



**Lake County Council**  
**December 9, 2025**  
**Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM**  
**Agenda**

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2293 N. Main St.  
Commissioners Court Room/Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Building A  
Crown Point, IN 46307

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**1: Opening**

Moment of Reflection  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of County Council Members  
County Council Secretary – Auditor’s Office

**2: Minutes**

November 18, 2025      Regular Meeting

**3: Awards/Resolutions**

A. Resolution recognizing December as National Human Rights Month.

**4: Acknowledgments/Announcements**

- A. Notice of 2026 Monthly Regular Meeting and Study Session Dates. (CID)
- B. Congratulations to Deep River County Park for receiving the Legacy Park Award by the Indiana Park and Recreation Association.
- C. Congratulations to Scott Schmal, Director of Finance on receiving the Chief’s Award from the Public Defender’s office. (CID)

**5: Coroner’s Office – 1007** (NIEMEYER, CID & BROWN)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	61150 Paraprofessionals	\$	105,000.00
	62255 Pathology Supplies	\$	10,000.00
	62390 Other Repair & Maintenance Supplies	\$	5,000.00
	63130 Toxicology Lab	\$	10,000.00
	63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$	5,000.00
To:	61160 Office & Clerical	\$	3,000.00
	64490 Other Equipment	\$	72,000.00
	64440 Motor Vehicles	\$	60,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b><u>135,000.00</u></b>

## 6: County Assessor – 2001

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 63145 Legal Services	\$ 50,000.00	
To: 63190 Other Professional Service		\$ 50,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>50,000.00</u></b>

### B. Appropriation – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 14,400.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ <u>14,400.00</u></b>

## 7: Calumet Township Assessor – 2002

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 3,600.00)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$ <u>3,600.00</u>)</b>

## 8: Center Township Assessor – 2003

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 3,600.00)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$ <u>3,600.00</u>)</b>

## 9: Ross Township Assessor – 2005

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 3,600.00)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$ <u>3,600.00</u>)</b>

## 10: St. John Township Assessor – 2006

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 3,600.00)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>(\$ <u>3,600.00</u>)</b>

## 11: Criminal Courts – 3002

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

### A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61120 Professionals	\$	25,000.00	
61140 Protective Services	\$	1,000.00	
61160 Office & Clerical	\$	10,000.00	
62230 Clothing	\$	367.00	
63231 Travel-Registration	\$	1,706.00	
63232 Travel-Meals	\$	842.00	
63233 Travel-Lodging	\$	1,727.00	
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$	1,769.00	
63235 Travel -Mileage	\$	2,954.00	
63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$	514.00	
To: 61110 Official & Administrators	\$	5,000.00	
63190 Other Professional Service	\$	30,014.00	
63290 Other Comm. & Trans.	\$	10,000.00	
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$	865.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>45,879.00</u></b>	

## 12: L.C. Superior Court IV – 4001

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

### A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 62410 Other Supplies	\$	800.00	
63920 Food & Lodging	\$	1,000.00	
To: 64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$	1,000.00	
64490 Other Equipment	\$	800.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,800.00</u></b>	

## 13: Juvenile Court – 4005

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

### A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC)–Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)-Grant Renewal

## 14: Juvenile Detention Center – 8003

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Office of Court Services Improvement Grant Program-Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile Grant-Grant Renewal

## 15: Motor Vehicle – 7005

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

### A. Transfer – County Highway Fund – 1102 **WITHDRAWN**

From: 61110 Official & Administrators	\$	2,000.00	
61130 Technicians	\$	4,000.00	
61170 Skilled Craft Workers	\$	8,000.00	
61180 Service/Maintenance	\$	8,000.00	
To: 61100 Overtime	\$	22,000.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>22,000.00</u></b>	

## 15: Motor Vehicle – 7005 Continued

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

### B. Transfer – County Highway Fund – 1102

From: 61110 Official & Administrators	\$	2,000.00	
61130 Technicians	\$	4,000.00	
61170 Skilled Craft Workers	\$	80,000.00	
61180 Service/Maintenance	\$	94,000.00	
To: 61100 Overtime			\$ 180,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 180,000.00</b>	

## 16: Public Works – 7001

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

### A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61170 Skilled Craft Workers	\$	4,000.00	
61180 Service/Maintenance	\$	20,000.00	
To: 61100 Overtime			\$ 24,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 24,000.00</b>	

## 17: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Resolution

Resolution permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay outstanding 2023 and 2024 invoices/debts from the 2025 budget.

### B. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

US Dept. of Homeland Security/IN DNR Law Enforcement Division-2026 Marine Patrol Assistance Grant-Grant Renewal

## 18: Criminal Div. Public Defender – 9002

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

### A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 63190 Other Professional Service	\$	7,000.00	
To: 62110 Office Supplies			\$ 7,000.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>	

## 19: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

### A. Ordinance

Ordinance establishing The Lake County Health Department's Autism Trauma and Injury Prevention Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

## 20: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

### A. Resolution

Resolution to approve the transfer of \$287,500.00 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake Debt Service of 2025 SRF Bond, Fund No. 4359.

## 21: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

### A. Resolutions

1. Resolution to approve transfers to Group Employee Benefits Self Insurance Accrual Fund, Fund 1001-9999-26514; Non-Reverting Self Insurance Liability Fund, Fund 4541-6002-63420; and Jail Inmate Medical Fund, Fund 4414-6002.
2. Declaratory Resolution for the designation of an Economic Revitalization Area (Venture One LLC).
3. Lake County Council's Resolution requesting statewide 911 services and enhanced prepaid wireless telecommunications service charge be placed on The Indiana General Assembly's Legislative Agenda.

### B. Ordinances

1. Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2026.
2. Lake County Mileage Rate Ordinance for 2026.
3. Ordinance concerning Holiday Schedule for the calendar year of 2026.
4. Ordinance requiring Project Labor Agreements for projects receiving Economic Incentives. (CID)

### C. Consulting Contracts and Agreements

1. Law Office of Thomas O'Donnell
2. Law Office of Ray L. Szarmach, P.C.
3. Law Offices of Shana D. Levinson
4. Linda S. Garcia-Marmolejo Attorney at Law

D. Citizen Appointments1. **Board of Zoning Appeals**

- I.C. 36-7-4-902(a)
- (1) One member appointed by the County Council to serve a term of (4) years. Appointed MUST be a resident of the board's jurisdiction and MUST NOT be a member of The Plan Commission.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Bob Zubrick	May 10, 2022	4 Years	December 31, 2025

2. **County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**

- County Ordinance 1337A - The County Council shall appoint (8) eight members to a (2) two year term; a survivor of domestic violence, a domestic violence direct service provider agency, a representative of law enforcement from the area served by the review team, the Prosecuting Attorney or designee of the Prosecuting Attorney residing in Lake County, an expert in the field of forensic pathology or Coroner/Deputy Coroner, a medical practitioner with expertise in domestic violence, a **Judge who hears civil or criminal cases**, and an **employee of a Child Protective Services Agency**.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Civil/Criminal Judge	Judge Julie Cantrell <i>*Appointed in May 2025 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>	May 13, 2025	2 Years	December 2025
Child Protective Services Employee	Eric Zegaczewski <i>*Appointed in September 2025 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>	September 9, 2025	2 Years	December 2025

3. **Contractor's Licensing Board**

- Plan Commission Ordinance 1628, 6-13-95
- The County Council shall appoint (3) three members. Members shall be from the following industries: **Electrical, Plumbing** and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning).
- The Board meets on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake County Commissioners Courtroom, unless otherwise noted

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Plumbing	Sal Espino	December 12, 2023	2 Years	December 31, 2025
Electric	Dave Soderquist	December 12, 2023	2 Years	December 31, 2025

4. **County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals**

- I.C. 6-1.1-28-1 & I.C. 6-1.1-28-1(h)
- The Fiscal Body of the County shall appoint (2) two individuals; at least (1) one must be a Certified Level II or Level III Assessor/Appraiser. The Council may waive the certification requirement for its appointments. Under HEA 1328 (2023), term limits must be staggered so that a majority of the board does not expire in a single year. Terms begin on January 1.
- The Board of Appeals typically meets twice a month at 9:30 a.m. in the media center at the Lake County Government Complex.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Carly A. Brandenburg	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 31, 2025
Kenneth Barksdale	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 31, 2025

**E. Combined Councilmanic & Citizen Appointments****1. Lake County Redevelopment Commission**

- I.C. 36-7-14-6.1(b)
- The County Council will decide (2) two of the (5) five appointments.
- Regular meetings of the Commission are held on the third Thursday of every other month.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Christine Cid	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 31, 2025
John Brezik	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 31, 2025

**F. Combined Councilmanic Appointments****1. Northwest Indiana Community Action Corporation (CoAction)**

- I.C. 12-14-23-6
- (1) One elected official is appointed by the Council. 1/3 of the board must be elected officials or their designated representative. Representatives must be submitted to the Council in writing after the Council appoints the elected official.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Pete Lindemulder Tim Brown (Proxy)	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 31, 2025

**2. Contractors Licensing Board**

- Plan Commission Ordinance 1628.  
Ordinance 1628A-10 Amended May 14, 2007 allowing a proxy.
- One Council member appointed by the Council shall serve from January 1st to December 31st to serve upon expiration of term until new appointment is made.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Charlie Brown	December 12, 2023	2 Years	December 31, 2025

**3. Garner Scholarship Committee**

- County Ordinance 1112A – 12/8/1992
- The Syd Garner Scholarship Fund was established to support and maintain a scholarship at Indiana University Northwest. The Garner Scholarship Committee will consist in part of (2) two members of the Lake County Council. The (2) two members will be appointed by the Lake County Council each year at its regular December meeting to serve on the Committee for a period of (12) twelve months.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Pete Lindemulder	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 2025
Christine Cid	December 10, 2024	1 Year	December 2025

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## Public Comments:

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