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McHenry County FY12 Budget on Public Display

WOODSTOCK, IL - At their Tuesday, October 18, 2011 evening meeting, the McHenry County Board placed on public review their proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12), which will begin on December 1, 2011. The budget is anticipated to be adopted at the County Board's evening meeting on Tuesday, November 15. Highlights of the proposed FY12 Budget are noted below.

- McHenry County maintains a consistently conservative approach to budgeting that earned an Aaa rating and again is building the FY12 Budget on prudent revenue estimates.
- The proposed FY12 Budget is \$254,177,214. This compares to the current FY11 Budget which was approved at \$242,507,244. The increase in the FY12 Budget can be primarily attributed to the County's plans to retire early the remaining debt that was issued to construct the County's nursing home, Valley Hi. The County budget also projects to realize a \$1.5 million increase in health insurance costs in FY12, and to expand \$1.4 million more than in FY11 on transportation projects in FY12.
- In developing the FY12 Budget, the County is responding to the continued weak revenue environment with a corresponding control on expenses.
 - There are no dramatic cuts to services, but there are again cuts in almost all areas of County Government.
 - The FY12 Budget responded to the State awarding two new judges beginning in December by providing the necessary new staff that will accompany the new judges.
 - There are now approximately 50 positions that are "frozen" or eliminated in the FY12 budget, or 50 fewer positions that were funded just three years ago in FY09.
 - The proposed FY12 Budget maintains compensation parity between union and non-union employees.

A copy of the proposed McHenry County FY12 Budget can be found in the County Clerk's Office or on the County website at www.co.mchenry.il.us under "Quick Links". For more information, please contact Adam Lehmann at 815-334-0309 or aflehmann@co.mchenry.il.us.

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