



NEWS RELEASE – Allen County Board of Commissioners – October 25 jail update

October 25, 2022, FORT WAYNE, Ind.—The Allen County Commissioners release the following updates on the process to identify a location for a new county confinement center:

- To date, the Commissioners have researched and vetted eight properties in Allen County
- Of those, four properties have been deemed not viable for a number of factors, ranging from poor soil conditions to a lack of accessible utility services to suboptimal land configuration
- The Commissioners continue to research the remaining four properties

As previously mentioned, the Commissioners are leading an intensive, comprehensive process through which they are judiciously evaluating potential properties through a matrix built around a set of 9 criteria – five relating to location proximity, and four relating to other key factors.

The criteria the Commissioners and their partner are using to assess potential locations are:

- Proximity to medical facilities: Is the location close to existing hospitals or mental health facilities?
- Proximity to county judicial facilities
- Proximity to law enforcement and county municipal offices
- Potential impact on existing or future resident or commercial development
- Existing utilities and other critical services
- Capacity to allow for increased traffic and unimpacted transportation of inmates
- Potential acquisition cost
- Parcel size and layout

For continued updates on this process, and for more information on each of these criteria, visit allencounty.us/jail.

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