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McHenry County FY11 First Quarter Budget Presentation

WOODSTOCK, IL - At the Thursday, April 7, 2011 County Board meeting, a recap was presented on the County's Fiscal Year 2011 financial strength through the first quarter. County Administration presented the highlights noted below on the current state of County finances.

- The County continues to keep a close eye on the Budget and has positioned itself to be able to respond accordingly to outside budget variables.
- The County began the FY11 Budget process with a projected deficit and there were concerns of cuts from the State, and what cost cutting measures to consider. The County was able to reduce personnel costs, contractual costs, and adjust revenue forecasts, resulting in a balanced budget. Though the 2011 Budget included no raises, it also included no layoffs and no reduction in services to the constituency.
- Further, the County worked within its means to tighten its belt to address its projected deficit by addressing overtime, freezing open positions, reducing contractual costs, and adjusting revenue forecasts.
- Concerns around the County's reliance on funding from the Federal and State Governments were addressed showing that only 9.41% of projected revenues are from the Federal Government and 6.37% from the State.
- County does rely on State and Federal funding for various programs such as salary reimbursements, grant programs, the jail program, and care of the elderly but the likelihood of all funding being eliminated at once is unlikely. The County's budget can be utilized as a tool to address the programs that maybe affected scaled back funding.
- Historically, the general fund has finished in a financial strong position because of the ongoing financial management process the County Board has developed.

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