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Hennepin County Budget Hearings

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is considering a proposed 2004 county budget, which includes a large shortfall due to the loss of state and federal funding. Substantial cuts will mean the elimination or reduction of programs, services, contracts, and staff. The county is holding several public hearings and would like to hear your input on how to cut costs and maintain services. Please attend one or more of these meetings to share your ideas. MCN urges the board, staff, and supporters of nonprofits in Hennepin County to participate in the Board's decision-making process.

All meetings will be held at the Hennepin County Government Center, in the Board Room on the 24th floor of the Administration tower: 300 S. 6th Street, Minneapolis
(The Truth in Taxation hearing location has yet to be determined).

As hearing topics or times may change, you are encouraged to call first to confirm that day's hearing. You may also want to register with the Committee Clerk's office if you wish to testify, although this is not required.

To register, call (612) 348-4019

Directions and parking information are available at: <http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/gcdirect.htm>

Public Safety and Judiciary hearing: Wednesday, October 1, 2003, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Public Works hearing: Wednesday, October 8, 2003, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Library/General Government hearing: Monday, October 13, 2003, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Medical Examiner/Pilot City Health Center/Metropolitan Health Plan hearing:
Wednesday, October 15, 2003, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Human Services hearing: Thursday, October 23, 2003, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Capital Improvement Program/hearing on fees: Monday, October 27, 2003, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Sheriff/Public Defender hearing: Wednesday, October 29, 2003, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Board briefing on human services issues: Thursday, October 30, 2003, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

HCMC hearing: Monday, November 3, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Human Services hearing: Wednesday, November 5, 2003, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Open hearing: Monday, December 1, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Truth in Taxation hearing: Thursday, December 4, 2003, 5:30 p.m. **Location TBD**

Final budget adopted: Tuesday, December 16, 2003, 1:30 p.m.

Coming soon! Hennepin County Budget Briefing sponsored by MCN.
Watch for an upcoming alert on briefing details.

Save the Date! Public Policy Day: Tuesday, December 16th, 2003