

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Lake 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 – March 10, 2026

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

ORDINANCE #1519

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>Calumet Township Assessor 2002</u> 61190 Part-Time	-\$30,920.00	-\$30,920.00
<u>Center Township Assessor 2003</u> 61130 Technicians	-\$45,520.00	-\$45,520.00
<u>Hobart Township Assessor 2004</u> 61190 Part-Time	-\$14,000.00	-\$14,000.00
<u>St. John Township Assessor 2006</u> 61130 Technicians	-\$48,766.00	-\$48,766.00
<u>Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006</u> 61120 Professionals	\$286,253.00	\$286,253.00
County Highway Fund 1102		
<u>Highway Fund 7003</u> 64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,800,000.00
County Health Fund 1105		
<u>Health Department 9306</u> 61120 Professionals	-\$38,219.00	-\$38,219.00
61140 Protective Services	-\$89,143.00	-\$89,143.00
61160 Office & Clerical	-\$32,212.00	-\$32,212.00
61190 Part-Time	-\$9,999.00	-\$9,999.00
61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$72,119.00	-\$72,119.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	-\$572.00	-\$572.00
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$58,000.00	-\$58,000.00
61360 Workman's Comp – Deduction	-\$1,820.00	-\$1,820.00
62210 Petroleum Products	-\$9,258.00	-\$9,258.00
62220 Garage & Motors	-\$1,952.00	-\$1,952.00
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	-\$15,403.00	-\$15,403.00
63190 Other Professional Service	-\$55,000.00	-\$55,000.00
63320 Advertising	-\$149.00	-\$149.00
63330 Photo/Blueprinting	-\$775.00	-\$775.00
63620 Equipment Repair	-\$2,750.00	-\$2,750.00
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	-\$20,909.00	-\$20,909.00

Health Department 9306

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

Park & Recreation Fund 1107

Parks & Recreation 9203

63190 Other Professional Service	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
63310 Printing	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
63420 Insurance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
63510 Utilities	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00

Local Road & Street Fund 1112

Local Roads & Streets 7007

63715 Equipment Lease	\$402,000.00	\$402,000.00
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Health Maintenance Fund 1153

Health Department 9306

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

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161

Health Department 9306

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

Health Department 9306

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

Health Dept Tobacco Settlement Fund 1296

Health Dept/Tobacco Settlement 9311

61140 Protective Services	-\$57,504.00	-\$57,504.00
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$29,000.00	-\$29,000.00
61360 Workman’s Comp. – Deduction	-\$910.00	-\$910.00

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337

County Assessor 2001

63190 Other Professional Service	\$970,000.00	\$970,000.00
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Calumet Township Assessor 2002

61190 Part-Time	-\$39,000.00	-\$39,000.00
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Center Township Assessor 2003

61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$17,500.00	-\$17,500.00
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Hobart Township Assessor 2004

61100 Overtime	-\$8,393.00	-\$8,393.00
63190 Other Professional Service	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00

Ross Township Assessor 2005

61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	-\$612.00	-\$612.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$800.00	-\$800.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00

Data Processing Agency 9301

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	-\$400,000.00	-\$400,000.00
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Co. Cumulative Capital Develop Fund 1651

Data Processing Agency 9301

63995 Other Services & Charges	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
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C.A.S.A. Fund 1706

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006

61120 Professionals	-\$286,248.00	-\$286,248.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	-\$1,004.00	-\$1,004.00
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$145,000.00	-\$145,000.00
61360 Workman’s Comp. – Deduction	-\$4,550.00	-\$4,550.00

Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143

Lake Superior Court County Division Room 1 4002

63190 Other Professional Service	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
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LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund 4163

Animal Control 8004

63620 Equipment Repair	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
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Cumulative Bridge 4350

Cumulative Bridge 7006

63650 Cumulative Bridge Projects	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
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LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420

Lake Sup Court-County Division Rm 3 4004

63233 Travel – Lodging	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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LC Juvenile Center's High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund 9130

Juvenile Court 4005

61290 Supplemental Pay	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$172.12	\$172.12
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$319.50	\$319.50
62410 Other Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

LC Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Fund 9275

Sheriff 8001

61100 Overtime	\$60,950.00	\$60,950.00
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Sheriff's Grants Fund 9239

Sheriff 8001

63995 Other Services & Charges	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
63620 Equipment Repair	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

Health Department Opioid Settlement Grant Fund 9320

Health Department 9306

62110 Office Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
62230 Clothing	\$500.00	\$500.00
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
62290 Other Supplies	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63310 Printing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
63790 Other Rental	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
64450 Software	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005

61290 Supplemental Pay	-\$24,000.00	-\$24,000.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	-\$1,836.00	-\$1,836.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	-\$3,408.00	-\$3,408.00
63232 Travel – Meals	-\$325.00	-\$325.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	-\$1,950.00	-\$1,950.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$125.00	-\$125.00
63310 Printing	-\$500.00	-\$500.00
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	-\$100.00	-\$100.00
63920 Food & Lodging	-\$700.00	-\$700.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	-\$2,452.00	-\$2,452.00

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005

62410 Other Supplies	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$33,696.00	\$33,696.00

LC Health Dept. Autism Trauma and Injury Prevention Grant Fund 9435

Health Department 9306

62290 Other Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
63310 Printing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355

Juvenile Court 4005

63233 Travel – Lodging	-\$700.00	-\$700.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	-\$1,300.00	-\$1,300.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$300.00	-\$300.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00

LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355

Juvenile Court 4005

62410 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63231 Travel – Registration	\$300.00	\$300.00

LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 9377

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006

62240 Household & Institutional Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
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Sup. Court IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court Fund 9426

Superior Court IV 4001

62410 Other Supplies	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
63231 Travel – Registration	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$700.00	\$700.00

Adopted this 14th day of April, 2026.

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: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$300.00
To: 1001-64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$300.00	\$300.00
<u>Circuit Courts 3004</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
To: 1001-61110 Officials & Administrators	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
1001-61120 Professionals	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
1001-61140 Protective Services	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345		
From: 9345-62410 Other Supplies	\$500.00	\$500.00
To: 9345-63920 Food & Lodging	\$500.00	\$500.00
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355		
From: 9355-62410 Other Supplies	\$400.00	\$400.00
To: 9355-63232 Travel – Meals	\$1.00	\$1.00
9355-63920 Food & Lodging	\$399.00	\$399.00

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 14th day of April, 2026.

Additional

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Calumet Township Assessor 2002 (-\$30,920.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

County General Fund 1001
Center Township Assessor 2003
(-\$45,520.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

County General Fund 1001
Hobart Township Assessor 2004
(-\$14,000.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

County General Fund 1001
St. John Township Assessor 2006
(-\$48,766.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

County General Fund 1001
Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006
(\$286,253.00)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

County Highway Fund 1102
Highway Fund 7003
(\$1,800,000.00)

Niemeyer Bilski

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

County Health Fund 1105
Health Department 9306
(-\$409,280.00)

Niemeyer Brewer

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

County Health Fund 1105
Health Department 9306
(\$396,519.00)

Niemeyer Brewer

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

Park & Recreation Fund 1107
Parks & Recreation 9203
(\$515,000.00)

Niemeyer Brewer

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

Local Road & Street Fund 1112
Local Roads & Streets 7007
(\$402,000.00)

Niemeyer Bilski

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

Health Maintenance Fund 1153
Health Department 9306
(\$46,175.00)

Niemeyer Lindemulder

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

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161
Health Department 9306
(-\$770,525.72)

Niemeyer Lindemulder

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

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161
Health Department 9306
(\$293,141.00)

Niemeyer Lindemulder

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

Health Dept Tobacco Settlement Fund 1296
Health Dept/Tobacco Settlement 9311
(-\$87,414.00)

Niemeyer Lindemulder

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
County Assessor 2001
(\$970,000.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
Calumet Township Assessor 2002
(-\$39,000.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
Center Township Assessor 2003
(-\$17,500.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
Hobart Township Assessor 2004
(-\$11,893.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
Ross Township Assessor 2005
(-\$10,412.00)

Bilski Hamm

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

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337
Data Processing Agency 9301
(-\$400,000.00)

Brown Brewer

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

Co. Cumulative Capital Develop Fund 1651
Data Processing Agency 9301
(\$400,000.00)

Brown Brewer

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

C.A.S.A. Fund 1706
Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006
(-\$436,802.00)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143
Lake Superior Court County Division Room 1 4002
(\$30,000.00)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund 4163
Animal Control 8004
(\$50,000.00)

Brown Brewer

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

Cumulative Bridge 4350
Cumulative Bridge 7006
(\$2,000,000.00)

Niemeyer Bilski

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

LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420
Lake Sup Court-County Division Rm 3 4004
(\$1,000.00)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

LC Juvenile Center's High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund 9130
Juvenile Court 4005
(\$25,241.62)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

LC Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Fund 9275
Sheriff 8001
(\$60,950.00)

Brown Brewer

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

Sheriff's Grants Fund 9239
Sheriff 8001
(\$33,000.00)

Brown Brewer

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

Health Department Opioid Settlement Grant Fund 9320

Health Department 9306
(\$200,000.00) Brown Brewer Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005
(-\$35,396.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005
(\$35,396.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

LC Health Dept. Autism Trauma and Injury Prevention Grant Fund 9435

Health Department 9306
(\$10,000.00) Niemeyer Lindemulder Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355

Juvenile Court 4005
(-\$4,300.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355

Juvenile Court 4005
(\$5,300.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 9377

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006
(\$5,000.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Sup. Court IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court Fund 9426

Superior Court IV 4001
(\$12,000.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Transfers

Made Motion Seconded

St. John Township Assessor 2006

County General Fund 1001
(\$300.00) Bilski Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Circuit Courts 3004

County General Fund 1001
(\$10,500.00) Hamm Bilski Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Juvenile Court 4005

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345
(\$500.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

Juvenile Court 4005

LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9355
(\$400.00) Lindemulder Hamm Majority voted yes.
Motion to approve
carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Recorder 1004 – Revised 144 – Co. Recorder’s Perpetuation Fund 1179

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-003 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 1179	\$15,531.00	\$7,655.00	(\$7,876.00)

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

In the Matter of St. John Township Assessor 2006 – Create New Line Item – County General Fund 1001

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the creation of the following line item:

64410 Furniture & Fixtures

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

In that Matter of Circuit Courts 3004 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
11409-001 Court Administrator	\$81,440.00	\$87,440.00	\$6,000.00
12216-001 Domestic Relations Director	\$77,211.00	\$79,461.00	\$2,250.00
14407-002 Court Bailiff	\$48,790.00	\$51,040.00	\$2,250.00

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

In the Matter of Circuit Courts 3004 – Revised 144 – Domestic Relation Counseling Bureau Fund 4234

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-001 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	(\$2,250.00)
39002-011 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	(\$2,250.00)
39002-012 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	(\$6,000.00)

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

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 4004 – Create New Line Items – LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the creation of the following new line items:

- 62110 Office Supplies
- 63233 Travel/Lodging
- 63234 Travel/Trans
- 63235 Travel/Mileage

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

In the Matter of Animal Control 8004 – Create New Line Item – LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund 4163

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

63620 Equipment Repair

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

In the Matter of Health Department 9306 – Create New Line Items – Health Department OPIOID Settlement Grant Fund 9320

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

- 62110 Office Supplies
- 62230 Clothing
- 62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies
- 62290 Other Supplies
- 63190 Other Professional Service
- 63310 Printing
- 63320 Advertising
- 63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts
- 63790 Other Rental
- 63920 Food & Lodging
- 64450 Software
- 64490 Other Equipment

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

In the Matter of LADOS Division 2 4009 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – 2025/2026 Drug Free Community Fund Dollars – SAFE Grant – Grant Renewal

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

In the Matter of Parks & Recreation 9203 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program/McNaughton Development Acquisition at the Lake Hills County Park Site – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Autism Elopement Kits-Geminus/Community Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grant – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2026 as World Autism Awareness Day

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-24

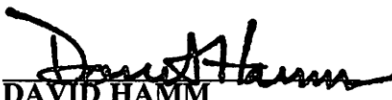
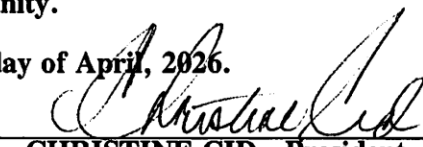

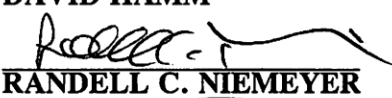
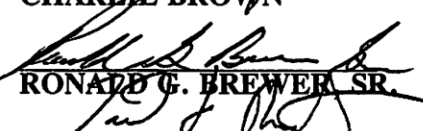

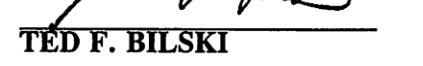
**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
AND
APRIL 2, 2026 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a general term for a group of disorders characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors; and
- WHEREAS, ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention; and
- WHEREAS, presently there is no cure for autism and there is no one cause of autism; and
- WHEREAS, over the last few years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism; most cases appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development; and
- WHEREAS, the clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involve events before and during birth which include advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain; and
- WHEREAS, these factors by themselves do not cause autism, rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase the risk; and
- WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2026; every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is committed to take steps to raise awareness of autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council declares April as Autism Awareness Month in Lake County and celebrates World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2026 as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of April, 2026.

 DAVID HAMM	 CHRISTINE CID - President	 CHARLIE BROWN
 RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 RONALD G. BREWER SR.
 PETE LINDEMULDER		 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-25

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act, enacted on April 11, 1968, enshrined into federal law the goal of eliminating racial segregation and ending housing discrimination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, and disability, and commits recipients of federal funding to affirmatively further fair housing in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is committed to the mission and intent of Congress to provide fair and equal housing opportunities for all; and

WHEREAS, our social fabric, the economy, health, and environment are strengthened in diverse, inclusive communities; and

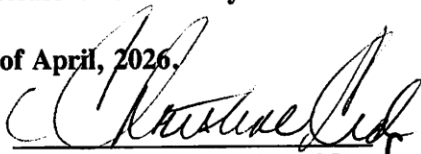
WHEREAS, more than fifty years after the passage of the Fair Housing Act, discrimination persists, and many communities remain segregated; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in an effort to promote appropriate activities by private and public entities to provide and advocate for equal housing opportunity for all residents and prospective residents of Lake County.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council declares April as Fair Housing Month in Lake County as an inclusive community committed to fair housing.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of April, 2026.

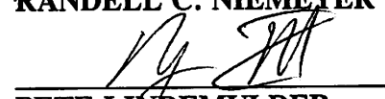

CHRISTINE CID, President

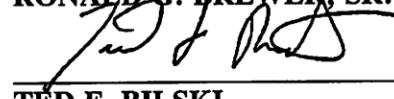

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Approve Lake County Parks and Recreation Department's transfer of \$138,937.60 from Parks & Recreation Improvements Fund, Fund No. 1107-4120 to the Next Level Trail Grant Fund, Fund No. 9450

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-26

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S TRANSFER OF \$138,937.60 FROM PARKS & RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS FUND, FUND NO. 1107-4120 TO THE NEXT LEVEL TRAIL GRANT FUND, FUND NO. 9450

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and

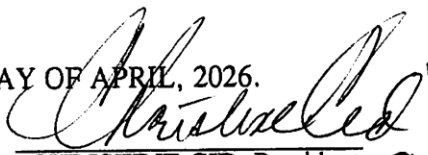
WHEREAS, the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department has requested the following cash transfer of \$138,937.60 from Parks & Recreation Improvements Fund, Fund No. 1107-4120 to the Next Level Trail Grant Fund, Fund No. 9450, to remove a negative balance in Fund No. 9450 due to not properly accounting for the ARPA grant match; and

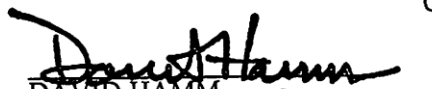
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer the sum of \$138,937.60 from the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department's Improvements Fund, Fund No. 1107-4120 to the Next Level Trail Grant Fund, Fund No. 9450.

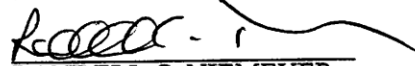
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That pursuant to the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department's request the cash transfer of \$138,937.60 from Parks & Recreation Improvements Fund, Fund No. 1107-4120 to the Next Level Trail Grant Fund, Fund No. 9450 to remove a negative balance in Fund No. 9450 due to not properly accounting for the ARPA grant match, is approved.

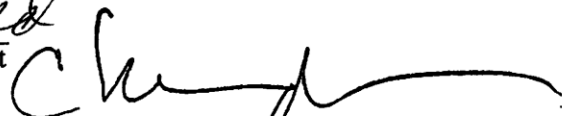
SO RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

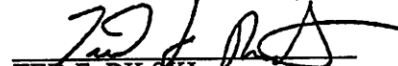

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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Amending Resolution No. 21-33, The Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds

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

RESOLUTION NO. 21-33M

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-33,
THE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FUNDS DORMANT AND
TRANSFER REMAINING CASH BALANCES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021, Lake County Council adopted the Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds, Resolution No. 21-33; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Resolution No. 21-33 in order to add the following funds as dormant and transfer remaining cash balances to appropriate funds:

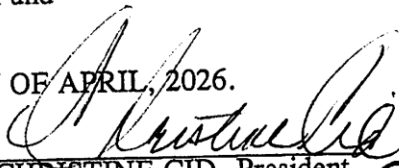
<u>Dormant Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer Fund</u>
Fund #441 (Oracle #4441) Lake County Court Judgment Fund (Ord. No. 1306C)	\$1.50	Lake County Liability Fund #4541
Fund 279 (Oracle #7279) Prosecutor's Check Deception Collection Program Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund (Ord. No. 1307B).	\$769.94	Prosecutor's Pre-Trial Diversion Fund #7135

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

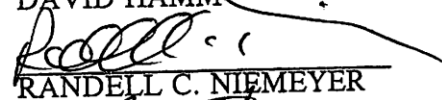
That Resolution No. 21-33 shall be amended by adding the following funds as dormant and transfer the balances as follows:

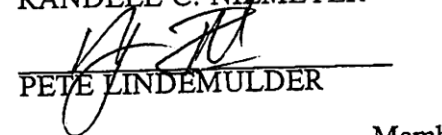
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SO RESOLVED THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

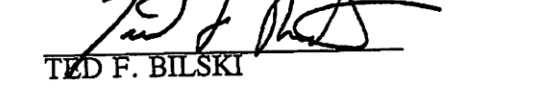

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges Matching/INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

Niemeyer 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. 1519A

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 (CCMG) LAKE COUNTY LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES MATCHING/INDOT COMMUNITY CROSSINGS MATCHING GRANT FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided as law; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury, from which appropriations and transfers require County Council approval; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 8-23-30-2, the State of Indiana has established a Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund (Grant Fund) to provide matching grants to local units of government for certain eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 8-23-30-3, a county may apply to the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for a grant from the Grant Fund for an eligible project; and

WHEREAS, Lake County and the Indiana Department of Transportation have entered into the Local Roads and Bridges/Community Crossings Matching Grant Agreement awarding Lake County a grant of \$783,845.85 to be used to rehabilitate/recycle the existing asphalt roadway of Ridge Road between Colfax and Whitcomb Streets; and

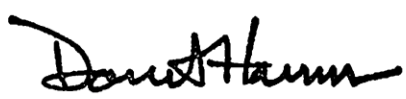


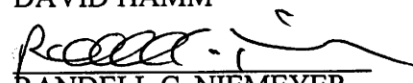
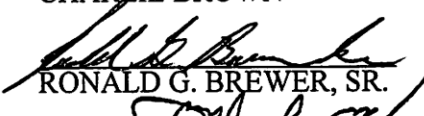

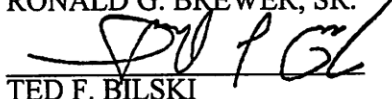
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges/Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund, for the deposit of matching grant funds received pursuant to I.C. 8-23-30-3(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges/Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established for the deposit of matching grant funds received pursuant to I.C. 8-23-30-3(2).
2. That the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges/Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund, shall be used to rehabilitate/recycle the existing asphalt roadway of Ridge Road between Colfax and Whitcomb Streets.

3. That pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the Lake County fiscal body shall appropriate all money to be paid out of the fund, except as otherwise provided by law.
4. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges/Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department's Donations and Sponsorships Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1519B

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S
DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5(b)(3), the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government and I.C. 36-2-3.5-5(b)(4) may receive gifts, bequests and grants from public or private sources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided as law; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-1-4-10 authorizes Lake County to accept donations of money and to execute any documents necessary to receive money or other property donated from any source; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Board of Accounts (SBOA) has instructed that all monies donated to a County must be receipted and deposited into an appropriate fund, not co-mingled with other funds and donations cannot be spent without proper appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Health Department is eager to move forward with new initiatives and opportunities to supplement their programs and services with community support through donations and sponsorships; and

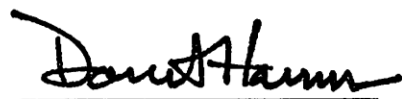
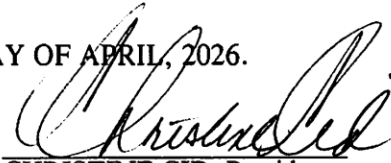

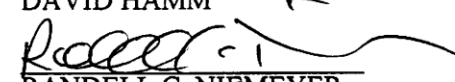
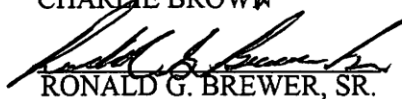
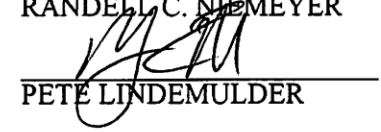
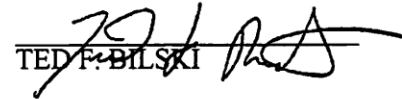
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council and the Lake County Health Department desire to create the Lake County Health Department's Donations and Sponsorships Fund, a non-reverting fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Council establishes the Lake County Health Department's Donations and Sponsorships Fund, a non-reverting fund, established for the deposit of donation and sponsorship funds donated to the Lake County Health Department for its new initiatives and opportunities to supplement programs and services.
2. All donations must be reviewed and formally accepted by the Lake County Council during a public meeting to ensure transparency regarding the source; disbursements must be approved by the Lake County Council.
3. That deposits and expenditures from the Fund shall be reported to the Lake County Auditor who shall keep a record for public inspection.

- 4. That money remaining in the Fund at the end of the year shall remain in the Fund and not revert to the General Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

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 _____ PETE LINDEMULDER		 _____ TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1459C, The Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1459C-16

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1459C, THE
ORDINANCE DECLARING FUNDS DORMANT AND
REPEALING AND RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FUNDS

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2021, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds, Ordinance No. 1459C; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1459C in order to add the following funds created by Ordinance as dormant and repealing and rescinding the Ordinance establishing the fund:

- Fund #379 (Oracle #9379) Creating the Lake County Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund , a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1398B
- Fund #9444 Creating the Lake County Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, for road project Parrish Avenue from 181st Ave. North to 151st Ave., Ordinance No. 1483B
- Fund #9445 Creating the Lake County Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, for road project 153rd Ave. From Morse to Iowa Street, Ordinance No. 1470A
- Fund #9451 Creating the Lake County Community Reinvestment Advisory Committee’s Local Coordination Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1478E
- Fund #302 (Oracle #4302) Creating the Lake County Bond Fund & 2017 Construction Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, and appropriating proceeds of \$12,000,000.00, Ordinance No. 1410A
- Fund #8131 Creating the Lake County Adult Community Correction’s COVID Detection & Confinement Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1495A
- Fund #8444 Creating the Lake County Sheriff’s 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1469A
- Fund #8446 Creating the Lake County Sheriff’s 2022 Homeland Security-Nonpriority Aircraft and PPE Equipment Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Fund No. 1479A
- Fund #8447 Creating the lake County Sheriff’s Homeland Security FY2022 Port Security Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1481A
- Fund #8449 Creating the Lake County Sheriff’s 2023 Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1492B
- Fund #336 (Oracle #9336) Creating the Lake County Sheriff’s Homeland Security Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1437C

Fund #441 (Oracle #4441) Creating the Lake County Payroll Court Judgment Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1306G

Fund #279 (Oracle #7279) Creating the Lake County Check Deception Collection Program Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1307B.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That Ordinance No. 1459C shall be amended by adding the following fund created by Ordinance as dormant and repealing and rescinding the Ordinance establishing the fund:

Fund #379 (Oracle #9379) Creating the Lake County Local Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund , a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1398B

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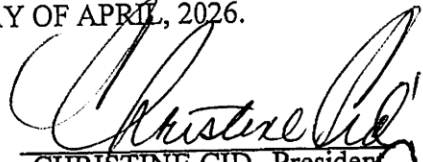
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Fund #279
(Oracle #7279)

Creating the Lake County Check Deception Collection Program
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SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

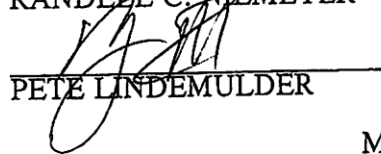

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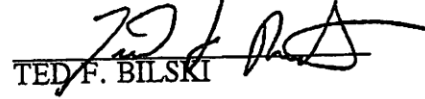

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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Amended Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for Howe Park and Gleason Club House improvements located in City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana

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

Amended Joint Interlocal for Gary Howe Park and Gleason Club House Improvements Agreement:
(<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/Amended%20Joint%20Interlocal%20for%20Gary%20Howe%20Park%20and%20Gleason%20Club%20House%20Improvements.pdf>)

In the Matter of Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for the Gary Graffiti Removal Task Force located in Lake County, Indiana

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

Joint Interlocal for Gary Graffiti Removal Task Force Agreement:
(<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/Joint%20Interlocal%20for%20Gary%20Graffiti%20Removal%20Task%20Force.pdf>)

In the Matter of Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Hammond and Lake County, Indiana for the Cameron Street Light Project located in Lake County, Indiana

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

Joint Interlocal for Hammond Cameron Street Light Project Agreement:
(<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/Joint%20Interlocal%20for%20Hammond%20Cameron%20Street%20Light%20Project.pdf>)

In the Matter of Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Lowell, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for Route 2 Traffic Lights Improvements and Fire Department Equipment

Lowell Fire Chief, Chris Gamblin, stated to the council that the request for new fire equipment was primarily motivated by South Lake County's rapid commercial growth, particularly in the vicinity of the I-65 and Route 2 corridor, and that the size of these new projects exceeds the township's current finance capabilities.

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

Joint Interlocal for Lowell Traffic Lights and Fire Department Equipment Agreement:
(<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/Joint%20Interlocal%20for%20Lowell%20Traffic%20Lights%20and%20Fire%20Department%20Equipment.pdf>)

In the Matter of Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Tri-Creek School Cooperation and Lake County, Indiana to Purchase a School Bus in Lake County, Indiana

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

Joint Tri Creek School Bus Purchase Agreement:
(<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/Joint%20Tri%20Creek%20School%20Bus%20Purchase.pdf>)

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance No. 2599 – Roy W. and Sandra S. Mason, Owners, John Mason, Petitioner, 3/18/2026, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 5-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2599
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 a favorable recommendation March 18, 2026).

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

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to RR (Rural Residential Zone) owned by Roy W. and Sandra S. Mason and petitioned by John Mason to allow for a proposed residential subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 3/10 of a mile east of Mount Street on the south side of W. 173rd Avenue, a/k/a 4607 W. 173rd Avenue in Cedar Creek Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PER TRUSTEE'S DEED DOC. NO. 96055405)

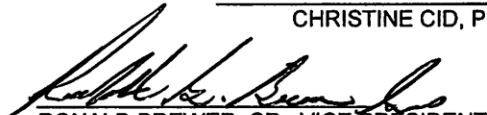
A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 2ND P.M., DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19: THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 248.71 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1 IN RED WING ACRES UNIT NO. 2; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 AND SAID LOT 1 EXTENDED SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 321.00 FEET; THENCE EAST PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 125.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SHORE LINE OF RED WING LAKE; THENCE SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY ALONG THE SHORE LINE OF RED WING LAKE TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 19; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 2128.0 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.


IS HEREBY X APPROVED DENIED REMANDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL


OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 14th DAY OF April , 2026.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

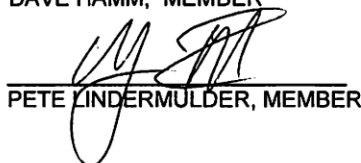

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Additional Council Discussion/Action:

Mike Weiser, a newly hired contractor in the Auditors office, was asked to explain the financial error regarding the Property Tax Replacement Credit (PTRC). It was explained that for three years, a mandatory step to transfer cash from the PTRC fund to the Treasurer was missed. While the Oracle software appeared to be balanced on paper, the actual cash transfer never happened. Because of this misstep, taxpayers were given higher credits than they should have received for several years. Now that the State Board of Accounts has identified the issue and the numbers have been corrected, taxpayers will see a reduction in their credits this year. It was stated that these errors were attributed to a lack of training and the fact that no one was looking at the process "holistically" within the Auditors office.

The Council then expressed concern over the ongoing absence of elected Auditor Peggy Katona from daily operations and public meetings, questioning who is actually in charge of the office. The Council pointed out that a contractor was explaining these failures while the elected official and/or the designated Chief Deputy were not present. Councilman Niemeyer stated that the 2022 financial audit should have been all of the alarm that the county needed for people not to continue to miss those reconciliations. "In 2023 they (SBOA) cited some of those lack of controls again, and it's like it's not ever getting better." This led to a discussion about the Council's power to investigate and the legal steps for dealing with an absentee official not performing their duties.

Brown made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to send correspondence to the county commissioners requesting a joint meeting to discuss the absent leadership within the auditor's office. Brown also asked that an official report be presented to both bodies before the June council meeting. Majority voted yes. Motion to send correspondence to the county commissioners requesting a joint meeting to discuss the absent leadership within the auditor's office carried 7-0.

Council Discussion/Action continued – Clerk's Office Closure:

The Council discussed county office operations during election cycles in response to new Indiana state laws that require the Clerk's Office to be closed on Primary and General Election days. The discussion focused on whether to extend these closures to all other county departments for consistency.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the closure of the county clerk's office on election day due to new state laws. All other county offices will remain open. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve the closure of the county clerk's office on election day carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Opportunity for public comment was provided; no comments were made.

Announcements and reminders:

Niemeyer – Project Shirley open house will be held on April 16, 6:00 PM in the Lowell High School auditorium, to discuss proposed data center in south Lake County.

Cid – The Lake County Council will be hosting a blood drive on June 8-10 at the Lake County Government Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. More information can be found at the link below.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LakeCoCouncil>

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