

## **WCMH writes off over \$2.2 million in bad debt**

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The Washington County Memorial Hospital (WCMH) Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 26 with all members present; the minutes of previous meetings and all claims were approved unanimously.

Chief Operating Officer, Randy Lindauer, asked for and received unanimous approval to write off over \$2.2 million in what is considered non-collectible accounts receivables. When a Board member asked Lindauer if the amount written off eliminated all the dubious accounts receivables, he indicated that there would probably be more write offs in the coming months.

Lindauer presented the Board with a two-page strategic plan for 2009 through 2012. According to Lindauer the plan is the result of a 9 month process begun in the fall of 2007 that has involved WCMH administrators, leaders, physicians, and County Commissioners. The Board approved the strategic plan unanimously.

When asked by a member of the media when did the WCMH Board intend to make public the results of the recently completed Purdue University Healthcare Technical Assistance Program public, no definitive answer was given. In fact, it was implied that the entirety of the survey results may never be made public.

Results of an April 2008 Indiana State Department of Health Survey were discussed and it was indicated that the citations noted for WCMH were normal for most hospitals.

With no further business to conduct, the Board adjourned until its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 26.