

466B. In each year the County Commissioners prior to the adoption of the budget shall, after public notice, hold at least one public hearing on the proposed budget. Public notice of the time and place of said hearing shall be given by at least one week's notice in at least two newspapers of general circulation in Harford County. From [October] November 1st until [November] December 1st in each year at least one copy of such proposed budget shall be available for public inspection at the office of the County Commissioners during all regular business hours.

466C. (a) During the period from [October] November 1st to [November] December 1st in each year, the County Commissioners of Harford County are authorized and empowered to revise the proposed budget and any part thereof 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 in such manner as they may deem necessary. No later than [November] December 1st in each year, or on the first day thereafter, if [November] December 1st be a legal holiday, the County Commissioners of Harford County shall by a majority vote adopt the final budget, schedule of anticipated receipts, fix the 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 of anticipated receipts, must be sufficient to cover the total appropriations in the budget. The final budget, schedule of anticipated receipts and levies so adopted shall be signed by a majority of the County Commissioners, certified by their Clerk, and at least one copy kept on record at the office of the County Commissioners, open to public inspection during regular business hours throughout the fiscal year which it covers.

(b) *In fixing the tax rate for Harford County for any year beginning after June 1, 1953, the County Commissioners of Harford County shall first fix a rate applicable alike to property within and without the City of Havre de Grace and the incorporated towns of Harford County which rate shall be sufficient to raise all sums needed to be raised by such taxation to meet all estimated County expenses except the following (which are hereinafter called listed activities) for which listed activities no levy shall be made on property within the said city and incorporated towns:*