

Commissioners say budget reductions mean less paving

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The Washington County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, with all members present. The minutes of previous meetings, the payroll and all claims were approved unanimously.

After reviewing the Budget Approval Form 1782 from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance, the Commissioners noted that over \$400,000 targeted for road paving in the county have been cut. The explanation from the State of Indiana is that revenues will be less than anticipated due to the recession. That cut in the budget could eliminate between six and eight miles of paving this summer. County Highway Superintendent Rick Graves said that he will make cuts across the board and hopes that a reduction in fuel costs over last summer will help to absorb the shortfall.

In other business, the Commissioners took the following action:

- Appointments to various boards.

- Approval of Adult Protective Services Contract with State of Indiana

- Took no action on direct deposit of county employee paychecks as requested by County Treasurer Bob Woodward. Results of employee survey shows strong opposition to the plan.

With no further business to conduct, the Commissioners adjourned until their next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 17.