

## **WCMH accepts Lindauer's resignation**

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In a special meeting on Thursday, April 2, the Washington County Memorial Hospital (WCMH) Board of Trustees unanimously accepted Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Randy Lindauer's resignation. Lindauer was not present at the meeting and has been on personal leave since the latter part of March. The Board thanked Lindauer for his outstanding service to the hospital during the past few difficult years. When asked if Lindauer would be receiving any type of a severance package, Board President Aaron Lee deferred to attorney Drew Wright. According to Wright, WCMH is negotiating with Lindauer in an effort to work out an agreement on the severance package.

In other action, the Board unanimously approved Joe Roche as Interim CEO. According to Lee, Roche, as well as a Chief Financial Officer John Lines, will be at WCMH two to three days a week depending on changing conditions. Both individuals are employed by Saint Vincent Health (SVH) in Jennings County. When asked if the executives' services were being provided by Saint Vincent Health free of charge to WCMH, Lee answered in the affirmative. Wright added that the original letter of intent between SVH and WCMH has been amended to include a provision stating that if an agreement to affiliate in some fashion cannot be reached between the two organizations, then WCMH will be expected to pay for the services of the two executives.

As a final piece of business, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Regions Bank that would extend the hospital's line of credit until May 31.