

WELLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Executive Session May 5, 2025

The Wells County Commissioners met in an executive session on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 3:00 PM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were Commissioners, Jeff Stringer, Michael Vanover, Blake Gerber, County Attorney Ted Storer and Auditor Lisa McCormick, Highway Engineer Nate Whitacre, City Council Scott Mentzer, and Street Supervisor Tim Simpson.

An executive session was held in pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) & (4)

(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:

☐ A. Collective bargaining

☒ B. Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law

☐ C. The implementation of security systems

☒ D. A real property transaction including:

(i) a purchase;

(ii) a lease as lessor;

(iii) a lease as lessee;

(iv) a transfer;

(v) an exchange; or

(vi) a sale;

by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties.

This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

☒ (4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by:

(A) the Indiana economic development corporation;

(B) the office of tourism development (before July 1, 2020) or the Indiana destination development corporation (after June 30, 2020);

(C) the Indiana finance authority;

(D) the ports of Indiana;

(E) an economic development commission

(F) the Indiana state department of agriculture;

(G) a local economic development organization that is a nonprofit corporation established under state law whose primary purpose is the promotion of industrial or business development in Indiana, the retention or expansion of Indiana businesses, or the development of entrepreneurial activities in Indiana; or

(H) a governing body of a political subdivision.

However, this subdivision does not apply to any discussions regarding research that is prohibited under IC 16-34.5-1-2 or under any law

The only discussion during the executive session was pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) & (4). No other subjects were discussed during the executive session.

Wells County Commissioners

President, Jeff Stringer

Vice President, Michael K Vanover

Member, Blake Gerber

Attest: _____
Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor