, Public Libraries budgeted the total new positions' salaries $70,000 higher than the applicable starting salary of the new positions. When a new position is requested, it is County practice to budget the starting salary for each position even if the position will likely be filled at a higher salary. To keep Public Libraries consistent with the County practice, we recommend reducing the budget to $15,995,500.

Also in personal services, we recommend reducing special pays by $15,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $1,839,500 for the cost of hourly workers in the branches and at headquarters. A list of hourly workers provided by Public Libraries shows the total cost to be $1,807,400. We updated that list to account for the increase in minimum wage starting January 2023. The revised amount totals $1,824,400. As a result, there is an excess proposed budget of $15,100, therefore we recommend reducing the FY23 budget request to $1,824,500.

In contractual services, we recommend reducing other professional services by $40,000. Public Libraries failed to provide supporting documentation to substantiate the $75,000 request for the risk management audit. According to Public Libraries, the request is the department's best guess based on the risk management audit currently being conducted in the County. Public Libraries did not disclose which County agency is conducting a risk management audit. However, our office is currently conducting a risk assessment that covers the entire County, including other services, which costs $40,000 less than Public Libraries request. Therefore, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $193,200.

In contractual services we also recommend reducing maintenance services by $50,000. Due to FY22 expenditures coming in significantly lower than the budgeted amount and the lack of support for the FY23 request, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget request to $53,600.

Department of Recreation and Parks

For Department of Recreation and Parks, in personal services, we recommend reducing temporary pay by $240,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $5,802,800 to pay for temporary employees. Annual expenditures ranged from $2,935,300 in FY21 to a high of $4,012,500 in FY19 (pre-COVID). The FY22 budget is $4,848,600. Based on month to month historical spending habits, we estimate that total expenditures for FY22 will be $3.7 million. Based on various factors, we recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $5,562,800. Specifically, our calculated estimate considered the following: we used the pre-COVID-19 level of expenditures at $4,012,500 in FY19; we also included the expenditures spent in contractual - pay and special pays in FY19 since these objects incur expenses but did not have a FY23 proposed budget; and to account for the historic wage increases, we added a 5% increase to the FY19 actuals. Although Recreation and Parks failed to substantiate the increase of $1,000,000 to the proposed budget from FY22, we included it as we understand it is expensive for

Recreation and Parks to implement the necessary wage increases and add staffing for two parks. This brings the total amount to about $5,560,000, which results in us recommending a reduction of $240,000 to the FY23 budget request.

Also in personal services, we recommend reducing pension by $60,200 for a duplicate amount already included in the budget for 401A defined contribution.

In Bureau 325 (Director's Office), we recommend reducing grants and contributions by $15,000. Recreation and Parks provided two lists detailing the grants totaling $502,400, which it intends to reward to different organizations. As a result, we recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $504,000.

In Bureau 330 (Recreation), contractual services, we recommend reducing maintenance services by $15,000. This object has a requested budget of $87,000, which includes expenditures related to the maintenance of facility operating equipment that are not covered by County departments, such as pool filters, heating systems, security systems, etc. Recreation and Parks failed to provide a cost breakdown or supporting documentation to substantiate the budget request. Historically, actual costs have not crossed $62,000. Specifically, annual expenditures ranged from $42,500 in FY18 to a high of $61,600 in FY21. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $72,000.

Also in Bureau 330, we recommend reducing other services by $30,000. This object includes expenditures related to bus transportation for summer program participants and year round programs. Recreation and Parks request a budget of $370,900 for FY23. Recreation and Parks failed to provide a cost breakdown or supporting documentation to substantiate the budget request. A similar situation occurred in our prior annual budget review. The FY22 budget is $375,600 and as of May 27, 2022, Recreation and Parks has only expended $2,500. Historically, actual costs have not crossed $300,000. Based on historical expenditures and taking a conservative approach, we recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $340,900.

Department of Social Services

In Bureau 500 (Adult Services), in personal services, we recommend reducing contractual - pay by $115,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $995,000 to pay for contractual employees. Social Services failed to substantiate the entire budget request. Instead, Social Services only provided a contractual employee listing that totaled $945,000 and included four vacancies. Also, historically, actual costs have not crossed $600,000 even though the FY22 budget totaled $672,000. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $880,000. Our calculated estimate considered the actual expenditures for FY21 plus inflation and a buffer of $200,000.

In Bureau 505 (Family and Youth Services), in personal services, we recommend reducing special pays by $50,000. This object is used to supplement pay provided to state employee directors, however, this budget is not being spent. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $44,500.

Also in Bureau 505, we recommend reducing contractual - pay by $250,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $1,352,700 to pay for contractual employees. Social Services failed to substantiate the entire budget request. Instead, Social Services only provided a contractual employee listing that totaled $1,300,000 and included four vacancies. Also, historically, actual costs have not crossed $1,000,000 even though the FY22 budget totaled $1,502,700. Based on historical expenditures, we recommend reducing the FY23 budget to $1,102,700. Our calculated estimate considered the actual expenditures for FY21 plus inflation.

PayGo and Impact Fee Special Revenue Fund

The recommendation for an amendment to Pay-As-You-Go and the Impact Fee Special Revenue Fund are reconciliation items that will update based on any future amendments, including the supplemental and will be updated at that time. These amounts are placeholders based on our recommendations.

Child Care Fund

In the Recreation and Parks Child Care Fund, we recommend reducing other supplies & materials by $15,000 to $413,100. Our calculated estimate considered the Fund's actual costs and inflation.

Water & Wastewater Operating Fund

In the Water and Wastewater Operating Fund, in personal services, we recommend increasing the turnover by ($485,000). This object is calculated to determine the savings projected to occur in the personal services category due to vacancies. Public Works included a turnover amount of ($1,726,800), or 3.90% of the personal services category. We determined this object should be increased a further ($485,000), increasing turnover to about 5.00% of personal services based on the historical actual turnover rate.

In contractual services, we recommend reducing laboratory testing services by $70,000. The laboratory testing services object includes various water and wastewater facility quality and other testing. We recommend reducing the FY23 budget request to $210,100. Our calculated estimate considered the Fund's actual costs, provided for new testing and sampling, and inflation.

Also in contractual services, we recommend reducing management services by $90,000. The management services object has a requested budget of $769,900, which includes cleaning of gravity sewer lines, studies, classes, and consulting services to update a pretreatment limits study. We recommend reducing the FY23 proposed budget to $679,900. Our calculated estimate considered the Fund's actual costs, provided for new consulting services, and inflation.

We also recommend reducing utility water and sewer purchases by $100,000. The utility water and sewer purchases budget request of $135,000 mainly covers water sources from Baltimore City for northern areas of the County if needed. According to Public Works, in FY19, due to capital investments in the water supply system, the County has been able to supply water to residents in the northern part of the County, and the FY23 request is a contingency to cover the costs of tapping back into the Baltimore City water supply in the event of an emergency. However, this Fund already carries a budget of unanticipated needs (object 8721) that Public Works can use for emergency situations that arise.

Therefore, we recommend reducing the utility water and sewer purchases FY23 proposed budget to $35,000.

Water & Wastewater Sinking Fund

In the Water and Wastewater Sinking Fund Bureau 675 (Water and Wastewater Debt Service), in contractual services, we recommend reducing consultants by $180,000. As mentioned earlier in the Office of Finance, a similar situation was identified last year and we recommend eliminating the duplicate budgeted funds.

In Debt Service, we also recommend reducing other costs of issue by $135,000. The Fund's FY23 budget request is $735,000. Finance provided support that substantiated a budget estimate less than $600,000. As a result, we recommend eliminating the excess amount while allowing for inflation.

Garage Vehicle Replacement Fund

In the Garage Vehicle Replacement Fund Capital Outlay, we recommend reducing automotive equipment by $28,000 to remove costs related to a vehicle that has already been encumbered utilizing FY22 funds.

Reforestation Fund

In the Reforestation Fund Grants, Contributions & Others category, we recommend reducing non-County expenditures by $200,000. This object has a requested FY23 budget of $260,000 to pay grants to organizations for general planting projects throughout the County, however, the Chesapeake Bay Trust was due to get a $200,000 grant for FY22 to support a large project that recently fell through, and the FY22 funds are no longer needed. Furthermore, Inspections and Permits failed to substantiate the need for the Chesapeake Bay Trust to receive $200,000 in FY23. As a result, we recommend reducing the Fund's proposed budget to $60,000.

Capital Recommendations

Capital Budget and Program (go through recommendations on the slides)

Now I will go through our recommendations for the proposed capital budget.

Water

In the Water Capital Class, the Glen Burnie High Zone project has an available project balance of $1.1 million as of May 27th. The project is complete and the last child project task is in performance. Based on the latest budget estimate provided there is $1 million in excess project funds, therefore, we recommend reducing prior approved water bonds by $1 million.

For the Dorsey Lime System Upgrade project, based on updated cost estimates, the project cost was reduced by $233,000. We recommend reducing the project budget by $200,000.

Wastewater

In the Wastewater Capital Class, for WRF Infrastructure Upgrade/Retro, the available project balance was $1,623,800 as of May 27th and the Administration is requesting an additional $1,150,000 in FY23. Average annual expenditures for FY18 – FY21 were $965,000. In FY22, $1,520,800 has already been expended and encumbered. Based on historical expenditures, expected activity, and the available balance, we recommend reducing the FY23 request by $500,000.

For the Cox Creek WRF Non-ENR project, the improvements construction contract award was $285,000 less than the budget amount estimated. Therefore, we recommend reducing project funds by $250,000. This leaves $35,000 in added construction contingencies.

The Maryland City WRF utility water pump replacement construction contract award was $97,000 less than the budget amount estimated. Therefore, we recommend reducing project funds by $70,000. This leaves $27,000 in added construction contingencies.

The Brock Bridge Road Sewer Repl available project balance as of May 27th was $232,200. The Administration is requesting to reduce the balance by $117,000 in FY23. The Department has provided an update that an additional $114,000 in wastewater bonds can be released leaving $1,000 left for overhead costs.

The Cox Creek Grit System Improv project available project balance was $908,500. The Administration is requesting $536,000 in wastewater bonds for FY23. The Department has provided an update that the funds requested for FY23 are no longer needed due to bids coming in lower than expected, therefore we recommend eliminating the FY23 wastewater bonds request of $536,000.

General County

In the General County Capital Class, for the Agricultural Preservation Program project, there is an available project balance of almost $5 million. No funds are requested for FY23, however, after settlement of all three potential settlements, the available project balance will be almost $4.6 million. Based on the historical activity, available project balance, and anticipated settlements, we recommend reducing prior approved general county bonds by $1 million. This reduction would leave the project with $3,581,500 for future purchases.

For the Fiber Network project, the available project balance was $1,472,400. The average annual expenditure from FY18 to FY21 for this project was approximately $860,000. The FY23 request is $750,000. Based on the defined need, historical expenditures, and the available balance, we recommend reducing prior approved by $450,000. This reduction would leave $1,772,400 available for spending in the project.

For the Additional Salt Storage Capacity project, the funds requested exceed the amount needed based on project budgets. The Department agreed that these funds are not needed in the project. We recommend reducing the FY23 request by $357,000.

Board of Education

In the Board of Education Capital Class, Upgrade Various Schools project, we recommend increasing FY23 other state grants by $200,000 and increasing FY23 Laurel Racetrack by $49,906 to reflect additional grant funding anticipated.

Similarly for the Athletic Stadium Improvements project, we recommend increasing FY23 other state grants by $2,600,000 to reflect additional grant funding anticipated.

Roads and Bridges

In the Roads and Bridges Capital Class, Pedestrian Improvement - SHA project, as of May 27, 2022, the available project balance was $1.4 million. The project also had $411,000 in encumbered funds. The highest level of annual expenditures since FY18 was in FY20 for $411,000. Since the available project balance is more than three times the highest annual activity in the project over the last five years, we recommend deleting the FY23 request of $500,000.

For the Route 3 Improvements project, the budget request includes all funding for the project in FY23 and FY24. However, the Department is scheduled to advertise for construction contract bids in FY26. Therefore, construction funds can be deferred until FY26. The Department agreed that the project needs $400,000 in FY23 for design and land, $150,000 in FY25 for utility costs, and the remaining funds in FY26. Therefore, we recommend the following: reduce FY23 PayGo by $779,000; restore FY24 PayGo by $779,000; reduce FY24 PPI Bonds by $1,887,000; reduce FY24 highway impact fees district 4 by $629,000; increase FY26 PPI Bonds by $1,887,000; and increase FY 26 highway impact fees district 4 by $629,000.

For the Pleasant Plains Road Safety Improvement project, the budget estimate developed for this project included several errors totaling $842,000. The Department agreed that the project budget was overstated by this amount. We recommend reducing FY23 PPI Bonds by $373,000, deleting FY23 PayGo by $355,000, and reducing FY24 PPI Bonds by $114,000.

In the Duvall/Outing Access Improvement project, the budget estimate developed for this project included an error in the construction cost estimate that resulted in a reduction of $1,040,000 in the project cost. The Department agreed that the cost was overstated. We recommend deleting FY25 general county bonds by $957,000 and reducing FY25 highway impact fees district 2 by $83,000. Additionally, the Department indicated that an additional $189,000 is needed in FY23. If the Administration determines additional funds beyond that included in the proposed budget is needed, it will need to be included in the Administration's supplemental budget request.

Library

In the Library Capital Class, the Library Project Plan project available project balance is approximately $15,000 as of May 27th. The FY23 request is for $250,000. Per the Department, all the funds will be used for updating the Library System Master Plan. The last update was performed during

FY18, which cost approximately $163,000. We recommend reducing the FY23 request by $50,000, which will leave the department with $215,000 to perform the plan update. The Department agrees with the $50,000 reduction.

For the New Glen Burnie Library project, prior approved appropriation for this project is $147,000. Funds were approved to conduct a study for the new library. Based on the most recent forecast, the Department estimates that the total cost of the study will be approximately $92,000. The Department does not anticipate any further expenditures before the design phase starts in FY24. Therefore, there is $55,000 in excess funds in this project. We recommend a reduction of $50,000 in prior approved general county bonds. The Department agreed with the reduction.

The Riviera Beach Community Library project is currently in construction. Approximately $9.17 million was budgeted for the construction contract while the construction contract bids came in lower and the contract was awarded for approximately $8.8 million. In addition, the Department budgeted a design contingency at 19.5% ($173,000) of the design contract. This contingency is usually budgeted at 10% of the design contract. Based on our analysis, there are excess project funds, therefore, we recommend reducing the project budget by $160,000.

Recreation and Parks

In the Recreation & Parks Capital Class, the South Shore Trail Phase 1, Waterbury to MD Rte 3 is complete. Budgeted cost estimates exceeded actual costs by $99,000. We recommend reducing the project budget by $45,000, which would leave $50,000 in the project for final invoices for this task. The Department agreed with the $45,000 reduction in project funds.

The Greenways, Parkland & Open Space project had an available project balance of approximately $7.11 million. The Department anticipates spending approximately $1.91 million in County funds during FY22, leaving $1.04 million in County funds available for FY23. The FY23 request for County funding is $1.46 million. The Department advised that these funds will be used for purchases to help reach the land purchase goals established in the Green Infrastructure Plan. Based on the $1.04 million of County funds from the available project balance that can be used to fund purchases in FY23, we recommend reducing the FY23 funding request by $500,000. This leaves the County with $2 million in County funds, $540,000 more than the identified need for FY23.

For the Shoreline Erosion Control project, two projects are complete. Actual costs for these tasks were less than the budget estimates, resulting in excess funds totaling $100,000. We recommend reducing the project budget by $100,000, and the Department agreed with the reduction.

For the Park Renovation project, the available project balance was $428,275 as of May 27th. The FY23 request is for $9 million, which includes $2.7 million of County funds while the remaining $6.3 million are grant funds. Annual expenditures reached a high of $6.6 million in FY21 during recent years. Based on the historical activity and the FY23 request, we recommend reducing the FY23 request of $9 million by $1 million.

As of May 27, 2022, the available project balance for the Dairy Farm project was $563,097. The Department needs funding for an update of the master plan and for the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. Per a letter from the Navy, the NEPA will cost $205,000. The Department has not yet contracted for the master plan update but based on a similar project, the Department estimates that it will cost $142,000. Since no other tasks are planned, we recommend reducing the excess prior approved funds by $215,000. The Department agreed with this reduction.

The Arundel Swim Center Renovation Phase 2 is complete. Budget estimates for this task exceed actual costs by $43,200. In addition, the construction contract for the Arundel Swim Center Renovation Phase 4 was awarded for $157,000 less than the budget estimate. We recommend reducing the project budget by $100,000 of the $200,200 in excess funds identified, leaving funds for contingencies for the task in progress.

The Eisenhower Course Improvement is complete. Actual costs for this task were less than the budget estimates, resulting in excess funds totaling $91,000. The Department advised that it is awaiting as-built survey and plans. We recommend reducing the project budget by $45,000 leaving the $46,000 for the as-built survey and plans.

The Hot Sox Park Improvements project FY23 request is for $308,000. The Department identified project tasks with estimated costs totaling $256,800. Therefore, the request exceeds identified tasks by $51,200 and we recommend reducing FY23 general county bonds by $50,000.

The Odenton Park Improvements project FY23 request is for $1,053,000, which includes $453,000 in County funding and $600,000 in other state grants. The Department advised that the request is for Odenton Park Improvement Phase 2. The budget request exceeds the Department's cost estimates by $118,500. We recommend reducing the project budget by $100,000.

The Brooklyn Park Community Center project available project balance was $977,333 in County bonds as of May 27th. The FY23 request of $3.4 million is made up of federal and state grants. The Department intends to start working on the design of the community center building in FY23 and expects to receive a majority of the construction funds, $8.53 million, from an unknown private partner in FY24. To prevent the County from using County funds on the design and construction of the project prior to securing private funding, we recommend adding qualifying language to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance preventing the Department from spending available County funds on the design of the community center until a private partner has been identified and construction funding to complete the project has been secured.

The ADA Compliance Implementation project was funded for the first time during FY22 with $350,000 in general county bonds. As of May 27, 2022, the available project balance was $349,708. The FY23 request is for $700,000. There is no funding request in FY24 while the request for the rest of the out-years is $350,000. The Department advised that the funding request was pulled forward from FY24 to FY23 due to the availability of PayGo funding in FY23. Since the Department has not spent the $350,000 in available funds it received in FY22, we recommend reducing the FY23 request of $700,000 to $350,000 and moving the remaining $350,000 to FY24.

The Odenton Library Community Park FY23 request is for $2 million, which includes $500,000 in general county bonds and $1.5 million in other state grants. The project is currently in the design phase and the construction contract bid and award period will not start until FY24. According to the Department, a matching fund requirement was waived for the state grant of $1.5 million. Since there is no matching fund requirement and sufficient funds are appropriated for design, we recommend reducing FY23 project funds by $500,000 and increasing FY24 project funds by the same amount.

Trail Spurs/Connectors CW is a new project and the FY23 request is for $750,000. The Department was unable to provide any documentation on the basis for the amount requested, but advised that this is based on historical knowledge and similar projects, such as the Safe Route for Schools Sidewalks project. The Department also stated that it is requesting more in FY23 as compared to the out-years due to the availability of PayGo funding in FY23. Annual expenditures incurred for the School Sidewalks project reached a high of $200,000 in FY18. Based on the lack of supporting documentation and historical expenditures from a similar project, we recommend reducing FY23 PayGo by $450,000. This leaves the department with $300,000, which is $100,000 more than the highest amount spent by a similar project.

Water Quality Improvements

In the Water Quality Improvements Capital Class, the Cowhide Branch Retro project is complete and any additional work required will be performed in a new project. We recommend deleting the excess project funds of $1,300,000. The Department agreed that this amount was not needed. We recommend reducing prior approved general county bonds by $500,000 and prior approved other federal grants by $800,000.

Dredging

In the Dredging Capital Class, the Severn River HW Dredging 2 project included an error in the calculation. The Department advised that the correction resulted in a decrease in the project budget of $76,000. We recommend reducing FY23 general county bonds by $76,000.

The Yantz & Saltworks Creek Dredging project budget included an error in the calculation. The Department advised that the correction resulted in a decrease in the project budget of $19,000, therefore, we recommend deleting FY23 general county bonds by $19,000.

Watershed Protection and Restoration

In the Watershed Protection & Restoration Capital Class, the MR-OF-04 project had an available project balance of $124,000 as of May 27th. Project tasks are complete and the Department is de-appropriating $50,000 from prior approved project funds in FY23. Based on the available project balance and that project tasks are complete, we recommend reducing project funds by an additional $40,000. The Department agreed with this additional reduction.

The MR-OF-02 project had an available project balance of $106,000 as of May 27th. According to the Department, the project is in performance and funds are only needed for final costs. We recommend reducing project funds by $70,000. The Department agreed with the reduction.

Project PT-PC-01 had an available project balance of $287,000 as of May 27th. Of the four project tasks, two are complete, one task is in performance and one was canceled. Funds are encumbered for the task that is in performance; therefore, we recommend reducing the current available balance to remove the funds budgeted for the canceled task.

The PN-PC-01 had an available project balance of $563,000 as of May 27th. According to the Department, Patapsco Non-Tidal Public Ponds Phase 1 is complete and budget estimates exceeded actual costs by $115,000. We recommend reducing project funds by $115,000. The Department agreed with this reduction.

Project SE-OF-01 had an available project balance of $261,000 as of May 27th. According to the Department, one project task, Sappington Hill Pond Retrofit, has been completed and the other project task, Severn Minor Outfall Restoration, will be closed and no further action taken. Therefore, we recommend reducing project funds by $250,000. The Department agreed with this reduction.

The SE-PC-01 project had an available project balance of $983,000 as of May 27th. According to the Department, two out of four project tasks, Mill Race Public Pond Restoration, and Severn River Public Pond Restoration, are complete. Budgeted cost estimates exceeded actual costs for these tasks by $70,000. We recommend reducing project funds by $70,000. The Department agreed with this reduction.

Project SO-OF-01 had an available project balance of $621,000 as of May 27th. Project tasks are complete and the Department is de-appropriating $329,943 from prior approved project funds in FY23. Based on the available project balance and that project tasks are complete, we recommend reducing project funds by an additional $105,000, leaving the remaining funds for final costs. The Department agreed with this additional reduction.

The WPRP Land Acquisition project has an available project balance of $906,000. The Department advised that it will utilize the available funds for another round of property acquisitions during FY23. According to the Department, $450,000 was spent in the first round and it expects to spend $600,000 to $700,000 on acquisitions and another $100,000 for demolition and remediation. Based on the current available project balance and the Department's response, we recommend reducing project funds by $100,000, leaving $806,000 for future acquisitions, demolition and remediation.

Appendices

As previously mentioned, Appendix A is a Summary of New Positions. Appendix B is a summary by department of the proposed operating recommendations and Appendix C is a summary of the proposed capital recommendations.

Conclusion:

I would like to thank the Council for listening patiently to our presentation and hope you'll consider our recommendations. This presentation and our recommendations show the end result of a significant amount of work by all involved in this process. So I again thank my team for their commitment to performing our independent review of the budget. I also want to thank the many people in the Administration as a whole, and specifically the Office of the Budget that help us in this review.

I am ready to answer any questions that you may have and we look forward to supporting you through the remainder of the process. Thank you!

Appendix A - Summary of New Positions								
DEPT	**Job Title**	**Salary Plan**	**Grade**	**Position Control #**	**Salary, FICA, Insurance, Pension**	**Ancillary Costs**	**Vehicle Costs**	**Grand Total**
AGE	Program Specialist I	NR	15	90034	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
AGE	Program Specialist I	NR	15	90035	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
AGE	Program Specialist II	NR	17	90033	$ 85,248	$ -	$ -	$ 85,248
AGE	Senior Center Associate	OS	6	90032	$ 54,440	$ -	$ -	$ 54,440
AGE	Human Services Specialist	NR	15	90036	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
AGE	Human Services Specialist	NR	15	90037	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
CAO	Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer	E	5	90040	$ 120,091	$ -	$ -	$ 120,091
CSV	Program Specialist I	NR	15	90000	$ 74,536	$ 3,600	$ -	$ 78,136
CSV	Facilities Maintenance Mechanic I	LM	7	90001	$ 57,158	$ 8,976	$ 39,180	$ 105,314
CSV	Management Assistant II	NR	17	90002	$ 85,257	$ 3,600	$ -	$ 88,857
CSV	Management Aide	NR	12	90003	$ 65,360	$ 3,600	$ -	$ 68,960
CSV	Management Aide	NR	12	90004	$ 65,360	$ 3,600	$ -	$ 68,960
CSV	Senior Management Assistant	NR	19		$ 97,655	$ -	$ -	$ 97,655
EMG	Communication Emergency Management Planner*	NR	18C	90049	$ 79,685	$ 4,200	$ -	$ 83,885
FIR	Fire Lieutenant	F	5	90050	$ 96,021	$10,910	$ -	$ 106,931
FIR	Fire Lieutenant	F	5	90051	$ 96,021	$10,910	$ -	$ 106,931
FIR	Fire Lieutenant	F	5	90052	$ 96,021	$10,910	$ -	$ 106,931
FIR	Fire Lieutenant	F	5	90053	$ 96,021	$10,910	$ -	$ 106,931
HLH	Environmental Sanitarian II	NR	15	90025	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
HLH	Environmental Sanitarian II	NR	15	90026	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
IAP	Planner II (transferred from Restoration Fund)	NR	17	11160	$ 111,108	$ -	$ -	$ 111,108
LEG	Legislative Management Assistant I	NR	15	90064	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
LEG	Legislative Management Assistant II	NR	17	90061	$ 85,236	$ -	$ -	$ 85,236
LEG	Legislative Analyst	NR	17	90062	$ 85,236	$ -	$ -	$ 85,236
LEG	Legislative IT Technician	NR	16	90063	$ 79,685	$ -	$ -	$ 79,685
PAZ	Zoning Inspector Supervisor	NR	18	90046	$ 91,216	$ 5,980	$ 27,866	$ 125,062
PAZ	Zoning Inspector	OS	12	90048	$ 70,394	$ 5,230	$ 27,866	$ 103,490
PAZ	Senior Planner	NR	19	90047	$ 97,655	$ 4,440	$ -	$ 102,095
PER	Personnel Analyst III	NR	19	90043	$ 97,655	$ -	$ -	$ 97,655
PER	Personnel Analyst III	NR	19	90044	$ 97,655	$ -	$ -	$ 97,655
PER	Personnel Analyst III	NR	19	90045	$ 97,655	$ -	$ -	$ 97,655
POL	Management Assistant I	NR	15	90054	$ 74,536	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 82,036
POL	Office Support Specialist	OS	6	90055	$ 54,440	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 61,940
POL	Office Support Assistant II	OS	4	90056	$ 50,091	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 57,591
POL	Program Specialist I	NR	15	90057	$ 74,536	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 82,036
POL	Veterinarian	NR	24	90060	$ 197,031	$ 7,500	$ -	$ 204,531
POL	Police Officer	P	0	90058	$ 83,788	$31,800	$ 54,650	$ 170,238
POL	Police Officer	P	0	90059	$ 83,788	$31,800	$ 54,650	$ 170,238
RCP	Program Specialist II	NR	17	90012	$ 85,236	$ -	$ -	$ 85,236
RCP	Equipment Operator II	LM	7	90009	$ 57,158	$ 1,000	$ -	$ 58,158
RCP	Equipment Operator II	LM	7	90010	$ 57,158	$ 1,000	$ -	$ 58,158
RCP	Maintenance Worker II	LM	5	90011	$ 52,538	$ 1,000	$ -	$ 53,538
RCP	Park Ranger	R	1	90007	$ 68,207	$14,313	$ -	$ 82,519
RCP	Park Maintenance Supervisor	NR	13	90008	$ 68,227	$14,313	$ -	$ 82,539
RCP	Management Aide	NR	12	90019	$ 65,307	$ -	$ -	$ 65,307
RCP	Office Support Specialist	OS	6	90006	$ 54,440	$ -	$ -	$ 54,440
SOC	Management Aide	NR	12	90020	$ 65,307	$ -	$ -	$ 65,307
STA	S/A Paralegal	SA	2	90028	$ 61,433	$ 2,800	$ -	$ 64,233
STA	S/A Paralegal	SA	2	90029	$ 61,433	$ 2,800	$ -	$ 64,233
STA	S/A Paralegal	SA	2	90030	$ 61,433	$ 2,800	$ -	$ 64,233
STA	S/A Paralegal	SA	2	90031	$ 61,433	$ 2,800	$ -	$ 64,233
STA	S/A Director Vic/ Witness Programs	SA	6	90027	$ 112,050	$ 3,400	$ -	$ 115,450
TRN	Planner I	NR	15	90038	$ 74,536	$ -	$ -	$ 74,536
TRN	Planner III	NR	19	90039	$ 91,216	$ -	$ -	$ 91,216

*Partially grant funded

Total Operating Recommendations

General Fund	Total
Board of Supervisors of Elections	1,505,000
Office of Central Services	40,000
Department of Aging	90,000
Health Department	690,000
Office of Information Technology	140,000
Office of Finance	265,000
Office of the Sherriff	115,900
Office of Transportation	205,000
Orphans Court	16,200
Department of Public Libraries	175,000
Department of Recreation and Parks	360,200
Department of Social Services	415,000
Total General Fund Operating	$ 4,017,300

PayGo and Impact Fees-Reconciling Items	$ 15,255,000
Child Care Fund	$ 15,000
Reforestation Fund	$ 200,000
Garage Vehicle Replacement Fund	$ 28,000
Water & Wastewater Operating Fund	$ 745,000
Water and Wastewater Sinking Fund	$ 315,000

Capital Recommendations

GENERAL COUNTY																				
Project		Prior Approval						FY23						FY24						
#	Project Name	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds
	Proposed FY23 Capital Budget:	1,421,313,426	219,636,823	178,514,419	677,891,441	167,576,000	80,086,087	67,871,522	217,953,500	16,498,000	221,981,978	14,500,000	33,379,750	328,605,100	10,978,200	34,397,000	67,024,500	5,000,000	55,049,000	242,160,100
C443400	Agricultural Preservation Prgm	(1,000,000)																		
C562400	Add'l Salt Storage Capacity							(357,000)												
C565400	Fiber Network		(450,000)																	
E539100	Upgrade Various Schools										200,000		49,906							
E549300	Athletic Stadium Improvements										2,600,000									
H563700	Ped Improvement - SHA							(500,000)												
H581600	Route 3 Improvements													(1,887,000)	779,000	(629,000)				
H583700	Pleasant Plains Rd Safety Im							(373,000)	(355,000)					(114,000)						
H583800	Duvall/Outing Access Improveme																			(957,000)
L542400	Library Proj Plan							(50,000)												
L576100	New Glen Burnie Library	(50,000)																		
L567000	Rivieria Beach Comm. Library	(160,000)																		
P372000	South Shore Trail							(45,000)												
P400200	Greenways, Parkland&OpenSpace								(500,000)											
P468700	Shoreline Erosion Contrl							(100,000)												
P479800	Park Renovation								(1,000,000)											
P544100	Dairy Farm	(215,000)																		
P561600	Arundel Swim Center Reno							(100,000)												
P570200	Eisenhower Golf Course							(45,000)												
P573200	Hot Sox Park Improvements							(50,000)												
P576200	Odenton Park Improvements								(100,000)											
P584300	ADA Compliance Implementation								(350,000)						350,000					
P584400	Odenton Library Community Park							(500,000)						500,000						
P588300	Trail Spurs/Connectors CW								(450,000)											
Q517400	Cowhide Branch Retro	(500,000)			(800,000)															
Q582300	Severn River HW Dredging 2							(76,000)												
Q584900	Yantz & Saltworks Creek Drdg							(19,000)												
	FISCAL YEAR CHANGE	(1,925,000)	(450,000)	0	(800,000)	0	0	(2,215,000)	(2,755,000)	0	2,800,000	0	49,906	(1,501,000)	1,129,000	(629,000)	0	0	0	(957,000)
	CUMULATIVE CHANGE	(1,925,000)	(450,000)	0	(800,000)	0	0	(4,140,000)	(3,205,000)	0	2,000,000	0	49,906	(5,641,000)	(2,076,000)	(629,000)	2,000,000	0	49,906	(6,598,000)
	FISCAL YEAR BALANCE	1,419,388,426	219,186,823	178,514,419	677,091,441	167,576,000	80,086,087	65,656,522	215,198,500	16,498,000	224,781,978	14,500,000	33,429,656	327,104,100	12,107,200	33,768,000	67,024,500	5,000,000	55,049,000	241,203,100

FY25					FY26						FY27						FY28					
Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Impact Fees	Grants	Premium	Other
6,016,400	**26,349,000**	**47,326,300**	**0**	**6,420,000**	**196,310,500**	**5,887,300**	**3,500,000**	**87,936,000**	**0**	**9,112,000**	**138,932,700**	**5,889,200**	**6,229,000**	**64,594,000**	**0**	**5,920,000**	**115,914,700**	**5,889,200**	**12,200,000**	**24,029,000**	**0**	**5,920,000**
					1,887,000		629,000															
	(83,000)																					
0	**(83,000)**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,887,000**	**0**	**629,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
(2,076,000)	**(712,000)**	**2,000,000**	**0**	**49,906**	**(4,711,000)**	**(2,076,000)**	**(83,000)**	**2,000,000**	**0**	**49,906**	**(4,711,000)**	**(2,076,000)**	**(83,000)**	**2,000,000**	**0**	**49,906**	**(4,711,000)**	**(2,076,000)**	**(83,000)**	**2,000,000**	**0**	**49,906**
6,016,400	**26,266,000**	**47,326,300**	**0**	**6,420,000**	**198,197,500**	**5,887,300**	**4,129,000**	**87,936,000**	**0**	**9,112,000**	**138,932,700**	**5,889,200**	**6,229,000**	**64,594,000**	**0**	**5,920,000**	**115,914,700**	**5,889,200**	**12,200,000**	**24,029,000**	**0**	**5,920,000**

Capital Recommendations (cont.)

UTILITIES																	
Project		Prior Approval					FY23					FY24					
#	Utilities	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds
	Proposed FY23 Capital Budget:	796,479,668	67,621,829	69,783,000	120,428,721	7,096,548	102,147,060	0	8,470,000	18,204,000	150,000	153,187,000	4,603,000	0	19,428,000	1,803,000	239,376,000
B552400	MR-OF-04	(40,000)															
B552600	MR-OF-02	(70,000)															
B554000	PT-PC-01	(280,000)															
B555700	PN-PC-01	(115,000)															
B557900	SE-OF-01	(250,000)															
B558100	SE-PC-01	(70,000)															
B559200	SO-OF-01	(105,000)															
B561000	WPRP Land Acquisition	(100,000)															
S802300	WRF Infrastru Up/Retro						(500,000)										
S806100	Cox Creek WRF Non-ENR						(250,000)										
S806600	Maryland City WRF Exp						(70,000)										
S807700	Brock Bridge Road Sewer Repl	(114,000)															
S808000	Cox Creek Grit System Improv.						(536,000)										
W801700	Glen Burnie High Zone	(1,000,000)															
W805600	Dorsey Lime System Upgrade	(200,000)															
FISCAL YEAR CHANGE		(2,344,000)	0	0	0	0	(1,356,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CUMULATIVE CHANGE		(2,344,000)	0	0	0	0	(3,700,000)	0	0	0	0	(3,700,000)	0	0	0	0	(3,700,000)
FISCAL YEAR BALANCE		794,135,668	67,621,829	69,783,000	120,428,721	7,096,548	100,791,060	0	8,470,000	18,204,000	150,000	153,187,000	4,603,000	0	19,428,000	1,803,000	239,376,000

FY25				FY26					FY27					FY28				
Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other	Bonds	Pay-Go	Premium	Grants	Other
6,248,000	0	16,413,000	1,427,000	76,030,000	5,715,000	0	7,205,000	901,000	77,566,000	5,375,000	0	3,072,000	384,000	65,224,000	5,550,000	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		0
0	0	0	0	(3,700,000)	0	0	0	0	(3,700,000)	0	0	0		(3,700,000)	0	0		0
6,248,000	0	16,413,000	1,427,000	76,030,000	5,715,000	0	7,205,000	901,000	77,566,000	5,375,000	0	3,072,000		65,224,000	5,550,000	0		0

ADMINISTRATION REBUTTAL

June 1, 2022

Good afternoon and thank you Madame Chair. For the record I am Chris Trumbauer, Budget Officer. I'd like to begin my remarks by thanking Michelle Bohlayer, County Auditor, and her staff for the hard work their office has done over the last month. Ms. Bohlayer and I have had an open line of communication throughout this process and I think that has been helpful for all sides. There is very much behind the scenes work that happens in the month of May and it is a very hectic time. I believe Michelle and I agree that there is always room for improvement and we are both committed to that and I look forward to working with her after the budget is finalized to make next year's process even smoother.

I'd also like to thank the County's budget office team - nobody is looking forward to June 15th more than they are. And finally I'd like to acknowledge Department Directors and their budget staff - they have been good partners in this budget process, which started more than six months ago for them.

County Executive Pittman is very proud of this budget. The proposed budget before you funds important County priorities, provides record funding to the school system, bolsters our reserves, cuts taxes, keeps most utility rates unchanged and protects our AAA bond rating.

As I've said before, the Administration's job is to introduce a great budget. The Council's job is to make it even better. We look forward to working with you over the next two weeks to approve what I believe will be one of the best budgets in County history.

With that, I will jump into the Administration's comments on the Auditors presentation and recommended amendments to the budget.

Regarding the Spending Affordability Committee remarks, we agree with the Auditor's analysis but it is important to remember that the SAC made its recommendations back in January, prior to the most recent economic indicators being released and the much larger than expected income tax distribution. The Chair referenced this in his remarks on April 29.

Regarding the Auditor's caution about the amount of fund balance and PAYGO in the FY23 budget, we whole-heartedly agree, which is why we programmed the fund balance into the Capital budget and one-time expenses in the operating budget. I'll remind the Council that this budget also reduces the new debt authorization by $10M / year, or $60M over the course of the 6-year program.

The Auditor's analysis on Debt Affordability shows that using reasonable assumptions (Scenario 1), the County will meet its guidelines for the next 25 years and beyond. That is pretty extraordinary.

Regarding the Rainy Day Fund, we used FY2021 Budgetary Fund balance; the Auditor used GAAP Fund Balance, which results in about a $2 million difference (GAAP is lower by $2 million). Using the Budgetary Fund Balance as shown in the Budget Book, the FY2023 ending balance will be at the maximum allowable under the proposed 7% limit. We estimate the balance at the end of FY23 would be $132.7 M, which is 7% of the general fund.

The Auditor's analysis on the CAO Contingency Fund is correct. We have been fortunate in the last several years that the County has not had to tap the fund for large appropriations. But one large snowstorm could cost $10M or more. So, we believe in a $2.1B operating budget, a contingency fund of $12M (about 0.6%) is appropriate.

At this time, I will now respond to the individual recommendations in the Operating and Capital Budgets. Councilmembers should have in their possession a table of the Auditor's recommendations with the corresponding Administration position on each one.

Office of the Budget FY2023 Proposed Operating Budget Rebuttal

Department	One-Time/ Recurring	Amount of Cut	Budget Office Response (Yes/No/Partial)	Budget Office Accepted Amount	Description of Cut	Admin Response
Board of Elections	One-time	1,440,000	Partial	800,000	7217-Operating Equipment Services	The Auditor's recommendation assumes that billing for the third and fourth quarter would be shifted to FY23. Our partial cut recognizes that the third and fourth quarter billing will be charged to FY22.
Board of Elections	One-time	40,000	Yes	40,000	7285- Legal Notices	Elections recently purchased the primary specimen ballots using FY22 dollars. We therefore concur with this recommendation.
Board of Elections	One-time	25,000	Yes	25,000	8123- Public Information Mail	Elections recently paid for mailing of the primary specimen ballots using FY22 dollars. We therefore concur with this recommendation.
Central Services	Recurring	40,000	No	-	7224- Water and Sewer	While costs have been declining slightly, we are adding several new buildings that have older infrastructure and unknown uses. We do not know the exact usage for each of the new buildings so it is premature to assume that this line is over budgeted.
Aging	Recurring	15,000	Yes	15,000	7016 Contractual pay	County is okay with this reduction
Aging	Recurring	75,000	No		7017-Contractual pay	Need funding to fill vacant position in Medicaid Waiver program which is a Fee for Service program, county is fully reimbursed for all costs.
Health Department	Recurring	690,000	No	-	7016-Contractual and 7066-Contractual FICA	The Health Department has been expending significant effort to recruit and retain school nurses as they frequently leave for higher paying positions in other jurisdictions. The Administration has invested significant resources to help the Department recruit and retain school nurses; the Auditor's recommendation would undo this effort.
OIT	Recurring	140,000	No	-	7611-Fiber Optic Support Services	County just received new fiber contract with School System and needs additional funding to support fiber, this cost is revenue supported
Office of Finance	Recurring	25,000	Yes	25,000	7413- Financial/Audit Services	This is funding for SDAT billing and out of our control, costs vary year to year if we need additional funding we will come back at 4th quarter
Office of Finance (Non-Departmental)	Recurring	155,000	Yes	155,000	7405- Debt Service - Consultants	Debt Issuance costs are directly related to the timing of issuance, the market, and the amount we issue. We agree to this cut, and if we need additional funding we will come back for additional appropriation in the 4th quarter next year
Office of Finance (Non-Departmental)	Recurring	85,000	Yes	85,000	8633 - Other Costs of Issue	Same as above
Sheriff	Recurring	28,400	Yes	28,400	7662 - Lease Rate Tech Replacement	This funding is already provided in another area of the budget.
Sheriff	One-time	80,000	No	-	7439-Other Professional Services	This recommendation would cut funding for a shot detection system and partially cut funding for State-mandated psychological evaluations.
Sheriff	Recurring	7,500	No	-	8531-Automotive Equipment	This recommendation would cut funding to alllow mobile printers.
Transportation	Recurring	205,000	No	-	8712- Grant Fund Contribution	This funding is required to match State transit grants, this reduction will cause a loss of over $635,000 in state grants which funds transit service
Orphan's Court	Recurring	16,200	Yes	16,200	7013-Special Pays	This funding is already included in the PSC. We therefore concur with the recommendation.

Library	Recurring	70,000	Yes	70,000	7011- Salaries and Wages	Okay with reduction based on minimum starting salary
Library	Recurring	15,000	Yes	15,000	7013-Special Pays	Okay with reduction based on Auditor calculations
Library	Recurring	40,000	Yes	40,000	7439-Other Professional Services	Okay with reduction based on Auditors Risk Mgmt Audit cost
Library	Recurring	50,000	No	-	7507-Maintenance Services	Libraries says they will spend all of their funding by year end and need the FY23 same level service funding
Recreation & Parks	Recurring	60,200	No	-	7051-Pension	This funding is needed to meet our actuarial contribution.
Recreation & Parks	Recurring	240,000	No	-	7015-Temporary Pay	This recommendation does not account for minimum wage increases mandated by State law nor for the growing number of programs and services offered by the Department.
Recreation & Parks	Recurring	15,000	No	-	8711 - Grants and Contributions	This funding will allow the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra to provide a second concert series at the new Downs Park Amphitheater.
Recreation & Parks	Recurring	15,000	No	-	7507-Maintenance Services	The $15K reduction is part of a transfer of funding from one area of the budget to another to better account for Arundel Olympic Swim Center expenditures. There is no increase in the budget for these services.
Recreation & Parks	Recurring	30,000	Yes	30,000	7439-Other Professional Services	Increases for bus transportation are unknown as this time, so we concur with the Auditor's recommendation.
Social Services	Recurring	115,000	Partial	57,500	7016-Contractual Pay	We propose a partial reduction of $57,500. The Department has been undertaking efforts to equalize pay between County contractual staff and the State contractual staff they work alongside. Taking the full amount recommended by the Auditor will undermine these efforts.
Social Services	Recurring	250,000	Partial	125,000	7016-Contractual Pay	We propose a partial reduction of $125,000. The Department has been undertaking efforts to equalize pay between County contractual staff and the State contractual staff they work alongside. Taking the full amount recommended by the Auditor will undermine these efforts.
Social Services	Recurring	50,000	No	0	7013-Special Pays	This funding pays salaries for filled State positions. Concurring with this recommendation would cut salaries for current employees.

Total	**4,017,300**	**1,527,100**
One-Time	1,585,000	865,000
Recurring	2,432,300	662,100

Other Funds:						
Child Care Fund		15,000	Yes	15,000	7016-Contractual Pay	We concur with this recommendation.
Utility Operating Fund	Recurring	485,000	No	**0**	7019- Turnover	Hiring has been delayed to readvertisement of positions due to lack of qualified applicants. The department does not expect this to continue. The Budget Office calculated the three year average turnover amount and is comfortable with where the turnover budget stands without this cut.
Utility Operating Fund	Recurring	70,000	No	**0**	7419- Laboratory Testing Services	The department requested additional funding that is not in the average spending for this object for new regulatory requirements from the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Utility Operating Fund	Recurring	90,000	No	**0**	7423- Management Services	This is for outside training required for our licensed water and wastewater plant operators, maintenance technicians and meter technicians. It took a hit during pandemic years, when on-site training was not conducted due to limitations of training providers, so more funding is needed now to make up for lost training that is required for the employees to maintain certifications. It also includes a one time cost of $250,000 for the regulatory required local limits study.
Utility Operating Fund	Recurring	100,000	Yes		7719- Utility Water & Sewer Purchases	
Utility Sinking Fund	Recurring	185,000	Yes	**185,000**	7405- Consultants	Debt Issuance costs are directly related to the timing of issuance, the market, and the amount we issue. We agree to this cut, and if we need additional funding we will come back for additional appropriation in the 4th quarter next year.
Utility Sinking Fund	Recurring	135,000	Yes	**135,000**	8633- Other Costs of Issue	Same as above.
Central Garage Replacement Fund	Recurring	28,000	Yes	**28,000**	8531- Automotive Equipment	
Reforestation Fund	Recurring	200,000	No	**0**	8785 - Non-county Expenditures	This reduction would leave only $60,000 in budget for reforestation and planting. CY funding was not utilized because of a big project falling through last minute, this reduction would mean a delay of large planting projects for 2 years

Office of the Budget FY2023 Proposed Capital Budget Rebuttal

Fund	Project #	Project Name	PayGo	Amount of Cut	Budget Office Accepted Amount	Budget Office Response (Yes/No/Partial)	Admin Response
UTL	W801700	Glen Burnie High Zone	$0	$1,000,000		Yes	
UTL	W805600	Dorsey Lime System Upgrade	$0	$200,000		Yes	
UTL	S802300	WRF Infastr Up/Retro	$0	$500,000		No	This is a multi-year project that may used for emergency repairs at the treatment plants, we would like to retain the $500k as a contingency for unanticipated repairs
UTL	S806100	Cox Creek WRF Non-ENR	$0	$250,000		No	Currently this project is not under contract for construction. It was was originally bid in November but bids came in over budget, and will be re-advertised for bid in July. Additional funds are needed to cover estimated shortfall.
UTL	S806600	Maryland City WRF Exp	$0	$70,000		No	This project was originally bid in January but bids came in over budget. As a result this project is currently being bid again and this additional funding will address any shortfall.
UTL	S807700	Brock Bridge Road Sewer Repl	$0	$114,000		Yes	
UTL	S808000	Cox Creek Grit System Improv	$0	$536,000		Yes	
GEN	C443400	Agricultural Preservation Prgm	$0	$1,000,000		Yes	
GEN	C565400	Fiber Network		$450,000		No	This cut will actually increases cost to the county, as we have to buy commercial circuits or other connectivity options to connect county facilities (eg RADIO towers are moving to Fiber connections rather than microwave, etc).
GEN	C562400	Add'l Salt Storage	$0	$357,000		Yes	
GEN	E539100	Upgrade Various Schools	$0	-$249,906		Yes	
GEN	E549300	Athletic Stadium Improvements	$0	-$2,600,000		Yes	
GEN	H563700	Ped Improvement - SHA	$0	$500,000		No	Program management for this project was revised so we are not reliant on SHA management and now are able to move forward with the projects. Four projects are anticipated totalling $5.8M to be under construction by FY25.

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Fund	Project #	Project Name	PayGo	Amount of Cut	Budget Office Accepted Amount	Budget Office Response (Yes/No/Partial)	Admin Response
GEN	H581600	Route 3 Improvements	$779,000	-		No	We prefer to keep funding in FY23 to allow County to proceed with this priority project as quickly as possible
GEN	H583700	Pleasant Plains Rd Safety Im	$355,000	$1,040,000		Yes	
GEN	H583800	Duvall/Outing Access Improvement	$0	-		Yes	
GEN	L542400	Library Project Plan	$0	$50,000		Yes	
GEN	L576100	New Glen Burnie Library	$0	$50,000		Yes	
GEN	L567000	Rivieria Beach Comm Library	$0	$160,000		No	There will be other costs associated with longer lease for temp library, and until complete we do not recommend cut at this time. Additional there could be unknown costs due to construction delays for construction and design A/E.
GEN	P372000	South Shore Trail	$0	$45,000		Yes	
GEN	P400200	Greenways, Parkland, & Open Space	$500,000	$500,000		No	The Advanced Land Acquisition project is for future county facilities. Greenways is used for conservation and preservation acqusitions. The Department is currently evaluating a property that will use the balance of the FY22 plus a portion of the FY 23 funds. A cut to the County's portion of this project will reduce the Department's ability to purchase properties.
GEN	P468700	Shoreline Erosion Control	$0	$100,000		Yes	
GEN	P479800	Park Renovation	$1,000,000	$1,000,000		No	The Department has an estimated backlog of $9.3 M and growing - and the request is $9M. 70% of this request is funded grants. A cut would result in a decrease in services that would just be rolled over to the following year.
GEN	P544100	Dairy Farm	$0	$215,000		Yes	
GEN	P561600	Arundel Swim Center Reno	$0	$100,000		No	Too early in project to recognize cuts becasue of unknown field conditions that won't be fully recognized until demolition is complete
GEN	P570200	Eisenhower Golf Course	$0	$45,000		Yes	

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Fund	Project #	Project Name	PayGo	Amount of Cut	Budget Office Accepted Amount	Budget Office Response (Yes/No/Partial)	Admin Response
GEN	P573200	Hot Sox Park Improvements	$0	$50,000		No	Need funds for additional required improvements by SHA.
GEN	P576200	Odenton Park Improvements	$100,000	$100,000		No	All funds are needed on this project. There are two separate child projects that were bid together and cumulatively require all of the proposed funding.
GEN	P579000	Brooklyn Park Community Center				No	Disagree to changing the language to restrict prior approved funding until private funding is secured.
GEN	P584300	ADA Compliance Implementation	$350,000	$350,000		No	Was moved forward from FY24 to FY23 to take advantage of paygo funds and expedite implementation
GEN	P584400	Odenton Library Community Park	$0	$0		Yes	
GEN	P588300	Trail Spurs/Connector CW	$450,000	$450,000		No	Was moved forward from FY24 to FY23 to take advantage of paygo funds and expedite implementation
GEN	Q517400	Cowhide Branch Retro	$0	$1,300,000		Yes	
GEN	Q582300	Severn River HW Dredging	$0	$76,000		Yes	
GEN	Q584900	Yantz & Saltworks Creek Drdg	$0	$19,000		Yes	
WPRF	B552400	MR-OF-04	$0	$40,000	$40,000	Partial	We agreed to cut in FY24, not FY23.
WPRF	B552600	MR-OF-02	$0	$70,000		Yes	
WPRF	B554000	PT-PC-01	$0	$280,000		No	There are remaining invoices to be paid on this project. Unencumbered dollars can be released in the FY24 request.
WPRF	B555700	PN-PC-01	$0	$115,000		Yes	
WPRF	B557900	SE-OF-01	$0	$250,000	$195,000	Partial	Dept agreed to a cut totalings $195k
WPRF	B558100	SE-PC-01	$0	$70,000	$50,000	Partial	Dept agreed to a cut totalings $50k
WPRF	B559200	SO-OF-01	$0	$105,000		Yes	
WPRF	B561000	WPRF Land Acquisition	$0	$100,000		No	County opportunities for natural resource area protection and flood prone property acquisition are opportunistic and increasing.