



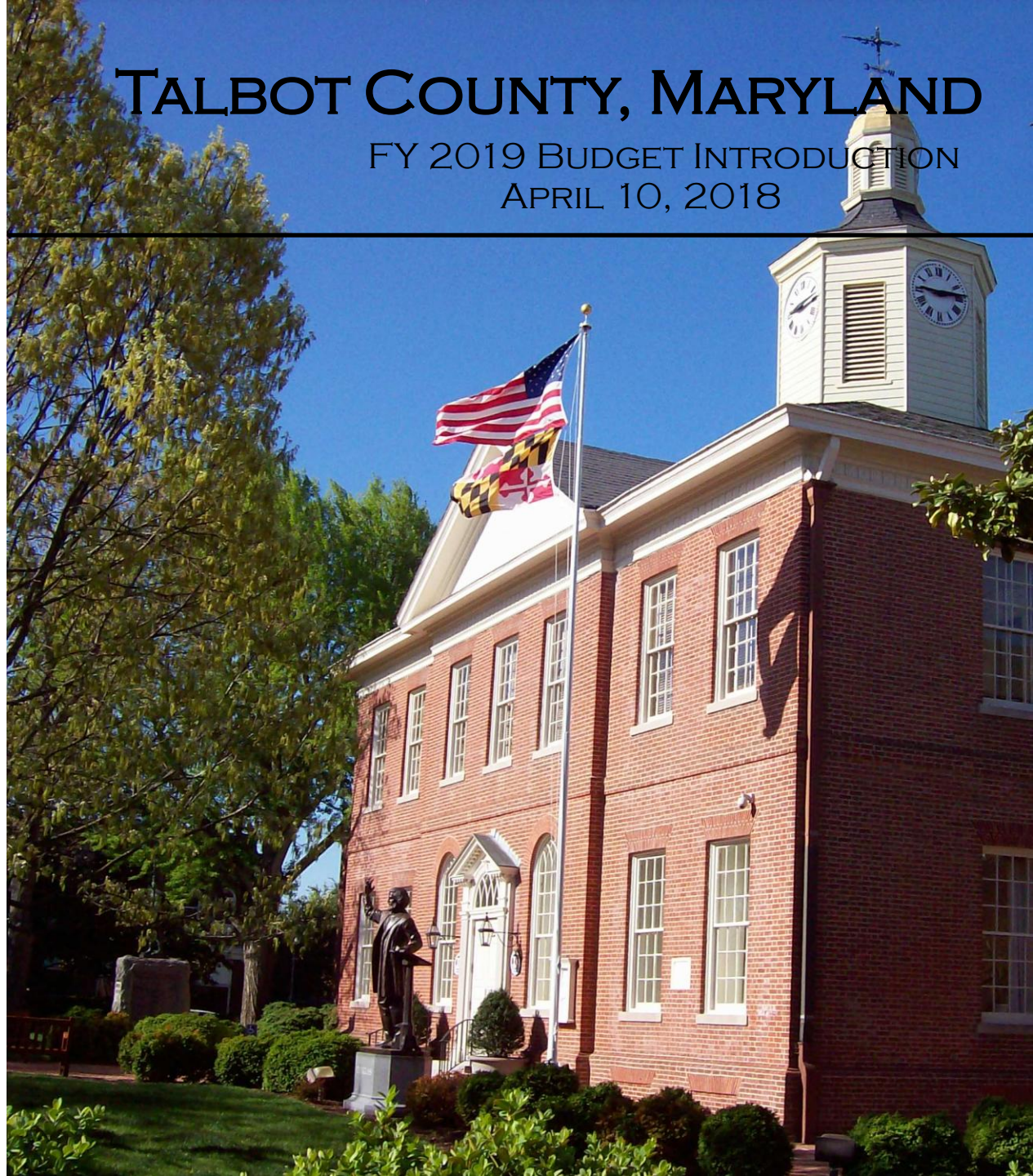
FY 2019
Proposed
General Fund Budget

\$91,665,000

Current FY 2018
General Fund Budget
\$83,458,000

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2019 BUDGET INTRODUCTION
APRIL 10, 2018





TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Overview

- The County Council received funding requests for Operating and Capital Outlay of \$92,434,667, which is \$9.0 million dollars more than the current FY 2018 budget.
- The FY 2019 Budget reflects an increase of 9.83% over the current General Fund Budget, funded in part with revenues of \$7.8 million from Prior Year Fund Balance. However, \$5.0 million of the increase in this budget is a transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.
- After adjusting for this transfer, the General Fund FY 2019 Budget is \$86,665,000 (a 3.8% increase from FY 2018).
- Great effort was taken in the development of this budget which maintains current services to our citizens while continuing to maintain two of the lowest tax rates (Property Tax and Income Tax) in the State.



PROPERTY TAX CAP

FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

In order to fund expenses for the public school system, the Talbot County Council has proposed to override the voter imposed Property Tax Revenue Cap. This is authorized by State law in order to fund Education expenses only. This budget proposes to override the tax cap by \$1,495,000, which correlates to an increase of 2.0¢ in the Real Property Tax rate.



PROPERTY TAX RATES

FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Property Tax Rates – 2018

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	\$2.248	Garrett	\$0.990
Charles	\$1.141	Caroline	\$0.980
Baltimore	\$1.100	Allegany	\$0.977
Frederick	\$1.060	Dorchester	\$0.974
Harford	\$1.042	Calvert	\$0.952
Cecil	\$1.0414	Washington	\$0.948
Kent	\$1.022	Wicomico	\$0.9398
Carroll	\$1.018	Anne Arundel	\$0.907
Howard	\$1.014	St. Mary's	\$0.8478
Montgomery	\$1.001	Queen Anne's	\$0.8471
Prince George's	\$1.000	Worcester	\$0.835
Somerset	\$1.000	Talbot *	\$0.6011 <i>(up from</i>

.5708 - Includes Educational Supplement of \$0.02)



INCOME TAX RATES

FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

County Income Tax Rates – 2018 (3.20% Max)

<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Baltimore City	3.20 %	Calvert	3.00 %
Caroline	3.20 %	St. Mary's	3.00 %
Howard	3.20 %	Frederick	2.96 %
Montgomery	3.20 %	Kent	2.85 %
Prince George's	3.20 %	Baltimore	2.83 %
Queen Anne's	3.20 %	Cecil	2.80 %
Somerset	3.20 %	Washington	2.80 %
Wicomico	3.20 %	Garrett	2.65 %
Harford	3.06 %	Dorchester	2.62 %
Allegany	3.05 %	Anne Arundel	2.50 %
Carroll	3.03 %	Talbot *	2.40 %
Charles	3.03 %	Worcester	1.75 %

***NO CHANGE**



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Budget Highlights

- Transfer of \$5.0 million from Fund Balance to the Capital Projects Fund for the Easton Elementary School replacement project
- 2 full time Deputy positions added to the Sheriff's Office
- Increased part time investigator to full time in the State's Attorney's Office
- 1 part time Public Information Officer position added
- Salary scale adjustments for 9-1-1 Dispatchers, Paramedics and EMT's and Sheriff Deputies to address recruitment and retention issues
- Step increase for full time County employees



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Budget Highlights

- Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) operations funded \$1.0 million above the required level of Maintenance of Effort (MOE), an increase of \$1,789,768 from FY 2018, plus an additional \$831,002 in FY 2019 for programs not included in Maintenance of Effort, as well as an additional \$2.6 million in debt service.
- The County appropriation increase to TCPS of \$1,789,768 is a 4.85% increase from FY 2018 appropriation for the Public Schools.
- The FY 2019 Capital Projects Budget includes the following projects for the Talbot County Public Schools:
 - \$16.3 million for a new Easton Elementary School, with the commitment to fund an additional \$11.0 million in FY 2020.



REVENUES

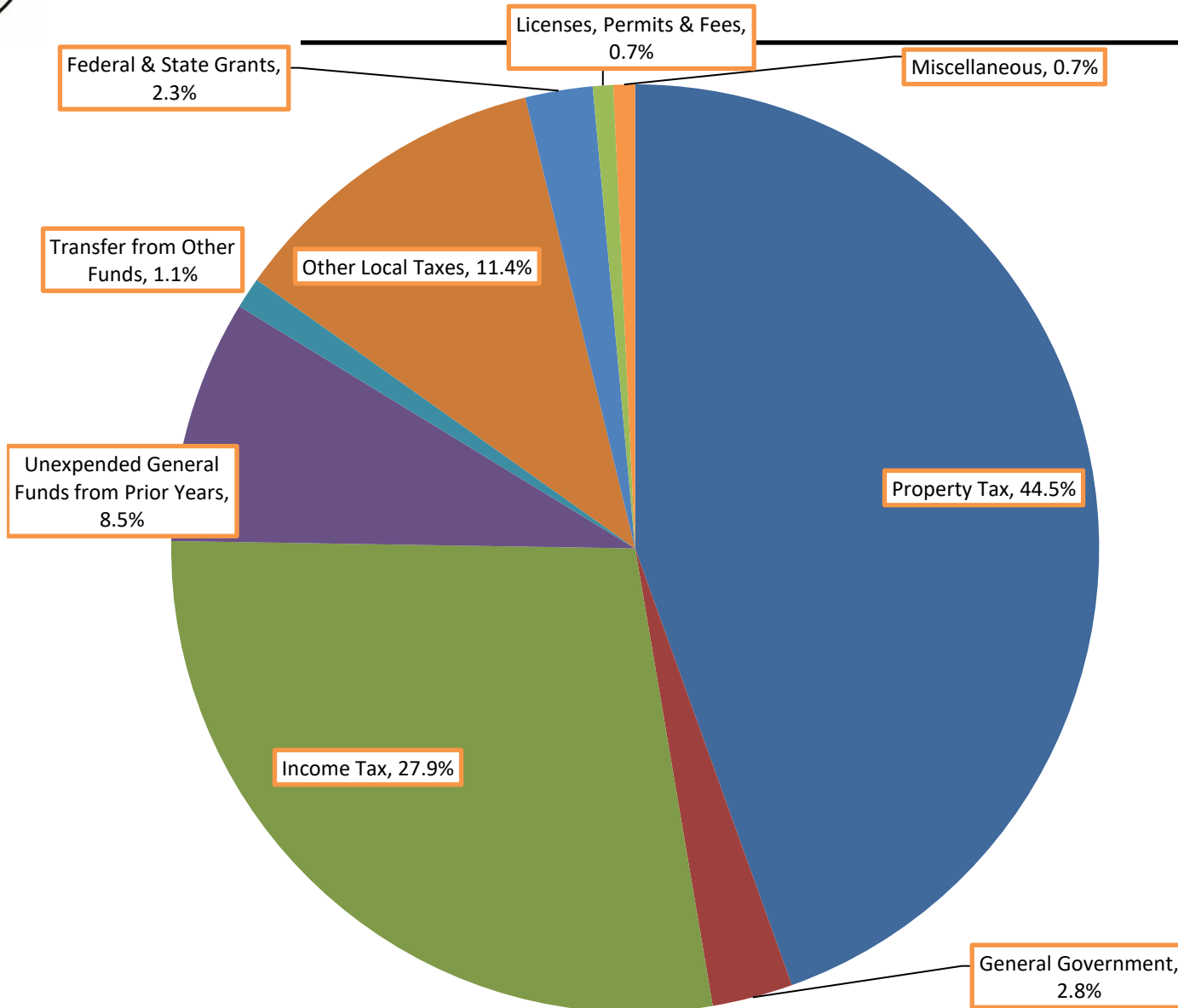
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	<u>FY 2018 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2019 Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Property Taxes	\$ 38,406,400	\$ 40,802,500	 6.2%
Income Taxes	\$ 26,900,000	\$ 25,600,000	 4.8%
Other Local Taxes	\$ 9,830,000	\$ 10,421,000	 6.0%
State/Federal Grants	\$ 1,975,528	\$ 2,152,300	 8.9%
Other Operating Revenues	\$ 3,654,072	\$ 3,914,200	 7.1%
Transfer from Other Funds	\$ 166,000	\$1,000,000	 502.4%
Prior Year's Fund Balance	\$ 2,526,000	\$ 7,775,000	 207.8%
Totals	\$ 83,458,000	\$ 91,665,000	 9.83%



GENERAL FUND REVENUES








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EXPENDITURES

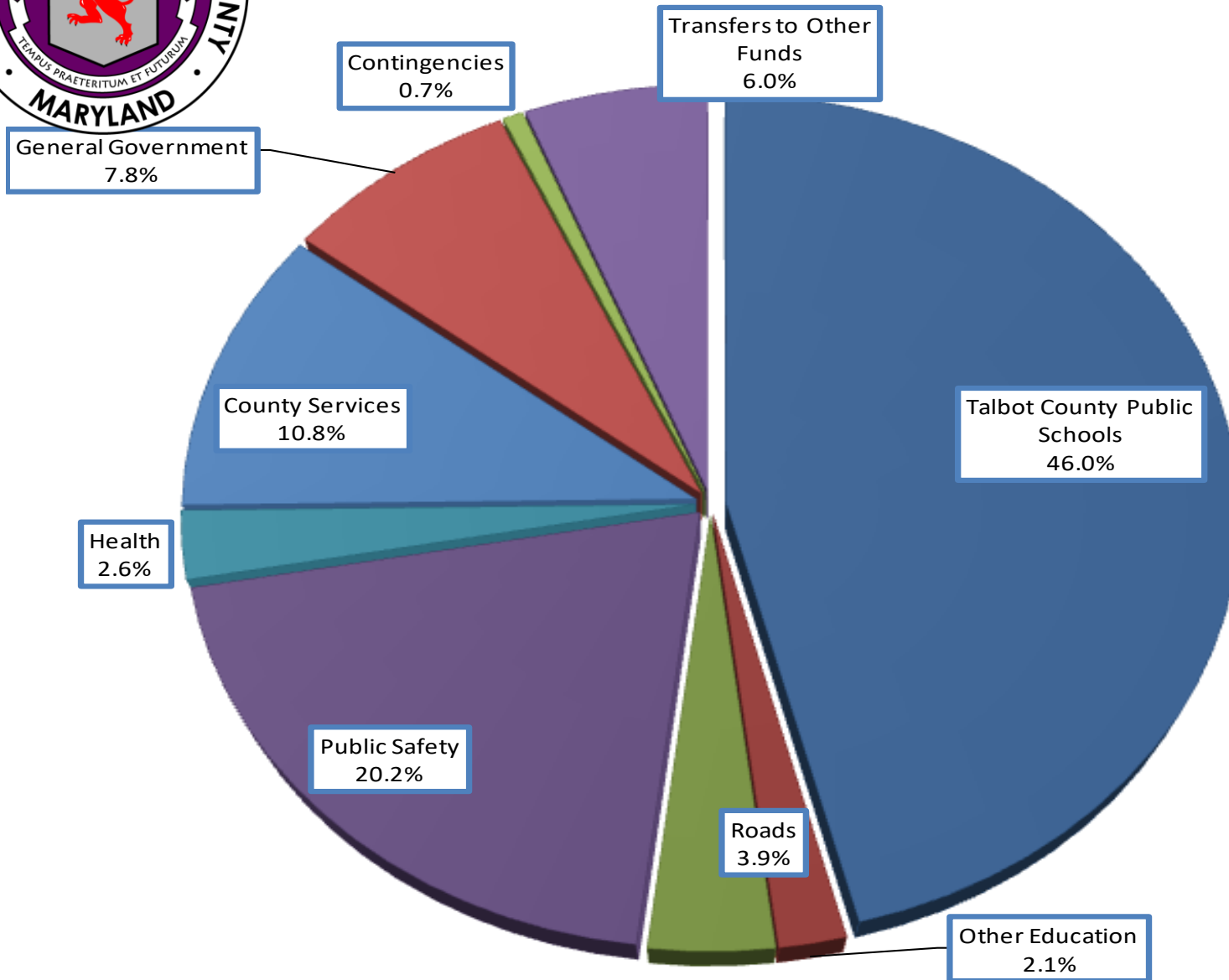
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	<u>FY 2018 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2019 Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
Public Schools (Includes Debt Service)	\$ 41,274,294	\$ 42,133,153	 2.08%
Public Safety	\$ 17,060,676	\$ 18,556,162	 8.77%
County Roads Maintenance	\$ 3,322,227	\$ 3,542,169	 6.62%
Health Services (Includes School Health)	\$ 2,408,300	\$ 2,408,300	0.00%
Library	\$ 1,265,723	\$ 1,338,416	 5.74%
Other County Operations	\$ 17,286,780	\$ 18,215,800	 5.37%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 840,000	\$ 5,471,000	 551.3%
Totals	\$83,458,000	\$91,665,000	 9.83%



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

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FUND BALANCE

FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Discretionary Balance 06/30/2013	\$6.0 million
FY 2014 transfer to Emergency Reserve ("Rainy Day")	-.2 million
FY 2014 Surplus	+3.9 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2014	\$9.7 million
FY 2015 transfer to Emergency Reserve ("Rainy Day")	-.1 million
FY 2015 Surplus	+4.4 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2015	\$14.0 million
FY 2016 transfer to Emergency Reserve ("Rainy Day")	-.6 million
FY 2016 Surplus	.3 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2016	\$13.7 million
FY 2017 transfer to Emergency Reserve ("Rainy Day")	-.01 million
FY 2017 Surplus	+3.8 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2017	\$17.5 million
Projected to Balance FY 2018 (Budgeted \$2.5 million)	-.8 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2018	\$16.7 million
Used to Balance FY 2019 Budget	-7.8 million
Remaining Balance for FY 2020 & Beyond	\$8.9 million



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Capital Projects Fund Proposed Projects

County Facilities

Emergency Radio System	115,000
Courthouse HVAC/Cooling Tower Replacement	500,000
Sheriff - New Facility Design	100,000

Waterways & Wharves

Public Landings Maintenance Program	50,000
Tongers Basin- Dredging & Bulkhead	300,000

Parks & Recreation

Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe	140,000
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Public Schools

Easton Elementary School Replacement	16,300,000
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Budget Recap

Public Safety is again the highest priority in this Budget

- Additional Public Safety staffing and resources
- Increase in funding for public schools of \$1.8 million and additional funding for expenses not included in MOE of \$831,000
- Transfer of \$5.0 million for the Easton Elementary School Replacement
- The General Fund balance is available, but shrinking.
Long term sustainability must be preserved



Talbot County, Maryland

FY 2019 Proposed Budget

Talbot County Public Hearings on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

2:00 pm Bradley Meeting Room

7:00 pm Easton High School Cafeteria

For more information on the

FY 2019 Proposed Budget

(Bill No. 1387)

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