

?Washington County Chamber of Commerce commits to transparency in the future

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? Acknowledging errors in the past, new Washington County Chamber of Commerce president, Hank Jacobi, said, "We're in a hole but also on a springboard." The enthusiastic, yet realistic Jacobi told WCCC members and guests that the recent downswing in the economy means that the future definitely is something to look forward to. Jacobi emphasized the importance of transparency in all its activities if the WCCC was to be relevant to the future growth of Washington County.

According to a financial report distributed at the November 13 meeting, WCCC has total liabilities of nearly \$7300 in state and federal payroll tax. The liabilities go back over a significant period of time. A comparison of that liability to the WCCC's bank balance of \$5116 clearly is a cause for concern.

After a Powerpoint presentation outlining his vision for WCCC, Jacobi facilitated a brainstorming session in which the objective was to identify the things that Washington County does well. According to Jacobi, focusing on what an organization does well is the first step in digging out of the aforementioned hole.

The meeting ended with an overall positive tone and general consensus to work toward ways to revitalize the role of WCCC in the community