Lake County Council

November 10, 2026
Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM
Agenda

2293 N. Main St.
Commissioner's 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

September 3, 2026	Budget Workshop
September 8, 2026	First Reading
October 13, 2026	Regular Meeting
October 13, 2026	Second Reading

3: Awards/Resolutions

A. Resolution proclaiming November as National Family Caregivers Month and recognizing CoAction.

B. Resolution recognizing Leah Pozen. (NIEMEYER)

C. Resolution honoring the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders for capturing individual team titles and the overall team title at the 2026 Indiana Raiders State Championships. (BILSKI)

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

5: St. John Township Assessor – 2006 (BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	Present	Proposed	Difference
13250-001 Personal Property Supervisor	$ 49,027.00	$ 0.00	($ 49,027.00)
13455-003 Real Estate Deputy	$ 0.00	$ 49,027.00	$ 49,027.00
Totals:	**$ 49,027.00**	**$ 49,027.00**	**$ 0.00**

6: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006 (LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	63231 Travel-Registration	$ 400.00	
	63232 Travel-Meals	$ 400.00	
	63233 Travel-Lodging	$ 500.00	
	63234 Travel-Other	$ 300.00	
To:	62410 Other Supplies		$ 1,600.00
		Total:	**$ 1,600.00**

B. Appropriation – C.A.S.A. Fund – 1706

61210 Longevity-Deduction	$	440.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	$	34.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	$	63.00
Total:	**$**	**537.00**

7: LADOS Division 1 – 4008 (LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2026, Ordinance No. 1515B.

8: Combined Election & Registration – 5001 (LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Create New Line Items – Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund – 1207

62410 Other Supplies
64490 Other Equipment

B. Appropriation – Campaign Finance Enforcement Fund – 1207

62410 Other Supplies	$	3,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	$	10,000.00
Total:	**$**	**13,000.00**

9: Veteran Service – 5003 (LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	Present	Proposed	Difference
16604-001 Asst. Service Officer	$ 48,576.00	$ 51,576.00	$ 3,000.00
16604-002 Asst. Service Officer	$ 48,576.00	$ 51,576.00	$ 3,000.00
16604-003 Asst. Service Officer	$ 48,576.00	$ 0.00	($ 48,576.00)
11702-001 Service Officer	$ 63,164.00	$ 70,164.00	$ 7,000.00
Totals:	**$ 208,892.00**	**$ 173,316.00**	**($ 35,576.00)**

10: County Highway – 7002 (NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Transfer – County Highway Fund – 1102

From:	63190 Other Professional Service	$ 700.00	
	63233 Travel-Lodging	$ 1,000.00	
To:	62110 Office Supplies		$ 1,700.00
		Total:	**$ 1,700.00**

B. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61110 Officials & Administrators	($ 60,000.00)	
Total:	**($ 60,000.00)**	

11: Gen. Undistributed Motor Expense – 7004 (NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Transfer – County Highway Fund – 1102

From:	63620 Equipment Repair	$ 71,000.00	
To:	62210 Petroleum Products		$ 71,000.00
		Total:	**$ 71,000.00**

12: Motor Vehicle – 7005 (NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001

61100 Overtime	$ 60,000.00	
Total:	**$ 60,000.00**	

13: Local Roads & Streets – 7007 (NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Create New Line Item – Local Road & Street Fund – 1112

62210 Petroleum Products

B. Transfer – Local Road & Street Fund – 1112

From:	63715 Equipment Lease	$ 240,000.00	
To:	62210 Petroleum Products		$ 40,000.00
	62390 Other Repair & Maintenance Supplies		$ 200,000.00
		Total:	**$ 240,000.00**

14: Sheriff – 8001 (CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	61140 Protective Service	$ 265,000.00	
To:	61100 Overtime		$ 211,000.00
	61130 Technicians		$ 36,000.00
	61270 Holiday Pay		$ 18,000.00
		Total:	**$ 265,000.00**

15: Jail – 8002 (CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	61140 Protective Services	$ 85,000.00	
	62260 Jail Inmate Clothing Allowance	$ 10,000.00	
To:	61190 Part-Time		$ 85,000.00
	62410 Other Supplies		$ 10,000.00
		Total:	**$ 95,000.00**

B. Create New Line Items – 2026 SAFE LC Sheriff NARCAN and Essentials Bag Grant Fund – 9340

62230 Clothing
62240 Household & Institutional Supplies
62250 Healthcare & Lab Supplies

C. Transfer – 2026 SAFE LC Sheriff NARCAN and Essentials Bag Grant Fund – 9340

From:	62410 Other Supplies	$ 1,195.22	
To:	62230 Clothing		$ 1,071.27
	62240 Household & Institutional Supplies		$ 67.97
	62250 Healthcare & Lab Supplies		$ 55.98
		Total:	**$ 1,195.22**

16: Juvenile Detention Center – 8003 (CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	61120 Professionals	$ 85,000.00	
To:	61100 Overtime		$ 85,000.00
		Total:	**$ 85,000.00**

17: Criminal Div. Public Defender – 9002 (CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	63190 Other Professional Service	$ 7,500.00	
To:	62110 Office Supplies		$ 7,500.00
		Total:	**$ 7,500.00**

18: Parks & Recreation – 9203 (NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Ordinances

1. Ordinance establishing the Lake County Parks and Recreation 2026 Capital Projects Construction Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

2. Ordinance establishing the Lake County Parks and Recreation 2026 Revenue Bond Redemption Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

19: Emergency Management – 9304 (BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee

1. FEMA / Indiana Department of Homeland Security – The EMPG Emergency Management Agency Salary Reimbursement Program – 2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Salary (EMPG-S) – Grant Renewal

2. FEMA / Indiana Department of Homeland Security – The HMEP Grant Program – 2027 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) – New Grant Application

3. FEMA / Indiana Department of Homeland Security – C-UAS 2027 Grant Program – 2027 Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-UAS) Grant – New Grant Application

20: Health Department – 9306 (BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Department of Health – Injury Prevention Grant Program – Autism Elopement Kits – Grant Renewal

B. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Ordinance establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees, Ordinance No. 1336A.

21: Fairgrounds – 9201 (NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Transfer – Non-Reverting LC Fairgrounds Fund – 1131

From:	62410 Other Supplies	$ 84.17		
	63235 Travel-Mileage	$ 205.00		
	63620 Equipment Repair	$ 5,165.00		
To:	61190 Part-Time		$	5,065.00
	61320 FICA-Deduction		$	389.17
		Total:	**$**	**5,454.17**

22: Lake County Commissioners – 6002 (CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From:	63150 Consultant Fees	$ 40,000.00	
To:	61350 Unemployment Comp. Deduction		$ 40,000.00
		Total:	**$ 40,000.00**

B. Transfer – CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund – 4012

From:	63995 Other Services & Charges	$ 1,100,000.00	
To:	64500 Construction & Reconstruction		$ 1,100,000.00
		Total:	**$ 1,100,000.00**

C. Appropriation – Non-Reverting Self Insurance Fund – 4541 WITHDRAWN

63420 Insurance		$ 475,000.00
	Total:	**$ 475,000.00**

D. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Commissioners to pay an outstanding 2024 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget.

23: County Council – 6001 (CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution to approve transfer to Group Employee Benefits Self Insurance Accrual Fund, Fund 1001-26514; and Jail Inmate Medical Fund, Fund 4414-6002.
2. Resolution amending Resolution No. 21-33, the Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds.
3. Resolution to approve transfer of $33.98 from the General Fund, Fund No. 1001 to Multi-Agency Task Force Fund, Fund #182 (Oracle #4182).

B. Ordinances

1. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1516C, the Lake County Mileage Rate Ordinance for 2026.
2. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1400B, the Ordinance establishing Non-Reverting Self Insurance and Insurance Working Funds for Lake County.
3. Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1459C, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds.
4. Ordinance amending Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 992C-3.
5. Ordinance establishing Uniform Standards for the Review of Vacant Positions. (CID)
6. Ordinance recommending the approval of the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority tax rate, tax levy, and proposed budget for 2027, as submitted.
7. Ordinance requiring all transfers in budgets to be approved by the Lake County Council. (CID)

23: County Council – 6001 Continued (CID, BREWER & BROWN)

C. Citizen Appointments

1. Library Boards
   - Indiana Code §§ 36-12-2-9, 36-12-2-18, and 2-14-2.5-6
   - One member appointed by the County Council of the county in which the library district is located.

District	Current Appointment	Date Appointed	Term	Next Appointment
Crown Point	Christine Tufts	November 15, 2022	4 Years	November 2026

2. Alcohol Beverage Board
   - I.C. 7.1-2-4-1
   - (1) One member is appointed by the County Council contingent upon Democratic/Republican board make-up. Qualifications are as follows: Shall be 21 years of age or older, shall have been a bona fide resident in Lake County for at least (5) five years, shall never have been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States, shall be of good moral character. No more than (2) two of the (4) four members shall be of the same political party. No member may hold another lucrative public office or employment.
   - When make-up of board is not lawfully constituted, the Council must make (2) two appointments. Thus (2) two appointments were made in 1989.
   - Appointments are to be made on or before January 1st of each year.

Current Appointment	Date Appointed	Term	Next Appointment
David Innes	November 18, 2025	1 Year	November 2026

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