



Lake County Council

February 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 13, 2026

Regular Meeting

3: Awards/Resolutions

- A. Resolution recognizing February as Black History Month.
- B. Resolution honoring Hobart High School's Corabella Wesley Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 125 Pound Weight Division. (BROWN, BILSKI)
- C. Resolution honoring Crown Point High School's Ava Strayer Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 130 Pound Weight Division. (NIEMEYER)
- D. Resolution honoring Merrillville High School's Charisma Lawrence Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 145 Pound Weight Division. (BILSKI)
- E. Resolution honoring Highland High School's Aleksandra Bastaic Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 155 Pound Weight Division. (HAMM)

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

5: Surveyor – 1006

(NIEMEYER, CID & BROWN)

A. Transfer – Surveyor’s Corner Perpetuation Fund – 1167

From: 64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 20,000.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$ 20,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$ 10,000.00
To: 63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 50,000.00
	Total: \$ 50,000.00

B. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Ordinance to establish copy/map/electronic map generation fees for the Lake County Surveyor’s office, County of Lake, State of Indiana, Ordinance No. 1334C.

6: County Assessor – 2001

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
13062-001 Assessment Specialist	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,265.00	\$ 53,265.00
Total(s):	\$ 0.00	\$ 53,265.00	\$ 53,265.00

B. Appropriation – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 970,000.00
Total:	\$ 970,000.00

7: Calumet Township Assessor – 2002

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61190 Part-Time	(\$ 30,920.00)
Total:	(\$ 30,920.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61190 Part-Time	(\$ 39,000.00)
Total:	(\$ 39,000.00)

8: Center Township Assessor – 2003

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61130 Technicians	(\$ 45,520.00)
Total:	(\$ 45,520.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61280 Seasonal Employees	(\$ 17,500.00)
Total:	(\$ 17,500.00)

9: Hobart Township Assessor – 2004

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61190 Part-Time	(\$ 14,000.00)
Total:	(\$ 14,000.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61100 Overtime	(\$ 8,393.00)
63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 2,000.00)
63235 Travel-Mileage	(\$ 1,500.00)
Total:	(\$ 11,893.00)

10: Ross Township Assessor – 2005

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61280 Seasonal Employees	(\$ 8,000.00)
61320 FICA-Deduction	(\$ 612.00)
63235 Travel-Mileage	(\$ 800.00)
64440 Motor Vehicles	(\$ 1,000.00)
Total:	(\$ 10,412.00)

11: St. John Township Assessor – 2006

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61130 Technicians	(\$ 48,766.00)
Total:	(\$ 48,766.00)

12: Superior Court Civil – 3001

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

2026 Adult Guardianship Services Grant (VASIA) – Grant Renewal

13: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 1 – 4002

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12536-001 Public Defender	\$ 31,122.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 31,122.00)
Total(s):	\$ 31,122.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 31,122.00)

14: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 2 – 4003

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Rev. 144 – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – 2143

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12537-007 Pauper Attorney	\$ 31,122.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 31,122.00)
Total(s):	<u>\$ 31,122.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>(\$ 31,122.00)</u>

B. Transfer – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – 2143

From: 61120 Professionals	\$ 31,122.00
To: 63190 Other Professional Services	\$ 31,122.00
Total:	<u>\$ 31,122.00</u>

15: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 – 4004

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, County Division III to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget. (1001-4004-63190)
2. Resolution permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, County Division III to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget. (1208-4004-63130)

16: Combined Election & Registration – 5001

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61196 Election Day Workers	\$ 14,000.00
To: 64490 Other Equipment	\$ 14,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 14,000.00</u>

17: County Highway – 7002

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Ordinance Petitions for Establishment and Posting of Stop Signs

East and West Bound Jay Street to Stop for Ruth Street

18: Juvenile Detention Center – 8003

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – LCCC Juvenile Detention Grant Fund – 9390

From: 61190 Part-Time	\$ 14,000.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 1,200.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$ 430.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$ 10,500.00
To: 63715 Equipment Leasing	\$ 26,130.00
Total:	<u>\$ 26,130.00</u>

19: Prosecutor – 9001

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the office of the Prosecuting Attorney to pay outstanding 2025 invoices/debts from the 2026 budget.

20: Prosecutor IV-D – 9003

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the office of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney, IV-D Child Support Division to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget.

21: Data Processing Agency – 9301

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	(\$ 400,000.00)
Total:	(\$ 400,000.00)

B. Appropriation – Co. Cumulative Capital Develop Fund – 1651

63995 Other Services & Charges	\$ 400,000.00
Total:	\$ 400,000.00

22: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Ordinances

1. Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1105).
2. Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1161).

B. Appropriation Reduction – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

61150 Paraprofessionals	(\$ 193,338.00)
61210 Longevity-Deduction	(\$ 180.00)
61290 Supplemental Pay	(\$ 19,263.72)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 348,000.00)
61360 Workman's Comp-Deduction	(\$ 10,920.00)
62110 Office Supplies	(\$ 11,000.00)
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	(\$ 176,825.00)
63231 Travel-Registration	(\$ 1,000.00)
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	(\$ 9,999.00)
Total:	(\$ 770,525.72)

22: Health Department – 9306 **Continued**

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

C. Create New Line Items – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

62230 Clothing
64440 Motor Vehicles
64450 Software

D. Appropriation – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

61120 Professionals	\$ 30,821.00
61140 Protective Services	\$ 118,062.00
61160 Office & Clerical	\$ 46,947.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 9,232.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$ 17,129.00
62230 Clothing	\$ 2,100.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 7,000.00
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 350.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$ 54,000.00
64450 Software	\$ 7,500.00

Total: \$ 293,141.00

E. Appropriation Reduction – County Health Fund – 1105

61120 Professionals	(\$ 38,219.00)
61140 Protective Services	(\$ 89,143.00)
61160 Office & Clerical	(\$ 32,212.00)
61190 Part-Time	(\$ 9,999.00)
61280 Seasonal Employees	(\$ 72,119.00)
61320 FICA-Deduction	(\$ 572.00)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 58,000.00)
61360 Workman's Comp-Deduction	(\$ 1,820.00)
62210 Petroleum Products	(\$ 9,258.00)
62220 Garage & Motors	(\$ 1,952.00)
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	(\$ 15,403.00)
63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 55,000.00)
63320 Advertising	(\$ 149.00)
63330 Photo/Blueprinting	(\$ 775.00)
63620 Equipment Repair	(\$ 2,750.00)
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	(\$ 1,000.00)
64490 Other Equipment	(\$ 20,909.00)

Total: (\$ 409,280.00)

22: Health Department – 9306 **Continued**

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

F. Create New Line Items – County Health Fund – 1105

62290 Other Supplies
63310 Printing
64450 Software

G. Appropriation – County Health Fund – 1105

61110 Official & Administrators	\$ 11,750.00
61130 Technicians	\$ 10,173.00
61150 Paraprofessionals	\$ 227,588.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$ 11,007.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 962.00
62290 Other Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
63120 Medical & Hospital Services	\$ 414.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 20,705.00
63231 Travel-Registration	\$ 1,081.00
63232 Travel-Meals	\$ 2,775.00
63233 Travel-Lodging	\$ 4,850.00
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 1,249.00
63235 Travel-Mileage	\$ 5,750.00
63310 Printing	\$ 40,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$ 2,337.00
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,000.00
64450 Software	\$ 46,878.00

Total: \$ 396,519.00

H. Create New Line Items – Health Maintenance Fund – 1153

62110 Office Supplies
63210 Freight & Express
63320 Advertising

I. Appropriation – Health Maintenance Fund – 1153

61190 Part-Time	\$ 5,000.00
61280 Seasonal Employees	\$ 20,000.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 2,175.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 8,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$ 6,000.00

Total: \$ 46,175.00

23: Health Department / Tobacco Settlement – 9311 (BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9311-1296).

B. Appropriation Reduction – Health Dept. Tobacco Settlement Fund – 1296

61140 Protective Services	(\$ 57,504.00)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 29,000.00)
61360 Workman's Comp.-Deduction	(\$ 910.00)
Total:	(\$ 87,414.00)

24: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Ordinance

A General Ordinance of Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, for the purpose of funding certain judgments and settlements entered against the County, together with expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds on account thereof, and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds for such purpose. **Second Reading**

B. Resolution

Resolution to approve the transfer of \$261,000.00 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake Debt Service of 2025 SRF Bond, Fund No. 4359.

C. Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee

1. U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) – Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant – On behalf of Ozinga Slag, LLC
2. Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program – On behalf of Ozinga Slag, LLC

25: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Ordinances

1. a. Ordinance requiring project labor agreements for projects receiving economic incentives.
Deferred January 29, 2026
- b. Ordinance to establish responsible business practices and submission requirements for projects receiving economic incentives from Lake County, Indiana and rescinding, repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 1468B.
Deferred January 29, 2026
- c. Ordinance requiring project labor agreements for Lake County Government construction projects & all projects receiving an economic incentive and rescinding and repealing Ordinance No 1135F, 1342A, 1468B and 1468C.

B. Resolution

1. Resolution permitting the Lake County Council to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget.
2. Resolution of the Lake County Council urging enhanced transparency in utility billing practices through detailed itemization of delivery charges and tracking mechanisms. (CID)

C. Citizen Appointments**1. Unsafe Building Authority**

- 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. 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.
- The County Council may appoint (11) eleven additional members; **(1) one member of the clergy, (1) one representative from a Lake County Government Agency, (1) one representative from the Lake County Health Department, (1) one representative from the Lake County Bar Association, (1) one Defense Attorney, (1) one educator, (1) one Lake County Probation Officer, (1) one representative from the business community, (1) one Lake County Animal Control Officer, (1) one Attorney who represents victims of domestic violence**, and (1) one provider of a Batter's Intervention Program.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Medical Practitioner	Michelle Resendez	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026
Clergy	Pastor JJ Hairston	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026
Government Agency	Christine Cid	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026
Business Community	Terence Fife	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026
Animal Control Officer	Angela Malinowski	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026
Prosecuting Attorney or Designee	Jerry Ezell	February 13, 2024	2 Years	February 2026

3. Economic Development Commission

- I.C. 36-7-12-9
- When a town, second or third class city establishes a Department of Economic Development, the Council shall nominate for appointment (1) one (new) member for an initial term of (1) one year. After expiration of this term, the successor shall serve a term of (4) four years if re-appointed, expiring on January 31st of each year.

<u>Town/City</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Dyer	Jeffrey Dekker	February 14, 2023	4 Years	January 31, 2027

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