



ELEPHANT TALES

Fellow Wells County Republicans,

Even though 2021 is not an election year, that doesn't mean we sit back and relax. We already have a number of folks running for statewide office next year, most of whom will be speaking at our monthly breakfasts in the not too distant future. We also have a number of folks running for re-election (and people to run against most of the current Democrats in office) next year. 2022 Primary elections will be here before you know it so hold on to your hats as we lay the foundation to lead Wells County forward.

God bless each and every one of you,
 Zach Rodgers
 Wells County GOP Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 5 Central Committee
- 7 GOP Women
- 10 Breakfast
- 13 3rd District Meeting
- 26 Central Committee

MAY

- 1 Breakfast
- 6 Lunch & Listen for office holders
- 11 3rd District Meeting

JUNE

- 5 Breakfast
- 8 3rd District Meeting
- 18 Special Event TBA

JULY

- 5 Central Committee
- 10 Breakfast
- 13 3rd District Meeting
- 13-18 4H Fair

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

The April Breakfast will be held on the 2nd Saturday, the 10th, 8 AM, GOP HQ, instead of the 1st Saturday.



See you then!

ALL GOP WOMEN

Our next meeting is at GOP HQ at 5 PM on April 7th. We will be celebrating Downtown Bluffton. After dinner at HQ, we will go to Toppings, the new ice cream shop, to enjoy dessert. Cost is \$10 for dinner and the cost of your dessert.



2021 Club Membership

Join the 2021 Club for only \$20.21

With your membership, you will receive a 2021 Club Membership Card and a special gift. wells.gop/membership



NEW MEMBERS

- Jean Grasmick
- Brenda Jackson
- Mick Jackson
- Joye Lehman
- Matt Lehman
- Pat Runyon
- Tami Runyon

WHO ARE WE?

ALL WHO BELIEVE IN THE IDEALS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE

- Zach Rodgers, Chair
- Sandy Garcia, Vice-Chair
- Preston Wright, Secretary
- Colin Andrews, Treasurer

WHERE ARE WE?

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Getting to Know Your Elected Officials

This month begins our introduction to the Wells County Commissioners: Blake Gerber, President; Kevin Woodward, Vice President; and newly elected Mike Vanover.

"The board of County Commissioners as a body has a wide range of executive and administrative authority.

Among the most important powers are those related to:

- Auditing and authorizing claims against the county. {IC 36-2-6-2}
- Receiving bids and authorizing contracts.
- Controlling, maintaining, and supervising county property including courthouses, jails, and public offices. {IC 36-2-2-24}
- Supervising construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.
- Exercising appointive powers including both the selection of members to fill positions on boards, commissions, committees, appointments of certain department heads.
- Planning and implementing strategies for solid waste handling as members of solid waste district boards. {IC 13-21-3-1}
- Exercising the county's power of eminent domain.
- Serving with the county surveyor, as members of the county drainage board.
- Adopting ordinances and regulations to control the location, construction or repair of all wells within the county."

From: <https://wellscounty.org/county-commissioners/>



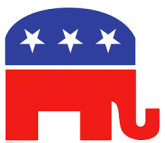
Kevin Woodward
Wells County
Commissioner District 3

Tell us a little bit about yourself. Born and raised in my early years in Ossian.

Graduated High School and attended college in northern Michigan. Married for 38 years to Linda, have two grown married sons, and twin 15 month old granddaughters. Elected to the Ossian Town Board in 1990, Wells County Council in 1994, and currently a Wells County Commissioner since 2000, continually servicing Wells County for 31 years. I am semi-retired and enjoying family while spending off time in northern Michigan.

Why did you choose to run for office? I was asked to run for Ossian Town Council because the supporters felt I could bring stability to the town and away I went 32 years ago. This continued on to the Wells County Council and Wells County Commissioner positions. I was asked to run for Wells County Commissioner because people wanted a change. I received the backing of both parties and was elected to my current position.

What is your favorite thing, or your passion, about your office? Reasoning power and listening to taxpayer's concerns for future growth of Wells County. My motto has been and stands for a "Common Sense Approach to Local Government."



Congratulations to recently re-elected Wells County Republican Central Committee: Chairman Zach Rodgers, Vice Chair Sandy Garcia, Treasurer Colin Andrews, and Secretary Preston Wright!



Thank you, Connie Lawson, for your many years of service to Indiana!

Congratulations Holli Sullivan, Indiana's new Secretary of State!

