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COUNTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES SPENDING REDUCTIONS IN ANTICIPATION OF BUDGET ADOPTION

Towson, MD – Following the Budget Deliberation meeting that took place earlier today at 2:00 p.m., Cathy Bevins, (D,6th), Chair of the Baltimore County Council, announced the spending reductions that were adopted by the County Council. These reductions will serve as the basis for changes in appropriations to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and the Personnel Bill, which will be voted on at the Budget Adoption and Legislative Session on Friday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m.

At its Deliberation, the Council voted unanimously to adopt spending reductions totaling \$58.6 million from the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive last month. This includes: reducing the appropriation to the public school system and the community college by \$20.2 million and \$3.9 million, respectively, to the maintenance of effort level; reducing insurance contributions by \$12 million; reducing the Capital Budget appropriation by \$3.5 million; and approving a hiring freeze through the end of the year and deferring cost of living increases at a savings of \$7.5 million. The specific detail for the spending reductions is attached to this release.

“This has been the most difficult budget we have been through during our tenure on the Council. I am proud of my colleagues for their hard work during this budget process, and for coming together and adopting these responsible spending reductions,” said Mrs. Bevins.

“The Baltimore County Council has cut spending in historic amounts over the past two years. Our constituents expect an efficient government, and when confronted with tough times, they want us to come together to get the job done,” said Councilman David Marks (R,5th).

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Dept. #	Dept. Name	Identified Reduction	Amount
025	Property Management	Department-wide reduction to Operational Supplies	\$ 102,102
025	Property Management	Reduction to Service Contracts & Motor Fuel	147,975
058	Contribution to Capital	Reduce Capital PAYGO	3,500,000
087	DEWD/Workfoce Dev.	Delete new consulting funds (new Workforce Development Prog.)	100,000
066	Local Share	Reduce Tourism - fund grant at 8% of estimated revenues	400,000
059	Organ. Contrib.	Reduce Grants	400,000
070	Public Works	Reduction of Operational Supplies	400,000
070	Public Works	Reduction to Advertising	41,645
070	Public Works	Eliminate 2% increase for trash haulers	618,000
043	Insurance	Reduce OPEB	12,000,000
041	Retirement & SS	Reduce Social Security corresponding to salary reductions	566,557
015	Police Department	Department-wide reduction to Conferences & Workshops	47,510
015	Police Department	Reduction to Building Service Repairs	40,950
015	Police Department	Department-wide reduction to Operational Supplies	192,146
033	CCBC	Reduce to MOE	3,918,747
035	BCPS	Reduce to MOE	20,162,877
040	Debt Service	OBF - refinance loan	4,374,709
	County-wide	Hiring freeze and mid-year positions thru 12/31, no lateral classes	4,047,787
		COLA, PAR, FOP \$2,000 increase - deferred to June 30	7,520,889
		Total	\$ 58,581,894