COMMISSIONER'S EMERGENCY MEETING - OCTOBER 18, 2000

The Washington County Board of Commissioners held an Emergency Meeting on October 18, 2000 at 9:15 am in the Commissioner's Regular Meeting room. The Emergency Meeting was held to discuss the health hazard at the courthouse annex.

An Executive Session was held at 8:30 am. Only potential litigation was discussed.

Members present at both sessions were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Stewart, Attorney Allen and Auditor Sullivan.

President Bundy inquired about Purdue possibly paying part of the rent to house the Extension Office. Byron Fagg responded by saying that Purdue had never paid rent before. Furthermore, Mr. Fagg mentioned that it would be a short term agreement and would include utilities only, if Purdue should agree to supplement a rent payment.

Mr. Fagg announced that Purdue did agree to cover the $2,000.00 cost for the computer hook up.

The Board announced that certain members had visited the vacant building owned by East Washington Rural Water Corporation. The building is available for an amount less than the Silgas building. The water office has approximately 1500-1700 square feet with divided office spaces.

Discussion was held concerning housing the Immunization Clinic at the same location as the Extension Office.

Discussion was held concerning the contaminated material which currently exists in the Extension Office. Mr. Fagg and other members of the audience agreed that the material should be sanitized before moving it to a new office.

Debbie Campbell expressed her concerns about how the Board planned on dealing with the Health hazard. Ms. Campbell ask if the Board would be willing to allow those who have visited the Annex Building to be tested for a possible virus. Attorney Allen mentioned that the matter is currently under review. However, the Board cannot provide a definite answer at this time.

Ms. Campbell mentioned that there is a health hazard in the Courthouse attic which is similar to the problem at the annex.

With no further discussion, Commissioner McKinley made a motion to allow the Extension Office and the Immunization Clinic to move their offices to the East Washington Water Building. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Board unanimously agreed to allow for all meterials in the Extension Office to be cleaned before moving. The Board instructed Mr. Fagg to use his own judgement while making the cleaning arrangements.

Burl Jean addressed the Board with his concerns about the pigeon problem.

With there being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSIONER: JOSEPH L. BUNDY

COMMISSIONER: DALE MCKINLEY

COMMISSIONER: KEVIN W. STEWART

ATTEST: Lana Sullivan
AUDITOR, LANA SULLIVAN