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**Blackford County Welcomes State Officials for Development Discussions**

Blackford County recently had the honor of hosting state officials, reflecting the county's ongoing commitment to development and community improvement. Key representatives included Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Director Jake Sipe (IHCDA), State Revolving Fund Technical Review Director Camille Meiners (SRF), Indiana Finance Authority Program Director Sherry Siewert (IFA), and State Representative JD Prescott. The event was planned and facilitated by Blackford County Economic Development Director Warren Brown, , Blackford County Commissioner Dan Borgenheimer, Blackford County Councilman Jim Weisman, Hartford City Mayor Dan Eckstein, Hartford City Common Council President Ron Dudelston and Purdue Extension Community Development Educator Cheri Brown.

The visit was a significant event for Blackford County, providing an opportunity for local leaders to engage directly with state officials about the community’s needs and future development projects. The presence of these officials underscored the state’s support and interest in the county’s growth and prosperity.

The collaborative efforts discussed during this visit are expected to pave the way for future initiatives and projects that will drive sustainable growth and development in Blackford County. As these discussions progress, the community looks forward to seeing tangible benefits and improvements that will make Blackford County an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

