

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in regular session at this time, for the purpose of considering additional appropriations, a written notice was sent to each member of the Council, and proper advertisement made, and all other acts performed in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

And now in obedience to such call, come Christine Cid, President, David Hamm, Ronald Brewer, Charlie Brown, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys.

In the Matter of Minutes – September 3, 2024 Budget Presentations; September 5, 2024 Budget Workshop; September 17, 2024 First Reading; October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting ;October 15, 2024 Second Reading

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes,1-absent.

Councilman Brown was present after roll call.

Acknowledgments: Councilman Brewer sent condolences to Gary Mayor Eddie Melton on the passing of his father and to the family of Darren Washington (Councilman At-Large) whose brother was murdered. Councilman Brewer also stated he would like to have a conversation with the police chief regarding the murder of Kia Tidwell in Gary. "There definitely needs to be a conversation because these are senseless incidents that have happened and that continue to happen."

ORDINANCE #1501

Section 1. Be It Ordained by the County Council of Lake County, IN., that for the expenses of the County Government and its institutions, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein appropriated, and shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

	Appropriation Requested	Appropriated
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Auditor 1002</u> 63150 Consulting Fees	\$300,000.00	\$150,000.00
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> 63920 Food & Lodging	\$50,000.00	NO ACTION
Supplemental Public Defender Fund 1405		
<u>Criminal Division Public Defender 9002</u> 61231 Court Reporter Per Diem	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Non-Reverting Property Seizure Fund 4145		
<u>Sheriff 8005 (Fund 182)</u> 64440 Motor Vehicles	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Sheriff's Sale Program & Service Fund 4289		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u> 64490 Other Equipment	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Weights & Measures User Fees Fund 7255		
<u>Weights & Measures 5005</u> 64440 Motor Vehicles	\$13,268.00	\$13,268.00
Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361		
<u>Combined Election & Registrations 5001</u> 64490 Other Equipment	\$12,655.00	\$12,655.00

LC Sheriff's DCE/SP Fund 9342

Sheriff 8001

64490 Other Equipment	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
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Adopted this 12th day of November, 2024.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS CERTIFICATE

I, the proper legal officer of Lake County Council, Lake County, IN., hereby certify to the Auditor of Lake County, that the Lake County Council, approved the following transfers:

	Requested	Approved
<u>St. John Township Assessor 2006</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63220 Postage	\$500.00	\$500.00
To: 1001-61210 Longevity – Deduction	\$500.00	\$500.00
<u>Criminal Courts 3002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61130 Technicians	\$9,200.00	\$9,200.00
1001-62230 Clothing	\$700.00	\$700.00
1001-63231 Travel – Registration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1001-63233 Travel – Lodging	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$600.00	\$600.00
1001-63190 Other Professional Service	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
1001-63290 Other Comm & Trans	\$6,100.00	\$6,100.00
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63233 Travel – Lodging	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
To: 1001-62230 Clothing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61120 Professionals	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
To: 1001-63920 Food & Lodging	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61125 Discretionary Sales	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1001-63145 Legal Services	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
1001-63231 Registration	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
Infraction Deferral Program Fund 7104		
From: 7104-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
To: 7104-61190 Part-Time	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 7135		
From: 7135-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
To: 7135-61190 Part-Time	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
Check Deception Collection Fee Fund 7279		
From: 7279-61190 Part-Time	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
To: 7279-64440 Motor Vehicles	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
Prosecutor’s Elderly Abuse Fund 8127		
From: 8127-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00
To: 8127-63233 Travel – Lodging	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
8127-63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
8127-63620 Equipment Repair	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00

Prosecutor IV-D 9003

County General Fund 1001

From: 1001-61150 Paraprofessionals	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1001-63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1001-63235 Travel – Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1001-64420 Office Machines	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

Parks & Recreation 9203

Park & Recreation Fund 1107

From: 1107-61120 Professionals	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
1107-61160 Office & Clerical	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
1107-61350 Unemployment Comp – Ded.	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00
To: 1107-61190 Part-Time	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
1107-61360 Workman’s Comp – Ded.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00

Commissioners/Lake County 911 9305

E-911 Operating Fund 1014

From: 1014-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
To: 1014-61100 Overtime	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

and that such transfer does not necessitate expenditure of more money than was set out in detail in the budget as finally approved by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This transfer was made at a regular public meeting according to proper ordinance, a copy of which is attached to this certificate.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2024.

Additional

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Auditor 1002 (\$150,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>	NO ACTION		
Juvenile Detention Center 8003 (\$50,000)			
<u>Supplemental Public Defender Fund 1405</u>			
Criminal Division Public Defender 9002 (\$60,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Non-Reverting Property Seizure Fund 4145</u>			
Sheriff 8005 (Fund 182) (\$200,000)	Brown	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Sheriff’s Sale Program & Service Fund 4289</u>			
Sheriff 8001 (\$80,000)	Brown	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Weights & Measures User Fees Fund 7255</u>			
Weights & Measures 5005 (\$13,268)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361</u>			
Combined Election & Registrations 5001 (\$12,655)	Lindemulder	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Sheriff’s DCE/SP Fund 9342</u>			
Sheriff 8001 (\$35,000)	Brown	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Transfers

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>St. John Township Assessor 2006</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$500)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Criminal Courts 3002</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$11,900)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$5,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$50,000)	Brown	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$40,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> Infraction Deferral Program Fund 7104 (\$50,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 7135 (\$5,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> Check Deception Collection Fee Fund 7279 (\$12,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> Prosecutor’s Elderly Abuse Fund 8127 (\$6,250)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor IV-D 9003</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$17,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Parks & Recreation 9203</u> Park & Recreation Fund 1107 (\$75,000)	Niemeyer	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Commissioners/Lake County 911 9305</u> E-911 Operating Fund 1014 (\$150,000)	Brown	Brewer	Majority voted yes Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Hobart Township Assessor 2004 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the following Revised 144:

	Present	Proposed	Difference
16624-001 Deputy Clerk	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	(\$40,000.00)
16XXX-XXX Field Deputy	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Combined Election & Registration 5001 – Create New Line Item(s) – Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64490 Other Equipment

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Create New Line Item – Sheriff’s Sale Program & Service Fund 4289

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64490 Other Equipment

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Create New Line Item – LC Sheriff’s DCE/SP Fund 9342

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64490 Other Equipment

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Sheriff (Fund 182) 8005 Create New Line Item – Non-Reverting Property Seizure Fund 4145

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64440 Motor Vehicles

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Prosecutor 9001 – Revised 144 – Prosecutor’s Elderly Abuse Fund 8127
Effective (07-01-2024)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the following Revised 144 with an effective date of 7-1-2024:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
11031-001 Admin. Coordinator Investigator	\$80,000.00	\$84,000.00	\$4,000.00
11403-001 Case Monitor	\$60,000.00	\$63,000.00	\$3,000.00
11402-001 Administrative Assistant	\$52,000.00	\$54,600.00	\$2,600.00

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve Revised 144 with an effective date of 7-1-2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Grant Application(s) & Grant Approval(s) – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program = 2025-2027 Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Application

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Grant Application(s) & Grant Approval(s) – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program = 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Application

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Emergency Management 9304 – Grant Application(s) & Grant Approval(s) – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Homeland Security – Emergency Management Performance Grants (ALN: 97.042) = Indiana Department of Homeland Security – 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant – Salary Grant Renewal Application

Brown made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of County Council – Citizen Appointment Alcohol Beverage Board: One Member (1) (Shall)

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated David Innes.

Cid declared David Innes to the Alcohol Beverage Board.

In the Matter of Resolution Acknowledging December 1, 2024 as World Aids Day

Brewer made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-52

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING
DECEMBER 1, 2024 AS WORLD AIDS DAY

WHEREAS, there were 31,800 estimated new HIV infections in the United States in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, estimated HIV infections decreased 12% overall from 2018 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, while great strides have been made since the first known cases of AIDS were reported in 1981, the disease remains a public health challenge; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization in 1988 established World AIDS Day (December 1st) providing an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness and to reach out to families, friends and loved ones who have been deeply affected; and

WHEREAS, World Aids Day is an opportunity for every community and each individual to honor the more than 32 million people who have died worldwide from AIDS-related illness; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council acknowledges December 1, 2024 as World AIDS Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council acknowledges December 1, 2024 as World AIDS Day; a day for solidarity for people around the world who are affected by HIV and for voices to unite by sharing experiences, remembering those lost, and standing together in the fight against HIV.

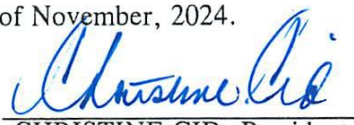
SO RESOLVED THIS 12th day of November, 2024.


DAVID HAMM

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RANDELL C. NIEMEIER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming November 17-23, 2024 as Apprenticeship Week

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-53

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
NOVEMBER 17-23, 2024 AS APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week is celebrating its 10th anniversary of raising awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities by allowing apprentices to earn while they learn and preparing a pathway to good, quality jobs and well-paying careers in Lake County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeships are a vital pathway for individuals to gain hands-on experience, develop skills, and build rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship model bridges the gap between education and employment, fostering a skilled workforce that meets the needs of local industries; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is committed to promoting workforce development, enhancing economic growth, and creating opportunities for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of employers, educational institutions, and community organizations play a crucial role in establishing and supporting apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the achievements of apprentices and the contributions they make to their communities and the economy.

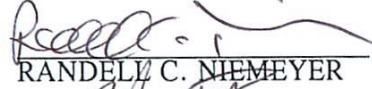
NOW, THEREFORE, the Lake County Council does hereby declare November 17, 2024 through November 23, 2024 as National Apprenticeship Week.

During this week, we encourage all residents to celebrate the value of apprenticeships, explore opportunities, and recognize the importance of skilled labor in our local economy. Let us work together to strengthen our commitment to education, training, and workforce development for a brighter future for all.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.



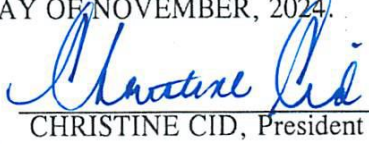
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders for capturing individual team titles and the overall team title at the 2024 Indiana Raiders State Championships

Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-54

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE HOBART HIGH SCHOOL
JROTC RAIDERS FOR CAPTURING INDIVIDUAL
TEAM TITLES AND THE OVERALL TEAM TITLE
AT THE 2024 INDIANA RAIDERS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and
- WHEREAS, JROTC is designed to teach high school students the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, personal responsibility and a sense of accomplishment, while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork and self-discipline; and
- WHEREAS, the Hobart High School JROTC Raider program had a historic season finishing the season 3-0 in regular season competition, winning individual and team titles at the State Competition and finishing as a top five finalist at the National Championships; and
- WHEREAS, the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders captured individual team titles in the 5K, the Gauntlet and the One-Rope-Bridge as well as the Overall Team Title at the 2024 Indiana Raiders State Championship on October 5, 2024 at the Indiana National Guard Training Facility at Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders for capturing individual team titles in the 5K, the Gauntlet and the One-Rope-Bridge as well as the Overall Team Title at the 2024 Indiana Raiders State Championship; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council and a copy be delivered to the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders.

DATED THIS 12th day of November, 2024.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B (Auditor)

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1490B-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2024, ORDINANCE NO. 1490B

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

DELETE:

Section IV.


- 37. Auditor's Office
 - a. Accounting Clerks 7.25-10.00/hr.
 - b. Administrative Personnel 11.00-15.00/hr.

INSERT:

Section IV.

- 37. Auditor's Office
 - a. Accounting Clerks 7.25-10.00/hr.
 - b. Administrative Personnel 12.00-20.00/hr.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Fairgrounds 2019 Fee Schedule, Ordinance No. 1423A

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1423A-2

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
THE LAKE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 2019 FEE SCHEDULE,
ORDINANCE NO. 1423A**

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2018, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Fairgrounds 2019 Fee Schedule, Ordinance No. 1423A; and

WHEREAS, that the Lake County Council now desires to amend Section 4.b. of Ordinance No. 1423A, effective January 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section in Ordinance No. 1423A be amended and adopted as follows:


DELETE:

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Type 1 & Type 2</u>	<u>Type 5</u>
4. b. Industrial Building:		
Daily Use:		
Resident:	\$675.00	\$1000.00
Non-resident:	\$750.00	\$1000.00
Wedding:		\$1800.00
Set-Up:		
Resident:	\$150.00	\$200.00
Non-resident:	\$200.00	\$275.00

INSERT:

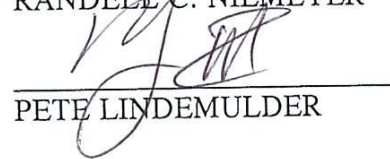
<u>Facility</u>	<u>Type 1 & Type 2</u>	<u>Type 5</u>
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Resident:	\$675.00	\$1000.00
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Wedding:		\$1800.00
Set-Up:		
Resident:	\$150.00	\$200.00
Non-resident:	\$200.00	\$275.00
Equipment Rental:		
Tables	\$ 15.00/each	\$ 15.00/each
Chairs	\$ 3.00/each	\$ 3.00/each
Set-up/Take Down Fee	\$1.00 per item	


SO ORDAINED THIS 12th DAY OF November, 2024.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance establishing the Lake County Tax Sale Local Rules and Repealing Ordinance No. 1449B, The Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Tax Sale Local Rules adopted on August 11, 2020 and its amendment, Ordinance No. 1449B-1 adopted on February 8, 2022 (Second Reading)

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on Second Reading.

O'Donnell – The changes that were made were that we added that the buyers can register here in person or online but they're put on notice that the auction itself is only online. There is no in person for that. And we amended paragraph fifteen to reflect the twenty-five percent penalty.

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1501A

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
TAX SALE LOCAL RULES
AND

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1449B, THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
THE LAKE COUNTY TAX SALE LOCAL RULES ADOPTED ON AUGUST 11, 2020
AND ITS AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE NO. 1449B-1 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2022

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5, et. seq., the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body of Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the Lake County Council may pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the Government of Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24, et. seq., and I.C. 6-1.1-25, et. seq., Lake County conducts both Treasurer Tax Sales and Commissioner Tax Sales for real estate located in Lake County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the "Home Rule Statute", I.C. 36-1-3-4, allow counties to establish local rules to conduct its affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Tax Sale Local Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council hereby establishes the following Lake County Tax Sale Local Rules for tax sale buyers:

1. All tax sale bidders must register in person at the Lake County Auditor's Office or online and adhere to the online instructions for registrations. Bidders may not file multiple applications or revise previously filed applications once they have been downloaded/filed and the Auditor Tax Sale Department begins the bidder registration vetting process. Failure to properly complete, file and download the online application will result in immediate denial of the registration. All bidders must sign, date and print their name under their signature on a Bidder's Contract, which binds the bidder to all local tax sale rules and regulations and any then-existing Lake County tax sale manual. All sales will occur in an online format and not in person.

2. All bidders at Commissioner Sales must pay by wire payment a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) bidder's registration fee, which will be applied to any winning bid or refunded if no winning bid is made or applied to the bidder's delinquent taxes. Refunds of such funds normally take a minimum of 60 days to process.
3. Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-16, all bidders at the time of pre-sale registration must pay by wire payment a One Hundred Dollar (\$100) *non-refundable* "paddle fee" in order to participate as a tax sale bidder and said fees will be deposited into the County General Fund and said fees may only be used to defray expenses of the tax sale or reduce the number of vacant and abandoned houses.
4. All tax sale bidders must swear or affirm that the bidder (either individually and/or his/her business entity, principals, agents, etc.) does not owe delinquent property taxes in any Indiana County, including Lake, nor have open bankruptcies. If the bidder does have such delinquent taxes or open bankruptcies, the tax sale registration may be rejected immediately and any accepted and paid registration fee and/or tax sale bid may be subject to immediate forfeiture and used for the payment of delinquent taxes.
5. Bidders may not bid "*ON BEHALF OF*" nor "*AT THE DIRECTION OF*" any other person or entity. Bidders must bid on their own behalf and pay for the tax certificates on their own behalf from their own funds and bank account. Purchase funds may not be obtained by the bidder from non-tax sale registered third parties and/or non-tax sale vetted third parties. Bidders may not bid for other people/entities who owe delinquent taxes on any parcel-doing so constitutes fraud upon the Lake Circuit Court Tax Sale Process. Such a bid may also be in violation of I.C. 6-1.1-24-5.3. Any violation of the bidder contract or Indiana statutes will be grounds for the Auditor to vacate the subject tax sale and ban the offending bidder from all future tax sales.
6. The name with which a tax sale bidder registers to participate in the tax sale is the name which will appear on the tax sale certificate and/or tax sale deed. Any documents filed with or picked up from the Auditor Tax Sale Department must be filed or picked up solely by the bidder/buyer/certificate holder themselves or by their legal counsel.
7. All assignments of a tax sale certificate must be signed, notarized and filed with Auditor Tax Sale Department prior to the filing of a Verified Petition for Tax Deed with the Circuit Court. If the assignment is filed after the filing of the Verified Petition for Tax Deed, the tax deed shall be issued in the name of the original buyer. Any attempted assignments to persons or entities that owe delinquent taxes or are otherwise ineligible to be bidders at tax sale shall be deemed null and void and subject the original buyer and assignee to be banned from future tax sales.

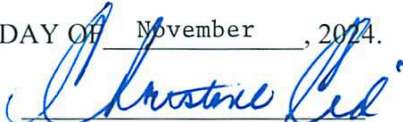
8. All tax sale buyers must obtain a commercially-issued real estate title search on the parcel to properly identify anyone with a substantial property interest of public record in the parcel who must then be issued requisite statutory post-sale notices via certified mail.
9. All tax sale buyers must have the tax certificate, title work and post-sale certified mail notices (I.C. 6-1.1-25-4.5 and I.C. 6-1.1-25-4.6) reviewed by the Auditor's Office staff and/or Auditor's legal counsel prior to attending a court hearing to issue a tax deed.
10. All buyers must attend all tax deed court hearings and must attend with legal counsel if required by Indiana law.
11. Payment of tax sale bid amounts by tax sale buyers must be made on or before the payment deadline date established by the online instructions and/or bidder's receipt and shall be made in the tax sale buyer's own individual name and not from joint accounts held with non-registered parties and not from any other third party accounts. Failure to timely pay and/or payment made by a non-registered buyer will nullify the tax sale and subject the tax sale buyer to any and all other statutory penalties. An initial acceptance of a late payment by Lake County shall not serve as a waiver of the rights of the County to declare the payment late and unacceptable and the tax sale void. Receipts for tax sale payments will only be delivered to the buyer or buyer's legal counsel for signature.
12. In order to be reimbursed for previously paid tax sale notification expenses, title search and attorney fees, all tax certificate Buyers must timely sign, print their name upon and file a State Form 137B with the Auditor Tax Sale Department upon which they swear and affirm that the Buyer has previously incurred and previously paid said listed expenses as of the date that the Form 137B is filed with the Auditor's office. A copy of the payment check or statement that it was paid in cash with copies of payment receipts from attorney and title company are required to show proof of payment. Swearing or affirming that such expenses have been previously incurred and paid by the tax sale buyer when in fact they have not been so paid, constitutes fraud upon the tax sale process and subjects the sales to immediate cancellation.
13. The mere purchase of a tax sale certificate does not convey any ownership rights to the parcel, unless or until, the purchaser has met all Indiana Code requirements (including proper notice provisions) and the Lake Circuit Court has ordered the issuance of a tax deed and the tax deed has been issued and recorded. Prior to that time, tax sale purchasers have no legal right to enter the tax sale parcel premises or contact/harass any occupant of said premises. Any such entry or contact may be considered Criminal Trespass and/or Harassment.
14. Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-25-4 all Court Orders to issue tax deed signed by the Judge will be null and void unless delivered to the Lake County Auditor Tax Sale Department within

150 days from the court date that the Petition for Tax Deed was granted, together with Sales Disclosure Form, payment of deed recording fees and payment of remaining and/or subsequent taxes by cashier's check or money order and must be issued in the name of the tax sale buyer. In Commissioner Sales, failure to provide such documents and payments to the Auditor within the 150 day deadline shall result in the order to issue tax deed being vacated, no tax deed being issued and the Buyer receiving a refund of the tax sale purchase price minus a penalty of twenty-five percent (25%) as the Buyer's only remedy and no 137B costs will be reimbursed. In Treasurer sales, failure to provide such documents and payments to the Auditor within the 150 day deadline shall result in the order to issue deed being vacated, no tax deed being issued and the Buyer receiving a refund of tax sale surplus only, if any, as the Buyer's sole remedy and no 137B costs will be reimbursed.

15. All Court Orders to issue tax deed must be prepared by the tax sale buyer or buyer's legal counsel and must contain the following language: "That Petitioner shall file this Order to Issue Tax Deed with the Lake County Auditor Tax Sale Department within 150 days of the hearing date at which the tax deed petition was granted, together with the necessary Sales Disclosure Form, payment of tax deed recording fees and payment of subsequent or outstanding real property taxes. Petitioner's failure to perform any of the foregoing within 150 days from the subject hearing date shall make this Order to Issue Tax Deed null and void and in Commissioner Sales, failure to provide such documents and payments to the Auditor within the 150 day deadline shall result in the Order to Issue Tax Deed being vacated, no tax deed being issued and the buyer receiving a refund of the tax sale purchase price minus a penalty of twenty-five (25%) percent as the Buyer's only remedy and no 137B costs will be reimbursed. In Treasurer Sales, failure to provide such documents and payments to the Auditor within the 150 day deadline shall result in the Order to Issue Tax Deed being vacated, no tax deed being issued and the Buyer receiving a refund of tax sale surplus only, if any, as the Buyer's sole remedy and no 137B costs will be reimbursed. The Court will not entertain or approve Motions to Extend said filing deadline."
16. No tax deed will issue from the Lake County Auditor until remaining taxes and/or subsequent taxes and tax deed recording fees are paid in full by the tax sale purchaser or a certificate gift grantee by way of cashier's check or money order issued in the name of the tax sale purchaser as remitter.
17. Pursuant to I.C. 34-9-1-1, all sale bidders that are corporations, limited liability companies (LLC) or partnerships are required to be represented by licensed legal counsel in the preparation and issuance of the required tax sale notices (I.C. 6-1.1-25-4.5 and I.C. 6-1.1-25-4.6) and said legal counsel must attend all Lake Circuit Court tax deed hearings on behalf of the bidder/buyer corporation and/or LLC. All such business entities must also provide a current Indiana Secretary of State official Certificate of Existence/Authorization.

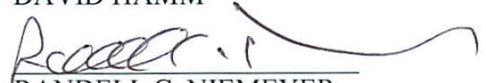
That this Ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 1449B, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sale Local Rules, adopted on August 11, 2020 and its amendment, Ordinance No. 1449B-1, adopted on February 8, 2022.

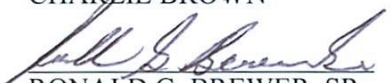
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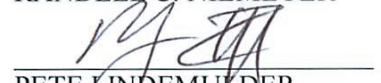

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B (Council)

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1490B-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2024, ORDINANCE NO. 1490B

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

DELETE:

Section IV.


- 14. Lake County Council
 - a. Secretary 7.25-13.50/hr.
 - b. Financial Consultant 30.00/hr.

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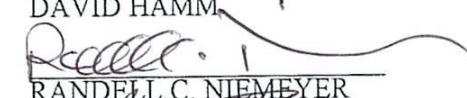
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 - a. Secretary 7.25-13.50/hr.
 - b. Financial Consultant 30.00-35.00/hr.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1400B, the Ordinance Establishing Non-Reverting Self Insurance and Insurance Working Funds for Lake County

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1400B-6

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1400B, THE
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NON-REVERTING SELF
INSURANCE AND INSURANCE WORKING FUNDS FOR LAKE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1400B, the Ordinance Establishing Non-Reverting Self Insurance and Insurance Working Funds for Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance provided in part for the establishment of a working account for workers compensation to pay claims; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Ordinance No. 1400B, the Ordinance Establishing Non-Reverting Self Insurance and Insurance Working funds for Lake County shall be amended as follows:

DELETE:

SECTION II - WORKING ACCOUNTS

B. PROCEDURE

- (9) Cost Center Contributions for Workers Compensation Benefits for each full-time and part-time employee is established at the rate of \$25.00 per pay period per employee effective January 1, 2023.

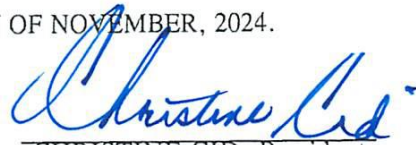
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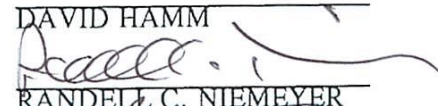
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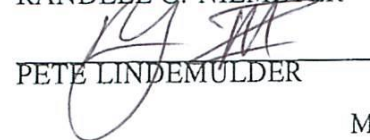
- (9) Cost Center Contributions for Workers Compensation Benefits for each full-time employee is established at the rate of \$35.00 per pay period per employee effective January 1, 2025.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.



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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 992C-3

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 992C-53

ORDINANCE AMENDING LAKE COUNTY SELF INSURANCE
ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 992C-3

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1989 the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 992C-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That Ordinance No. 992C-3 be amended as follows:

**SECTION IV. EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION
IN THE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM**

D. Cost Center Contributions for Health Care.

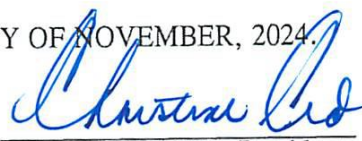
DELETE:

1. Effective January 1, 2024, costs center contributions for health care are hereby established at \$1070.00 per pay period for each full-time position, single or family, effective date January 1, 2024.
2. That the \$1070.00 per pay period contribution shall be made by all offices, departments and agencies that have full-time employees.

INSERT:

1. Effective January 1, 2025, costs center contributions for health care are hereby established at \$1,115.00 per pay period for each full-time position, single or family, effective date January 1, 2025.
2. That the \$1,115.00 per pay period contribution shall be made by all offices, departments and agencies that have full-time employees.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.



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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority Ordinance

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on First Reading.

Phil Taillon (CEO) and Nicole Wolverton (CFO) presented their budget.

Majority voted yes. Niemeyer voted no. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes,1-no.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Niemeyer voted no. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes,1-no.

ORDINANCE NO. 1501B

ORDINANCE RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE
SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY TAX RATE,
TAX LEVY, AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2025, AS SUBMITTED

WHEREAS, I.C. 6-1.1-17-1, et. seq., requires the Lake County Council to issue a binding recommendation of the tax rate, tax levy, and proposed Budget for the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority for 2025; and

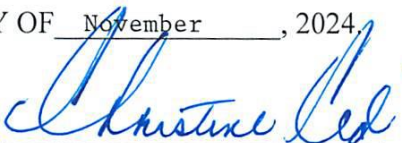
WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 6-9-2-4(b) the bureau shall prepare a budget for expenditures and submit the budget to the county council for its review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council, after reviewing the tax rate, tax levy and proposed budget of the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority for 2025, now makes the following binding recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-17-1, et. seq., and I.C. 6-9-2-4(b) the Lake County Council has reviewed the tax rate, tax levy and proposed Budget for the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority for 2025.
2. That after review, the Lake County Council now issues a binding recommendation for the adoption of the tax rate, tax levy, and proposed Budget for the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority for 2025.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12th DAY OF November, 2024

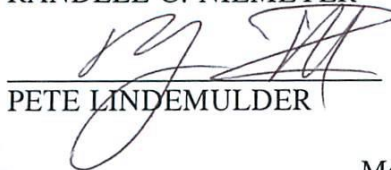

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2581-Mazher Hussain-Malik Property, Inc., Owner/Petitioner, 10/16/24, B-2 to B-3, Unfavorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to deny. Majority voted yes. Motion to deny carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE #2581
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a ZONE CHANGE (Lake County Plan Commission made an unfavorable recommendation October 16, 2024).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

ZONE CHANGE from B-2 (Rural Business) to B-3 (General Business) owned and petitioned by Mazher Hussain-Malik Property, Inc. to allow self-storage buildings on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 4/10 of a mile east of State Line Road on the south side of W. 101st Avenue, a/k/a 15201 W. 101st Avenue in Hanover Township.


Parent Parcel Legal Description:


Part of the North Half of Section 1, Township 34 North, Range 10 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of said Section, 317 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section, thence South 474 feet; thence East 465 feet; thence North 473.4 feet to a point on the North line of said Section marked by a stone; thence West 464.5 feet to the place of beginning, except the North 50.00 feet.


IS HEREBY APPROVED DENIED REMANDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

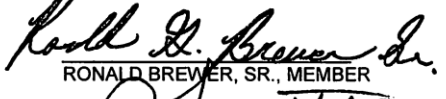
OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 12th DAY OF November, 2024.


MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

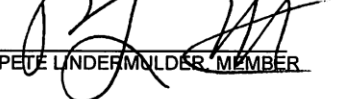

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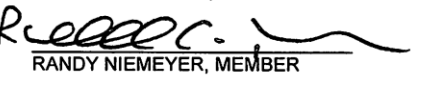

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Public Comment:

Alan Stankovich of Griffith stated that he was a former Democrat now Republican. He inquired about the eighty million votes from the 2020 election where Joe Biden was president and asked the council where was the fifteen million from this year's 2024 presidential election, stating there's 15 million missing. Mr. Stankovich claimed that democrats cheated. Mr. Stankovich also stated that they did not have his support to put immigrant sanctuary "in".

O'Donnell – "Just so we're clear, Lake County is not a sanctuary county."

David Crane of Cedar Lake: I appreciate everyone holding the director to the fire on this issue but since 2015 until now, we have trained over five hundred dispatchers. The current number is sixty in that office. Those women and men in that office are overworked and I appreciate the raises that you've given them but what I'm asking of this board is to have more oversight on the E-911. If you speak to anyone of those dispatchers they will tell you that it's a leadership issue just like out jail. For centuries now, we've had a problem with manning our jail and the overtime there. These men and women have no voice. I want to know what this board is going to do to place more oversight on these departments to correct this issue.

Niemeyer – "This body does not have the administrative oversight, the commissioners do."

Thomas Ostrowski of Winfield: I would suggest having your 911 director contact Ivy Tech Community College and contact one of the chancellors and start a program. A lot of high school kids earn college credit through Ivy Tech and other colleges while they're in high school. You can explain to them your benefit packages and the pay so that way you can catch them when their a junior and maybe have them start thinking about becoming a dispatcher and build job opportunities for these young kids.

Ron Segert of Crown Point made comments regarding E-911: The toll on the individuals working, mentally, physically and family relationships are burning the people out and that's why retention is a big problem. These people are under tremendous stress. Their health, emotional state and families are degrading. Until that underlying issue is recognized, either by staffing, pay or apprenticeship, it's going to be a problem. This body holds the money that's where it can start.

Shelia Madjecki of Schererville: We tried to present our public comment at our health board but there was none again. So, we sent information to our commissioners and we've had zero response from them also. So just to give you an update on what I wanted to say at the health board meeting but was unable to, is the Cleveland Clinic warns there is going to be a wave of mass deaths. According to the Cleveland clinic mass mortality is expected to surge due to a ticking time bomb of myocarditis among the COVID vaccinated. Myocarditis is an inflammation of the heart muscles or myocardium. This inflammation weakens your heart muscle, making it harder for your heart to pump. According to the US Centers for Disease Control, COVID MRNA injections, this is a known side effect. According to the renowned medical center, fifty percent of people who contracted myocarditis will be dead five years later. Can we keep funding something that's not doing a service for our people? And who is giving all these vaccines? We have a high level of service to the people who can least afford it. I would hate to see something like that. I can't imagine that the Cleveland Clinic would lie or make information up. To end my public comment, I do have something nice to say: I went on the walk with the doc program twice, it was great. We need to do more of that. It was wonderful. But the second time that I went, as we walked across the street, there was a dead rat on the sidewalk, all of us walked right by so I thought someone would make a call to get rid of it but when we came back, that dead rat was still there.

Barbara Koteles of Hobart: I do wish someone from the council or someone from the commissioners would attend the health board meeting. You really need to. I've asked one of our legislators, hopefully she will too. At this meeting, Nick Doffin said that the health department workers and staff workers were the lowest paid in the state. I did my own research and I don't find anything like that. I think he should come up with the data that proves that. I found that the average salary a fulltime public health officer in Indiana is fifty-nine thousand dollars. I asked Matt Fech if he could tell me what year Nick Doffin became an employee and he said to fill out a records request. We know where they go. In the course of trying to find that out I came across a site called govssalaries.com and I was able to find out the salary of Nick Doffin and Vavilala, now it's among the highest, probably the highest in the state; Low eighty thousand to mid eighty thousand, and they are going to come before you and ask for a ten percent raise across the board. So, I just wanted to ask you, please don't rubber stamp anything they ask for without getting some data. How do we know if the health of people in Indiana is better or maybe even worse after this high influx of money? They aren't providing the data. We research and we want you to. Another thing, the health board isn't in compliance with SEA4 that established Indiana Health First. I don't believe we will be getting any other Republican member on the board, I just don't think the will is there to do it. We've asked about it and we've given resumes. There's currently only one republican that I'm positive of on the board and that is the one that you appointed. There's suppose to be nine people on the board. Maybe one other person is republican, I don't know, I asked Jerry Tippy to look into that and so far, no response. They are not in compliance with SEA4 and for that reason and other reasons, I want Indiana to opt of Indiana Health First in July of 2025

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved and seconded that this Council does now adjourn, to meet again as required by law.

President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor