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McHenry County FY11 Budget Approved

WOODSTOCK, IL - At their Tuesday, November 16, 2010 evening meeting, the McHenry County Board approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11), which will begin on December 1, 2010. Highlights of the FY11 Budget are noted below.

- The 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 built the FY11 Budget on prudent revenue estimates.
- In developing the FY11 Budget, the County responded 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 \$242,507,244 for FY11.
 - There are no dramatic cuts to services, but there are cuts in almost all areas of County Government.
 - The County has maintained its fund balance and has not had to utilize reserves to cover its expenses.
 - 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 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 McHenry County FY11 Budget can be found at <http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/countyadministration/pdfDocs/2011/2011Draft%20.pdf>.

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