

## **?WCMH continues to bleed red ink**

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? In an abbreviated public meeting following an extended executive session, the Washington County Memorial Hospital (WCMH) Board of Directors received still more disappointing financial information. According to Chief Financial Officer, Patricia Ellison, WCMH lost over \$228,000 in the month of November and a total of \$1.6 million, year-to-date. The financial report was accepted and approved by the Board without question or discussion.

In other business, the Board heard from WCMH Chief Executive Officer, Randy Lindauer, about efforts and progress in recruiting Family Practice Physicians and Pediatrics Physicians. According to Lindauer, negotiations are going well with several doctors and it is expected that some sort of formal announcements are forthcoming after the first of the year.

The Board also appoint three of its own members as representatives to a committee charged with negotiating a binding affiliation agreement with Saint Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis. In addition to members of the WCMH Board, members of the Washington County Council and the Washington County Board of Commissioners will also serve on the negotiating committee. Formal negotiations between the two hospitals are set to begin in January.

With no further business to discuss, the Board adjourned until its next regularly scheduled meeting on January 29.