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Walking in her shadow



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Kaye Braaten wrote:

I would like to congratulate the AIC for implenting this program and to thank State Rep. Ed Clere for taking time to participate in this learning opportunity. As a former President of the National Association of Counties I am very aware of the need for each level of government to have a better understanding of what we each do...and only with that understanding can we achieve our goal of good government. Many people and associations talk about doing this sort of program, but AIC is doing it. May this be a great success!



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**STATE REP. ED CLERE GOES TO WORK IN FLOYD COUNTY GOVERNMENT FOR
THE DAY**

INDIANAPOLIS – Floyd County government was one of the first in a series of Indiana Counties to offer a type of job shadowing program to Indiana state legislators. The program called *State and Counties Partnering for Progress* allows county officials and state legislators the opportunity to work together at the county level for a day. The goal is to provide legislators the chance to see an up close and personal view of county government operations. The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) created this program in an effort to help legislators and county officials enhance their efforts to collaborate on effective solutions for the delivery of county services to taxpayers.

AIC President Therese Brown, Allen County Commissioner, said county government officials desire to learn from state legislators and vice versa.

“We are hoping that many counties will lay out the welcome mat for state legislators to spend the day in county government,” said Commissioner Brown. “We are promoting a greater partnership between counties and the state, and believe that we as county officials and state legislators can learn a lot from each other by walking in each other’s shoes.”

Rep. Ed Clere job shadowed Floyd County Recorder Lois Endris during the morning of Thursday, November 3. He met with title company officials who rely heavily on services provided by the Recorder’s office, and then spent some time entering data for state mandated forms. The afternoon provided opportunities to participate in the daily activities of many other offices as well.

“It has been an invaluable experience. I have appreciated the opportunity to hear firsthand the thoughts, ideas and concerns of local government officeholders and employees,” said Rep. Ed Clere.

“The day provided the opportunity for county officials to share their ideas for making local government more efficient,” said Recorder Lois Endris. “While here, Rep. Clere made a list of items he wants to take back and spend some time studying. This interaction gives legislators a realistic view of the effect of potential legislative issue we face at the county level.”

“Floyd County is fortunate to have so many dedicated and talented public servants,” said Rep. Clere. “The interactions I had will help guide me in the upcoming legislative session, which is almost certain to include debate on local government issues.”

“Having the opportunity to share our daily job experiences with Rep. Clere proved to be a valuable learning tool for all involved,” said Recorder Lois Endris. “Rep. Clere was able to interact with citizens, employees, and a variety of elected officials to experience their day to day activities and responsibilities.”

The *State and Counties Partnering for Progress* program is an ongoing effort of the Association of Indiana Counties.

Note to Editor: suggested caption for attached photo – Rep. Ed Clere meets with title company representatives who rely heavily on services provided by county government.

The Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1957 for the betterment of county government. The various functions of the AIC include lobbying the Indiana General Assembly on behalf of counties, serving as liaison among counties, state and federal agencies as well as providing technical assistance and training to county officials and employees.

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