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lifesaving treatment sooner.

The American Stroke Association also noted that about 80% of strokes are preventable. High blood pressure remains the leading risk factor, while diabetes, obesity, and smoking can also increase the chance of stroke.

Health experts encourage people

to manage blood pressure, stay active, eat healthy foods, avoid tobacco use, and keep up with regular medical checkups to help reduce stroke risk.

The association also offers support resources for stroke survivors and caregivers, including virtual support groups and educational materials available online.

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the last couple weeks it was revealed that land adjacent to The Nashville Zoo has become a location in which a big tech company wants to place a large data center. Petitions to put a stop to that have already gone over 350,000 signatures with speculation that perhaps some of the biggest music celebrities who call Nashville their home could pool their money and buy the land before a data center is placed there.

If the potential for having a data center being built adjacent to a major tourist draw could happen in a place like Nashville, what chance could we stand without taking the appropriate steps now?

Simpson County and Cave City, our neighbors to the west and north of us, are finding out that either not having a plan in place or waiting until it's too late to put one in place becomes a very costly fight, money that could be (and should be) better spent elsewhere.

That is why our Judge-Executive stated there needed to be a "24-month moratorium on new data center development."

"Let me be clear: This is not a ban, this is not saying no forever and this is not anti-business. It is saying, 'Before permanent decisions are made, Allen County deserves time to protect itself. A moratorium gives us time to ask hard questions, time to involve citizens, time to build reasonable

protections, time to create standards before projects arrive. During those 24 months, county leaders could establish land use rules, setbacks from neighborhoods, noise protections, lighting standards, environmental review requirements, water use expectations, infrastructure agreements, public hearing requirements, tax accountability measures, community benefit agreements. In short we can say, 'We welcome opportunity but there are rules.'"

The fact is, the world is becoming increasingly dependent on technology. Not just for communication purposes such as cell phones, text messages, emails, video calls and social media but also in terms of the development of AI (which could be a whole other article of its own). With the growth of data and the trillions upon trillions of gigabytes of data that's generated in just one day, the need to put all of that data somewhere is only going to increase as well.

One lady asked a question, if not having a data center in our county would mean we lose access to technology. The answer to that is no. So for the next two years, Allen County will be wrestling with the question as to whether or not we want one here.



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**Judge-Executive Harper stated that the biggest part of the plan is to take the next 24 months to research, plan, and hear from the citizens of Allen County on what the best course of action should be when it comes to having or not having a data center in Allen County. He also mentioned that, currently, there is not enough infrastructure to support a data center in Allen County.**

## Stroke

To recognize the warning signs of stroke, remember to **BE FAST**.

**B IS FOR BALANCE**  
Ask the person to stand. Look for them to have trouble staying on their feet.

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**E IS FOR EYES**  
Ask the person if they "see double" or if things are blurry. Look for any decrease in vision.

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**F IS FOR FACE**  
Ask the person to smile. Look for a droop on one or both sides of the face.

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**A IS FOR ARM**  
Ask the person to raise their arms. Look for one arm to droop downward.

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**S IS FOR SPEECH**  
Ask the person to speak. Listen for slurred speech or trouble choosing words.

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**T IS FOR TIME**  
**Call 911 immediately.** Look at the time so you can tell medical personnel when symptoms started.

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