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FMC Community Empowerment Board to Review Budget Cuts

The latest budget cuts in local community empowerment will headline the March 9th agenda for the FMC Community Empowerment board when they meet Monday evening. Board chair Bob Marreel of Osage, will call the meeting to order at 6:30 at the Charles City Public Library Meeting room.

Community Empowerment is just one of the state's programs to absorb Governor Culver's 1.5% across-the-board budget cut. For FMC Community Empowerment serving children and their families in the Floyd, Mitchell, and Chickasaw areas, that figure amounts to \$9,128.00. Empowerment board members will discuss how the cut will affect programs impacted in the 2010 budget.

Also on the agenda will be a continuing review of the area's 3-year community plan. In September of 2010, FMC Community Empowerment will once again submit its community plan to the state for redesignation. The last plan was approved by the state empowerment board in September of 2007.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information about FMC Community Empowerment and the programs it offers to children birth to five, contact the area Empowerment coordinator, Laurie Kristiansen, at: 641-435-4435.