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McHenry County FY11 Budget on Public Display

WOODSTOCK, IL - At their Tuesday, October 19, 2010 evening meeting, the McHenry County Board placed on public review their proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11), which will begin on December 1, 2010. The budget is anticipated to be adopted at the County Board's evening meeting on Tuesday, November 16. Highlights of the proposed FY11 Budget are noted below.

- The proposed FY11 Budget is balanced and is approximately \$6.9 million smaller than the FY10 Budget.
- McHenry County maintains a consistently conservative approach to budgeting and again is building the FY11 Budget on prudent revenue estimates.
- In developing the FY11 Budget, the County is responding to the reduction in revenues with a corresponding reduction in expenses.
 - In total, the County reduced its budget from \$248,381,320 for FY10 to \$241,431,558 for FY11.
 - There are no dramatic cuts to services, but there are cuts in almost all areas of County Government.
 - In recent weeks, County staff has proposed additional cuts to a number of departments in the area of overtime.
 - There are now approximately 40 positions that are "frozen" in the FY11 or 40 fewer positions that were funded just two years ago in FY09.
 - The County has moved forward with a plan to reduce contributions to a number of groups that have received financial assistance, but has been done so in a manner that will not be devastating to any of them.

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- The proposed FY11 Budget does not include wage increases for any non-union employees and there are also several union groups who are not guaranteed a wage increase for FY11.

A copy of the proposed McHenry County FY11 Budget can be found in the County Clerk's Office. For more information, please contact Adam Lehmann at 815-334-0309 or aflehmann@co.mchenry.il.us.

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