



Lake County Council

March 10, 2026

Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM

Agenda

2293 N. Main St.

Commissioners Court Room/Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Building A

Crown Point, IN 46307

1: Opening

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of County Council Members

County Council Secretary – Auditor's Office

2: Minutes

January 29, 2026

Special Meeting

February 10, 2026

Regular Meeting

3: Awards/Resolutions

A. Resolution recognizing March as National Women's History Month.

B. Resolution honoring Crown Point High School's Ava Strayer Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 130 Pound Weight Division. (NIEMEYER) **Deferred February**

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

5: L.C. Superior Court IV – 4001

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61150 Paraprofessionals	\$	620.00	
63231 Travel-Registration	\$	1,000.00	
63920 Food & Lodging	\$	1,200.00	
62410 Other Supplies	\$	1,500.00	
To: 61210 Longevity-Deduction		\$	620.00
62230 Clothing		\$	1,200.00
64410 Furniture & Fixtures		\$	2,200.00
64490 Other Equipment		\$	300.00
Total:	\$	<u>4,320.00</u>	

6: Juvenile Court – 4005

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (02-09-2026)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-007 Probation Officer	\$ 50,669.00	\$ 42,311.00	(\$ 8,358.00)
Total(s):	\$ 50,669.00	\$ 42,311.00	(\$ 8,358.00)

B. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Supreme Court - Lake County Family Recovery Court – FY27 Grant Renewal

7: Juvenile Detention Center – 8003

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Office of Court Services Improvement Grant - Lake County HOPE Court – FY27 Grant Renewal

8: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Create New Line Item – LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund – 9377

62240 Household & Institutional Supplies

B. Appropriation – LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund – 9377

62240 Household & Institutional Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 5,000.00

9: Planning Commission – 5004

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Planning Commission Ordinances

1. Ordinance No. 2597 – An Ordinance to Amend the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance No. 2560-Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)–Abandonment, Decommissioning, and Disposal of Items, 2/18/26, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0).
2. Ordinance No. 2598 – An Ordinance to Amend the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance No. 2560-Data Centers-Decommissioning Plan, 2/18/26, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0).

10: Local Roads & Streets – 7007

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Appropriation – Local Road & Street Fund – 1112

63715 Equipment Lease	\$ 402,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 402,000.00</u>

B. Resolution

Resolution to approve the transfer of \$214,615.07 from Lake County Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, Fund No. 9379, Department 7007 to CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012, Department 6002.

11: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – Sheriff’s Grant Fund – 9239

63995 Other Services & Charges	\$ 13,000.00
63620 Equipment Repair	\$ 20,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 33,000.00</u>

12: Community Corrections – 9101

(LINDEMULDER)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Community Corrections to pay outstanding 2025 invoices/debts from the 2026 budget.

B. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

2027 IDOC Community Corrections & Justice Reinvestment Grant – Grant Renewal

13: Parks & Recreation – 9203

(NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Appropriation – Park & Recreation Fund – 1107

63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 100,000.00
63310 Printing	\$ 15,000.00
63420 Insurance	\$ 100,000.00
63510 Utilities	\$ 200,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$ 100,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 515,000.00</u>

14: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance establishing the Lake County Health Departments OPIOID Settlement ENGAGE360: Youth Empowered Project Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

15: Economic Development – 9307

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee

1. US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – FY 2026 CDBG Grant Renewal Application.
2. US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Housing Investment Partnership Program (HOME) – FY 2026 HOME Grant Renewal Application.

B. Resolution

Resolution authorizing the Lake County Board of Commissioners to file an annual Action Plan and to execute a Grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for an estimated \$2,200,000.00 representing fiscal year 2026 funding to Lake County, Indiana.

16: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Council to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget.

B. Citizen Appointments

1. **Unsafe Building Authority** **Deferred February 10, 2026**

- County Council Ordinance 1012A
- The County Council appoints (1) one Member.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Scott Cooper	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026

2. **Veterans Memorial Parkway Commission**

- Created on 11/14/1995 by County Council Resolution No. 95-21
- The Commission was established to oversee the development and beautification of the Veterans Memorial Parkway on U.S. 231. The Commission consists of (15) fifteen members appointed by the Lake County Council for a (2) two year term. Members must be participants in the beautification of the parkway and/or active in Veterans Affairs.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Dhiren Shah	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Roger Fowler	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Kent Kolodziej	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Jason Zaideman	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Craig Zandstra	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Rogelio Dominguez	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Donna Catalano	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Mitchell Barloga	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Constance Karras	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Glenn Kracht	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Tim Brown	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Donald Ensign	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
James Metros	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Donald Levinson	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026
Jessica Niemeyer	March 12, 2024	2 Years	March 2026

C. Approval of Data Board Nominees

1. County Commissioners Commissioner Michael C. Repay

Public Comments:

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