

ensuing fiscal year, classified in such form and containing such other information as the County Commissioners shall require from time to time. Such estimate shall be submitted under the oath of the official in charge of such agency that such estimate and the matters and facts contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. Whenever referred to in this Act, "county agency" shall include the Board of County Commissioners and any officer, department, commission, board, bureau or other agency of the county and any institution receiving any appropriation from county funds.

52. (a) Before **[November]** *May* 1st, in each year, the County Commissioners shall prepare a proposed budget containing the **[following]** items *enumerated hereinbelow*:

[(a)] (b) A fully itemized and detailed statement, in comparative form, of the aforesaid itemized amounts requested by each county agency, the amounts appropriated for the current fiscal year for each such agency, and the appropriation recommended for each such agency by the County Commissioners for the ensuing year.

[(b)] (c) A detailed statement in comparative form showing for the current and ensuing years, all anticipated county receipts, except those from current taxes, and the total assessable basis, together with the rates for the current year for general and special taxes and assessments, and the estimated rates required by the recommended appropriations.

[(c)] (d) The total amount of county funds to be 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 four schedules as may be appropriate:

(1) "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;

(2) "Current Expenses", which shall consist of all governmental operating expenses and all other ordinary or recurring expenditures, except debt service;

(3) "Capital Improvements", which shall consist of all expenditures for land, labor, materials, and construction not included in the first two schedules.

53. (a) In each year the County Commissioners, prior to adoption of the budget, shall, after public notice, hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. Public notice of the time and place of said hearing shall be given by publication once a week for two successive weeks in two newspapers of different politi-