



County Commissioners Appoint Director

For Emergency Management and Homeland Security

(February 28, 2023). At the February 27, 2023 Board of the Commissioners meeting, the Commissioners appointed Jessica Burget as the Director for Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

“Jessica did a great job in the interview and showed the committee that she was the most qualified person for the position,” said Commissioner President John Frey, “We are pleased that she is our new Director.”

The appointment was made based upon on the recommendation of the Emergency Management Advisory Council. The Advisory Council was responsible for accepting applications and conducting interviews for the Director vacancy. The Advisory Council members are County Commissioner John Frey, Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton, County Council President David Hunt, Waynetown Fire Chief Phil Pirtle and Waynetown Council member Barry Lewis.

Jessica started employment with Emergency Management and Homeland Security in 2021 and was appointed Assistant Director in 2022. She assumed the duties of acting Director at the end of 2022 upon the resignation of Shari Harrington who accepted a job with the State of Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Mrs. Burget has six emergency management certifications from the Department of Homeland Security as well as certifications in fire rescue awareness, professional development and hazardous materials incident management.

Mrs. Burget resides in Linden with her husband and currently serves on the Linden Parks Board. She is also a volunteer firefighter and secretary of the Coal Creek Fire Department. Jessica is the lay director for the Kairos Prison Ministry and serves as a small group teacher for the North Cornerstone Church Youth Group in Linden. Jessica is a graduate of North Carolina Community College.