

# News Release

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## FMC Community Empowerment to Review 2010 Budget Requests

Members of the FMC (Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw) Community Empowerment Board will hear 2010 budget recommendations from the local Empowerment fiscal work group Monday evening. Board members will meet June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Floyd County Courthouse. The room is located on the ground floor of the courthouse.

Robert Marreel, FMC Empowerment Board Chair, will call the meeting to order. The meeting is open to the public.

FMC Community Empowerment realized a significant decrease in their "School Ready" state grant for fiscal year 2010, which begins July 1. This grant is down approximately \$114,000 from last year's monies. The local School Ready grant helps fund public health programs, family service programs, Head Start and Early Head Start services, early literacy programming, kindergarten readiness programs, and preschool scholarships. All programs and services are designated for children ages birth to 5.

According to board chair Bob Marreel, the goal of FMC Empowerment in the coming year is to "maintain current programming".

In addition, FMC Empowerment works with a Federal Early Childhood grant. This grant remained constant for the coming fiscal year, and through a collaborative effort with Child Care Resource and Referral, assists daycare providers, centers and preschools.

Monday night's agenda also includes discussion regarding the Fiscal Agent contract for FMC Empowerment, a review of conflict of interest statement forms for board members, and a report from the Empowerment coordinator.