

## **County Council avoids layoffs to address Budget shortfall**

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It took the better part of two full-day meetings, but the Washington County Council came up with a plan to cut \$329,000 out of the 2013 budget.

In the end, the council went through the budget line item, by line item and took money from a number of departments.

The remainder of the shortfall came from eliminating county employee's longevity pay.

All county employees receive a bonus for the number of years they have served.

The minimum for one year of service is \$60 but the maximum is \$1,200.

For this year only, county employees will not receive that money.

See rest of the story in the Feb. 13 issue of The Washington County Edition.