

expended for all purposes during the next ensuing fiscal year classified in detail as to object, items and amounts for each county agency, under one of the following schedules as may be appropriate:

(i) "Debt Service," which shall consist of all payments of principal and interest to be made during the year on the various debts of St. Mary's County;

(ii) "Current Expenses," which shall consist of all governmental operating expenses and all other ordinary or recurring expenditures, except debt service, and including a proper allowance for a contingent fund;

(iii) "Capital Improvements," which shall consist of all expenditures for land, labor, materials, and construction not included in the first two schedules and of all appropriations for the purpose of creating a fund for capital improvements beyond the current year.

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(a) In each year during the month of [April] MAY the Board of Estimates, prior to adoption of the budget [, shall,] AND after public notice, SHALL hold at least two public hearings on the proposed budget one of which shall be held during the evening hours. Public notice of the time and place of said hearings shall be given by publication once a week for two successive weeks in two newspapers of general circulation in St. Mary's County. From [April 1 to] May 1 TO JUNE 1 in each year, at least three or more copies of such proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the office of the County Commissioners during all regular business hours.

(b) During the period from [April 1 to] May 1 TO MAY 31 in each year, the Board of Estimates of St. Mary's County [is hereby authorized and empowered to] MAY revise the proposed budget and any part [thereof] OF IT by increasing, decreasing, eliminating, or adding items provided that there shall be no consolidation of items in such manner as to reduce the detailed statement of the appropriations. They shall further be authorized to revise the schedule of anticipated receipts and estimated rates for general and special taxes and assessments in such manner as they may deem necessary. Not later than [May 1] JUNE 1 in each year, or on the first day thereafter, if [May 1] JUNE 1 be a legal holiday, the Board of Estimates of St. Mary's County shall by a majority vote adopt the final budget, schedule of anticipated receipts, fix general and special tax rates and impose the levy for the ensuing fiscal year. Such levy together with any surplus county funds and all other revenues from all other sources as shown by the schedule