

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, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys. Councilman Charlie Brown was absent.

In the Matter of Minutes – June 9, 2026

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

Acknowledgments: Councilwoman Cid reminded attendees regarding seasonal Lyme disease awareness.

ORDINANCE #1522

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	Approved
Sheriff's Firearm Training Fund 1125		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
63610 Building & Structures	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
MS4 Fund 1264		
<u>Surveyor 1006</u>		
63190 Other Professional Services	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
C.A.S.A. Fund 1706		
<u>Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006</u>		
61210 Longevity	\$540.00	\$540.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$42.00	\$42.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$77.00	\$77.00
Non-Reverting Property Seizure Fund 4145		
<u>Sheriff (Fund 182) 8005</u>		
63610 Building & Structures	\$290,000.00	\$290,000.00
Sheriff's Sale Program & Service Fund 4289		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
63610 Building & Structures	\$289,000.00	\$289,000.00
Cal. Twp. Sewage Operation & Maintenance Fund 4361		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
63190 Other Professional Service	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00
63510 Utilities	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
Non-Revert Sheriff's Fed Forf. Fund 7181		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
63610 Building & Structures	\$245,000.00	\$245,000.00

Weights & Measures User Fees Fund 7255

<u>Weights & Measure 5005</u>		
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$49,772.00	\$49,772.00

LC Sheriff's DCE/SP Fund 9342

<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
63620 Equipment Repair	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00

LC Juv. Det. Center’s 2025-2027 Juv. Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program Fund 9351

<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$382.50	\$382.50
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$710.00	\$710.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$86,400.00	\$86,400.00

Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389

<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
61190 Part-Time	\$44,928.00	\$44,928.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$3,437.00	\$3,437.00
62410 Other Supplies	\$250.00	\$250.00
63715 Equipment Lease	\$65,104.00	\$65,104.00

Juvenile LC Community Corrections Grant Fund 9391

<u>Juvenile Center 4005</u>		
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$4,103.40	\$4,103.40
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$313.92	\$313.92
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$582.68	\$582.68
62410 Other Supplies	\$6,936.00	\$6,936.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$38,000.00	\$38,000.00
63232 Travel – Meals	\$574.00	\$574.00
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$140.00	\$140.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$140.00	\$140.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$7,110.00	\$7,110.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

Adopted this 14th day of July, 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>Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006</u>		
LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 9377		
From: 9377-62120 Lit, Edu., Info & Ref Mat	\$1,490.00	\$1,490.00
To: 9377-62410 Other Supplies	\$1,490.00	\$1,490.00
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00
1001-63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
To: 1001-62210 Petroleum Products	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
Public Safety CAGIT Non-Revert Fund 4010		
From: 4010-64490 Other Equipment	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
To: 4010-62210 Petroleum Products	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00

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 14th day of July, 2026.

	<u>Additional</u> s		
	Made Motion	Seconded	
Sheriff's Firearm Training Fund 1125 <u>Sheriff 8001</u> (\$8,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
MS4 Fund 1264 <u>Surveyor 1006</u> (\$50,000.00)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
C.A.S.A. Fund 1706 <u>Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006</u> (\$659.00)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Non-Reverting Property Seizure Fund 4145 <u>Sheriff (Fund 182) 8005</u> (\$290,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Sheriff's Sale Program & Service Fund 4289 <u>Sheriff 8001</u> (\$289,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Cal. Twp. Sewage Operation & Maintenance Fund 4361 <u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u> (\$175,000.00)	Brewer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Non-Revert Sheriff's Fed Forf. Fund 7181 <u>Sheriff 8001</u> (\$245,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Weights & Measures User Fees Fund 7255 <u>Weights & Measure 5005</u> (\$49,772.00)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
LC Sheriff's DCE/SP Fund 9342 <u>Sheriff 8001</u> (\$38,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
LC Juv. Det. Center's 2025-2027 Juv. Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program Fund 9351 <u>Juvenile Court 4005</u> (\$92,492.50)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389
Juvenile Detention Center 8003
(\$113,719.00)

Niemeyer

Brewer

Majority voted yes.
Brown was absent.
Motion to approve
carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Juvenile LC Community Corrections Grant Fund 9391
Juvenile Center 4005
(\$65,000.00)

Lindemulder

Hamm

Majority voted yes.
Brown was absent.
Motion to approve
carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Transfers

Made Motion

Seconded

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006
LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 9377
(\$1,490.00)

Lindemulder

Hamm

Majority voted yes.
Brown was absent.
Motion to approve
carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Sheriff 8001
General Fund 1001
(\$75,000.00)

Niemeyer

Lindemulder

Majority voted yes.
Brown was absent.
Motion to approve
carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Sheriff 8001
Public Safety CAGIT Non-Revert Fund 4010
(\$75,000.00)

Niemeyer

Lindemulder

Majority voted yes.
Brown was absent.
Motion to approve
carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Items – Juvenile LC Community Corrections Grant Fund 9391

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

- 61290 Supplemental Pay
- 61320 FICA-Deduction
- 61330 PERF-Deduction
- 62410 Other Supplies
- 63195 Contractual Services
- 63232 Travel-Meals
- 63233 Travel-Lodging
- 63234 Travel-Trans/Other
- 63235 Travel-Mileage
- 63920 Food & Lodging
- 63995 Other Services & Charges

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Create New Line Items – Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389

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

- 61190 Part-Time
- 61320 FICA-Deduction
- 62410 Other Supplies
- 63715 Equipment Lease

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Create New Line Items – Cal. Twp. Sewage Operation & Maintenance Fund 4361

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

63190 Other Professional Service
63510 Utilities

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Court Alcohol & Drug Grant CY2026 – Court A&D Supplemental Grant CY26 – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – U.S. Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice Assistance – BJA FY25 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) – Grant Renewal

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Franciscan Health's Social Impact Partnership Program (SIPP) – Coat Distribution Initiative – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Geminus Community Partners – Community Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants – Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Program – Grant Renewal

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

In the Matter of Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation – Lowell Public Library – Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing on proposed Additional Appropriations for the Lowell Public Library

Cid opened Public Hearing.

An unidentified speaker spoke in favor of additional appropriation.

There were no remonstrators present.

Cid closed Public Hearing.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointments – County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

Cid opened nominations.

Bilski nominated Jacob Fadely.

There were no other nominations.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid appointed Jacob Fadely to the County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointments – Convention & Tourism Bureau – Republican

Cid opened nominations.

Niemeyer nominated Shelly Faber (Republican).

There were no other nominations.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid appointed Shelly Faber (Republican) to the Convention & Tourism Bureau.

In the Matter of Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Mutual Aid Agreement between the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County, Indiana regarding mutual aid for bus transportation

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

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION AND LAKE
COUNTY, INDIANA REGARDING MUTUAL AID FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION**

This Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County, Indiana, a unit of local government by its Board of Commissioners (Lake County), is as follows:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lake County is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with an interest in providing bus transportation; and

WHEREAS, The Gary Public Transportation Corporation is a private corporation which is and has been organized and funded for Urban Mass Transit; and

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, the GARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION AND LAKE COUNTY, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, all of which are hereby acknowledge, do hereby agree to the following:

SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Mutual Aid Agreement shall be for fiscal year January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Mutual Aid Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County concerning the Mutual Aid Mutual Aid Agreement.

SECTION 3: PROJECT DEFINED.

- A. The Gary Public Transportation Corporation shall provide the following transportation services:
 - 1. Maintain the Lake Shore South Bus Route and provide weekday fixed bus routes for the cities of Hammond, Highland and Munster, Indiana.
 - 2. Provide paratransit service for the same area.
 - 3. Provide required maintenance and inspections for vehicles used on the fixed paratransit routes.
 - 4. Provide quarterly ridership reports.
 - 5. Continued Growth of the Transportation System.
- B. The Gary Public Transportation Corporation shall work with Lake County to develop plans and funding sources for expanded countywide public transportation services.

SECTION 4: PROJECT FUNDING.

- A. Lake County agrees to transfer \$300,000.00 for the 2026 fiscal year from funds available to Lake County to the Gary Public Transportation Corporation to provide the Federal Transit Administration Services and cooperation identified in Section 3.
- B. To receive the funding the Gary Public Transportation Corporation shall submit a claim in the form required by the State Board of Accounts which shall be processed by Lake County to disburse the funds.

SECTION 5: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

- A. The Urban Mass Transit Services shall be administered through the Gary Public Transportation Corporation.
- B. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Mutual Aid Agreement, and further, that all claims for supplies, materials, services or other expenses shall be examined and approved by the appropriate officials of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation.
- C. Periodically the Gary Public Transportation Corporation will submit reports on the services provided to Lake County.

SECTION 6: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.

No party shall assign, delegate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations as set forth in this Mutual Aid Agreement to any other entity.

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS.

The Gary Public Transportation Corporation may not amend, supplement, waive or modify the terms of this Mutual Aid Agreement without the prior written approval of Lake County.

SECTION 8: FORCE MAJEURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Mutual Aid Agreement, the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County, shall not be deemed in default or in breach of this Mutual Aid Agreement to the extent it is unable to perform due to an event of Force Majeure. For the purpose of this Mutual Aid Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean and include any act of God, accident, fire, lockout, strike or other labor dispute, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, failure of transportation facilities, enactment, rule, order or act of government or governmental instrumentality (whether domestic or intentional and whether federal, state or local, or the international equivalent thereof), failure of technical difficulties or any other cause of any nature whatsoever beyond the control of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

SECTION 9: NOTICES.

All notices required to be given under this Mutual Aid Agreement shall be in writing, and deemed sufficient to each party when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the following:

Gary Public Transportation Corporation:
Gary Public Transportation Corporation
100 W. 4th Avenue
Gary, Indiana 46402

County:
L.C. Board of Commissioners
2293 N. Main St., 3rd Floor
Crown Point, IN 46307

SECTION 10: CAPTIONS.

The captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only, and shall have no substantive meaning.

SECTION 11: SEVERABILITY.

In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or provision hereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Mutual Aid Agreement, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12: ENTIRETY OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

This Mutual Aid Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all other negotiations, representations, or Mutual Aid Agreements, whether written or verbal, relating to this Mutual Aid Agreement. This Mutual Aid Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the parties, and their respective assigns and successors in interest.

SECTION 13: MATERIAL DISPUTE.

The parties agree that the Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County shall meet for resolution purposes. Thereafter, if the dispute is unable to be resolved, the parties agree that the dispute will be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana in a court of competent jurisdiction. The parties agree that each party shall be responsible for its own attorney fees, absent any applicable provision of the law to the contrary.

SECTION 14: COUNTERPARTS.

This Mutual Aid Agreement shall be signed in counterparts and each of said counterparts shall be considered an original.

SECTION 15: RECORDING AND FILING.

A copy of this Mutual Aid Agreement shall be filed with the Lake County Auditor who acts as the Secretary of the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 16: LIABILITY.

The Gary Public Transportation Corporation agrees to indemnify Lake County for any damages and attorney fees which Lake County, its elected officials, its appointed officials, its offices, its departments, its employees, and any of its independent agents must pay which are attributable to the negligence of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation in performing its obligations under this Mutual Aid Agreement.

SECTION 17: SEQUENCE OF ACTION.

- A. The Gary Public Transportation Corporation will approve and execute this Mutual Aid Agreement and it in its minutes.
- B. The Board of Commissioners as the Lake County Executive shall then execute the Mutual Aid Agreement at an official public meeting.

SECTION 18: PUBLIC ACTION.

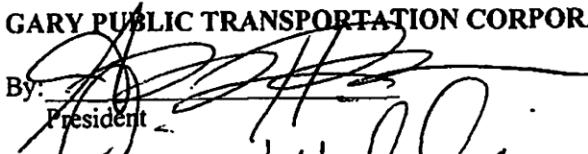
It is expressly acknowledged and stated that this Mutual Aid Agreement is executed and entered into by Gary Public Transportation Corporation and Lake County after action by and each entity to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement at a duly advertised Public Meeting of the following:

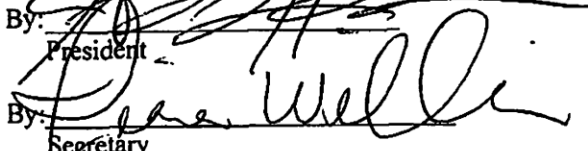
- A. By the Gary Public Transportation Corporation, at a duly called meeting of the entity held on the 24 day of June, 2026.
- B. By the Board of County Commissions of Lake County, Indiana, at a duly called meeting held on the 17 day of June, 2026.

SECTION 19: EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Mutual Aid Agreement will be effective after it is signed by the Gary Public transportation Corporation and executed by the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

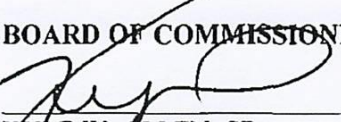
GARY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION,

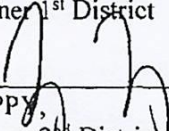
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President

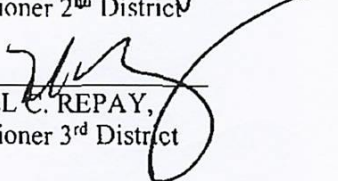
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Secretary

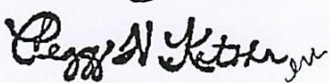
WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by their duly authorized officials and representatives have caused this Mutual Aid Agreement to be executed this 17th day of June, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

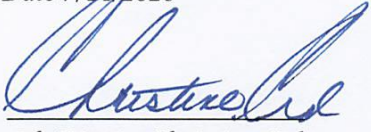

KYLE W. ALLEN, SR.,
Commissioner 1st District

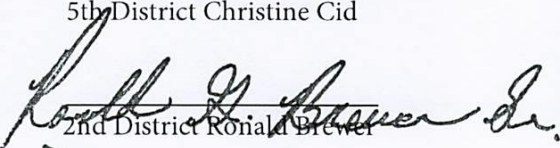

JERRY TIPPY,
Commissioner 2nd District


MICHAEL C. REPAY,
Commissioner 3rd District

Attest: 
PEGGY KATONA, Lake County Auditor

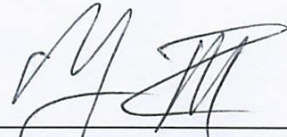
Lake County Council
Date 7/14/2026

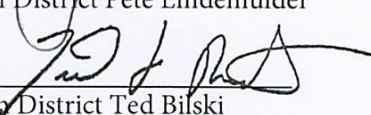

5th District Christine Cid

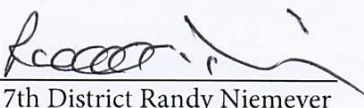

2nd District Ronald Brewer

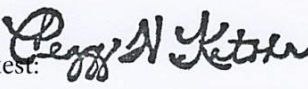

1st District David Hamm

ABSENT
3rd District Charlie Brown


4th District Pete Lindemulder


6th District Ted Bilski


7th District Randy Niemeyer

Attest: 
Peggy Katona, Lake County Auditor

In the Matter of Resolution Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the founding of The United States of America

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-39

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, July 4, 2026, marked the 250th anniversary, or Semiquincentennial, of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia in 1776, signifying the founding of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed timeless principles of profound significance to the national heritage of the United States, including that all are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, America’s history is one of perseverance, sacrifice, and achievement, in which generations of patriots have defended our freedoms, advanced prosperity, and upheld the blessings of liberty; and

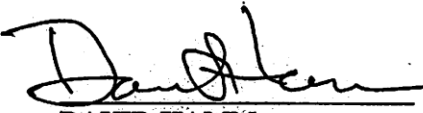
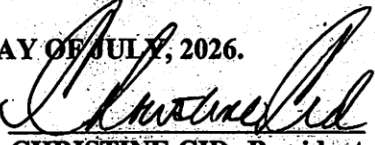
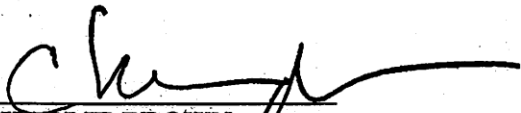
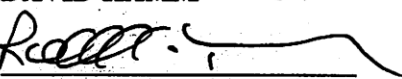
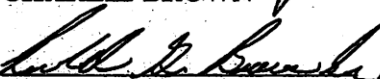
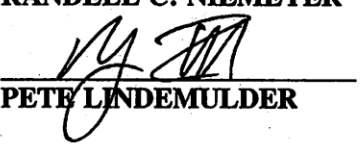
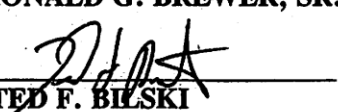
WHEREAS, the founding of the United States initiated a journey toward forming a “more perfect Union,” marked by historic achievements, struggles, and progress in realizing the nation’s founding ideals for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Semiquincentennial offers a unique opportunity to reflect on our shared history, honor the diverse contributions of all Americans, celebrate our heritage of liberty, and look forward to the future we strive to create for subsequent generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Lake County Council hereby recognizes and commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America; we encourage all citizens to reflect on our history, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of liberty.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 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 Honoring Lake Central High School Girls Softball team, IHSAA Class 4A State Champions

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-40

RESOLUTION HONORING LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM, IHSAA CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and

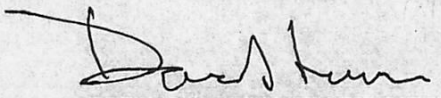
WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and

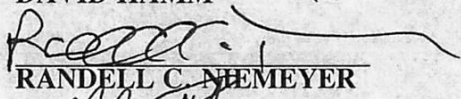
WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and

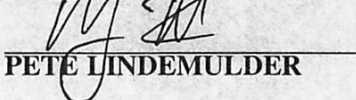
WHEREAS, Lake Central High School Girls Softball Team has captured its fourth IHSAA Class 4A Girls Softball Championship by defeating Terre Haute North Vigo with a score of 9-2 at Purdue University's Bittinger Stadium on June 12, 2026; capping off a dominant season with a 31-2 record and a state-record 74 home runs.

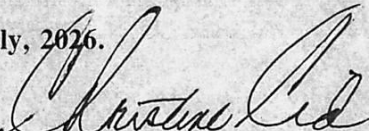
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students, teachers, coaches and trainers but most particularly to the young women of the Lake Central High School Girls Softball Team, the IHSAA Class 4A Softball State Champions and champions always for Lake County; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to the Lake Central High School Girls Softball Team.

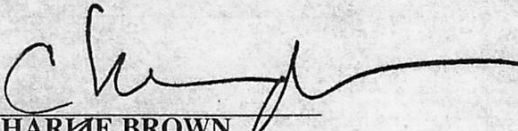
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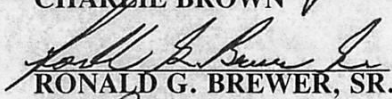

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CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLEE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Lake Central High School Boys Baseball team-IHSAA 4A State Champions

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-41

RESOLUTION HONORING LAKE CENTRAL
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM-IHSAA 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

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

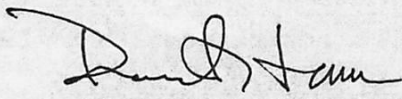
WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and

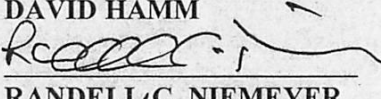
WHEREAS, Lake Central High School Boys Baseball Team, captured its third IHSAA Class 4A Baseball Championship, with a 5-0 victory over Bloomington South on June 20, 2026 at Victory Field in Indianapolis; winning the School's second State Title in three years; and

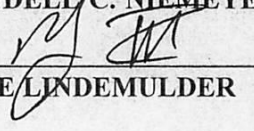
WHEREAS, further adding to the pride of the Lake Central baseball program, prior to the State Championship game, Strength and Conditioning Coach and Educator Tom Halterman was recognized as a member of the 2026 IHSAA Champion Educators class, an honor recognizing educators who have made a lasting impact on student-athletes through their dedication, leadership and commitment to education.

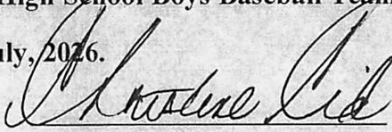
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students, teachers, coaches and trainers but most particularly to the young men of the Lake Central High School Baseball Team, the IHSAA Class 4A Baseball State Champions; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council and an official copy be delivered to the Lake Central High School Boys Baseball Team.

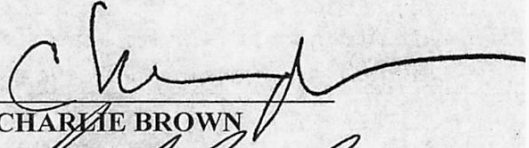
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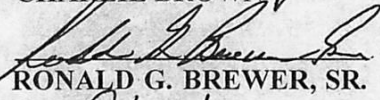

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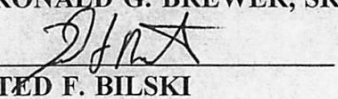

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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Hanover Central High School Girls Softball team, IHSA Class 3A State Champions

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-42

RESOLUTION HONORING HANOVER CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM, IHSA CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and

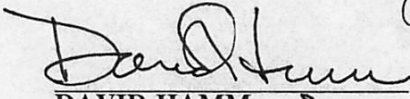
WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and

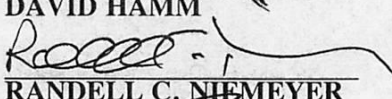
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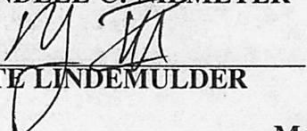
WHEREAS, Hanover Central High School Girls Softball Team captured the IHSA Class 3A Girls Softball Championship by defeating New Palestine with a score of 6-4 at Purdue University's Bittinger Stadium on June 12, 2026; finishing the season with a 26-6 record and joining the 2004 Wildcats' team that captured the 2A State title as the highest achievers in program history.

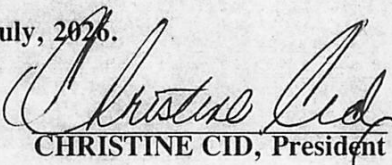
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students, teachers, coaches and trainers but most particularly to the young women of the Hanover Central High School Girls Softball Team, the IHSA Class 3A Softball State Champions and champions always for Lake County; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to the Hanover Central High School Girls Softball Team.

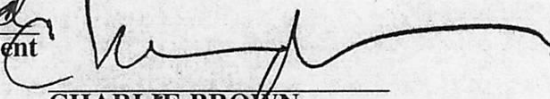
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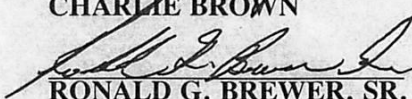

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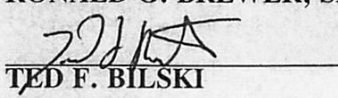

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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Supporting the Members of the United Steel Workers Local 7-1 and urging British Petroleum to end the lockout at the Whiting Refinery and resume good-faith bargaining

Cid passed the gavel to Vice President Brewer.

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

Councilman Brewer requested Lake and Porter County local governments pass resolutions opposing the BP lockout and the use of outside replacement workers.

Councilman Niemeyer noted attendance at the picket line, stated the refinery is foreign-owned, and requested visible support for the resolution.

Councilwoman Cid noted the refinery is in her community, stated skilled workers reduce safety risks for surrounding areas, noted financial impacts on families, and reported bringing food to the picket line.

Councilman Bilski suggested petitioning the legislature regarding BP's \$30 million in tax incentives to encourage negotiations.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-43

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STEELWORKERS LOCAL 7-1 AND URGING BRITISH PETROLEUM TO END THE LOCKOUT AT THE WHITING REFINERY AND RESUME GOOD-FAITH BARGAINING

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, British Petroleum (BP) locked out approximately 800 members of United Steelworkers Local 7-1 from their jobs at the Whiting refinery; and

WHEREAS, many of these workers and their families live, work, worship, volunteer, shop, and participate in civic life throughout Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the lockout has placed significant financial and emotional strain on working families, but also for local businesses, schools, neighborhoods and municipal economies throughout Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, United Steelworkers Local 7-1 has raised serious concerns about the health and safety risks created by operating the refinery with replacement workers instead of the trained, experienced local workers; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to speak in support of the health, safety, economic security and general welfare of their residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council recognizes the importance of resolving this dispute quickly, fairly and in a manner that respects workers, protects good jobs, and promotes the safe operation of the Whiting refinery.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Lake County Council expresses support for the locked-out members of United Steelworkers Local 7-1 and their families.

SECTION 2. The Lake County Council urges British Petroleum to immediately end the lockout of United Steelworkers Local 7-1 members of the Whiting refinery.

SECTION 3. The Lake County Council further urges British Petroleum to return to the bargaining table and bargain in good faith with United Steelworkers Local 7-1 toward a fair agreement that protects local jobs, respects workers' rights, and supports the long-term safety and stability of the refinery and surrounding communities.

SECTION 4. The Lake County Council recognizes the importance of experienced, trained refinery workers in maintaining safe operations at a facility that directly affects the health and safety of Northwest Indiana communities.

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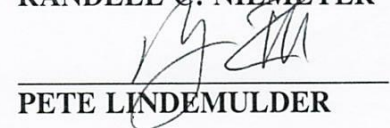
SECTION 5. A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to British Petroleum, United Steelworkers Local 701, state and federal elected officials representing Northwest Indiana, and any other parties deemed appropriate by the County Council.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of July, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

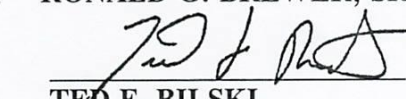

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RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division, Detention Center to pay outstanding 2023 invoices/debts from the 2026 budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-44

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
LAKE COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION, DETENTION CENTER TO
PAY OUTSTANDING 2023 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Detention Center, is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2023, have not been paid:

<u>9391-4005-63195</u>	<u>Contractual Services</u>
Torres Martial Arts Academy	\$ 1,000.00; and

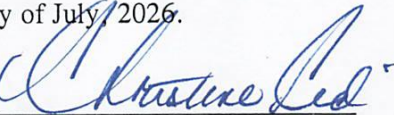
WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Detention Center, desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

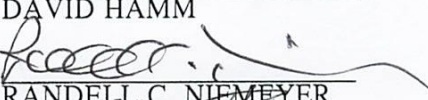
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

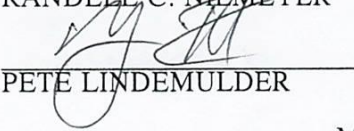
That the following 2023 expenses shall be paid from the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division, Detention Center's 2026 Budget:

<u>9391-4005-63195</u>	<u>Contractual Services</u>
Torres Martial Arts Academy	\$ 1,000.00.

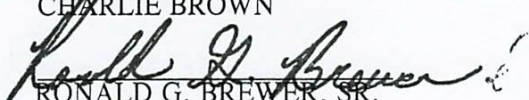
SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of July, 2026.

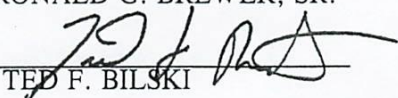
	
DAVID HAMM	CHRISTINE CID, President


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Approve Transfer of Funds from Lake County Sheriff’s 2022 Project SAFE Neighborhoods Grant Fund, Fund No. 8445 to Lake County Sheriff’s Project SAFE Neighborhoods – Lake County, Indiana Grant Fund, Fund No. 415, Oracle Fund No. 8415

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-45

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FROM LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S 2022 PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT FUND, FUND NO. 8445
TO LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS - LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA GRANT FUND,
FUND NO. 415, ORACLE FUND NO. 8415

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, on November 9, 2021, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1465B, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sheriff’s Project Safe Neighborhoods-Lake County, Indiana Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund (Fund No. 415 - Oracle Fund No. 8415); and

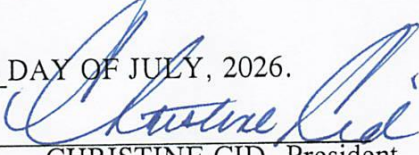
WHEREAS, on December 13, 2022, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1478D, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sheriff’s 2022 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund (Oracle Fund No. 8445); and

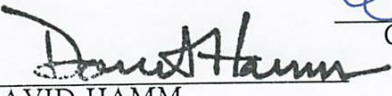
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer the sum of \$960.00 from the Lake County Sheriff’s 2022 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund, Fund No. 8445 to the Lake County Sheriff’s Project Safe Neighborhoods-Lake County, Indiana Grant Fund, Fund No. 415, Oracle Fund No. 8415, representing reimbursement to correct a negative balance in Fund No. 415, Oracle Fund No. 8415 due to the entry of an incorrect fund number.

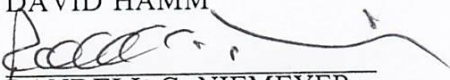
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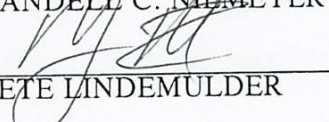
That the sum of \$960.00 from Lake County Sheriff’s 2022 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Fund, Fund No. 8445 shall be transferred to the Lake County Sheriff’s Project Safe Neighborhoods-Lake County, Indiana Grant Fund, Fund No. 415, Oracle Fund No. 8415, representing reimbursement to correct a negative balance in Fund No. 415, Oracle Fund No. 8415, that occurred due to the entry of an incorrect fund number.

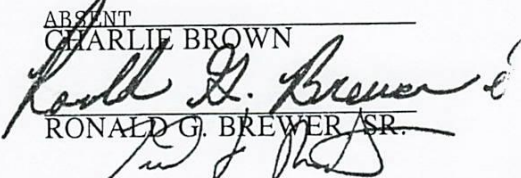
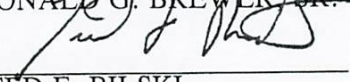
SO RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN

RONALD G. BREWER SR.

TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the LADOS Division 2 Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY26 Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1522A

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LADOS DIVISION 2
COURT A & D SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT CY26
FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**

- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5(b)(3), the County Council may pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; 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,** LADOS Division 2 has been awarded a grant from the Indiana Supreme Court - Office of Court Services titled Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY 2026 in the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand and Eleven (\$32,011.00) Dollars to purchase interactive journals for substance abuse education and salary for the instructor; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create a LADOS Division 2 Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY26 Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund for the deposit of Thirty Two Thousand and Eleven (\$32,011.00) Dollars from the Indiana Supreme Court - Office of Court Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the LADOS Division 2 Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY26 Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, is established for the deposit of Thirty Two Thousand and Eleven (\$32,011.00) Dollars from the Indiana Supreme Court - Office of Court Services.
2. 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.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the LADOS Division 2 Court A & D Supplemental Grant CY26 Fund.
4. In the event the LADOS Division 2 Office receives future awards

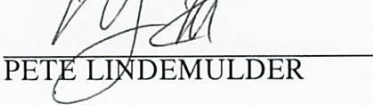
from the Indiana Supreme Court - Indiana Office of Court
Services Court Alcohol & Drug Grant CY 2026 program,
those grants may be accounted for using the established Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

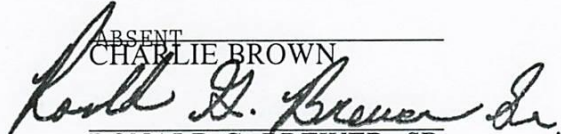

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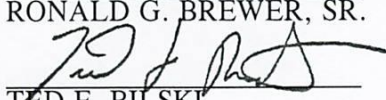

CHRISTINE CID, President


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the 2026 SAFE Lake County Sheriff Department NARCAN and Essentials Bag Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes,1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes,1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1522B

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SAFE
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT NARCAN AND
ESSENTIALS BAG 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, the Lake County Sheriff has been awarded a grant from SAFE (Supporting Addiction Free Environments)/Geminus Regional Care in the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 05/100 (\$2,145.05) Dollars to provide education to those being released from Lake County Jail and provide them with Narcan kits to help combat overdose deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create a 2026 SAFE Lake County Sheriff Department Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, for the deposit of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 05/100 (\$2,145.05) Dollars from SAFE/Geminus Regional Care.

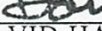
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the 2026 SAFE Lake County Sheriff Department Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, is established for the deposit of Two Thousand One Hundred Forty-Five and 05/100 (\$2,145.05) Dollars from SAFE/Geminus Regional Care.
2. 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.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the 2026 SAFE Lake County Sheriff Department Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

AGENT
 CHARLIE BROWN

 RONALD G. BREWER, JR.

 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Public Defender’s Office (#9002)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1513E-7

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2026 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1513E,
REORGANIZING POSITIONS IN THE
LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE (#9002)

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1513E to establish a revised Form No. 144 to reorganize positions for the Lake County Public Defender’s Office (#9002), effective July 27, 2026.

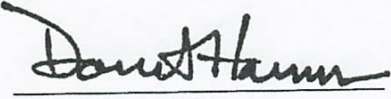
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit “A”, reorganizing positions in the Lake County Public Defender’s Office (#9002), is hereby approved, effective July 27, 2026.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.



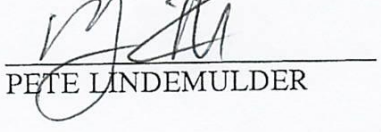
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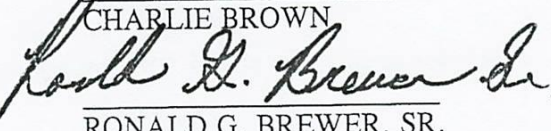


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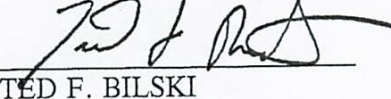


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN



RONALD G. BREWER, SR.



TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

Form Prescribed by State Board of Accounts

County Form No. 144 (1971)

STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
CALENDAR YEAR 20__

Public Defender Dept. #9002, LAKE County, Indiana
(Name of Office, Department, Board Agency)

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the
above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2026
(Calendar Year)

FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Title of Position or Employee Classification			
JOB CODE # AND POSITION #	\$ PRESENT	\$ PROPOSED	\$ DIFFERENCE
Data Quality Analyst 900216004001	50451	0	-50451
Paralegal 900215540001	54600	59600	5000
Paralegal 900215540005	54600	59600	5000
Paralegal 900215540008	51324	56324	5000
Paralegal 900215540002	47011	52011	5000
Secretary Office Manager 900216680001	58863	64863	6000
			0
			0
			0
Total(s):	316849	292398	-24451

PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

Title of Position or Employee Classification	Amount	Rate of Pay*	Hour, day, week, month, etc.
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	

*Show rate of pay per month, week, day, hour, etc.

Submitted by: [Signature]
(Signature)
CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER
(Title)

Date 6/17/26

- NOTES:
- (1) This statement must be filed IN DUPLICATE with the County Auditor on or before July 1 each year for salaries and wages to be paid in the ensuing year.
 - (2) The number and salaries to be paid full time officers and employees must be fixed by the County Council. The rates of pay for part time and hourly employees shall likewise be fixed by the County Council but the number to be employed is limited only by the funds appropriated therefore; thus, the amount to be requested in the budget for part time and hourly employees need not be included in this statement
 - (3) The County Auditor shall complete the reserve side of this of this form and return one copy to the officer or head of the department, board or agency within 3 days after action thereon by the County Council.

Ex. A.

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Community Corrections Trust Fund (1241), A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1522C

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TRUST FUND (1241), A NON-REVERTING FUND

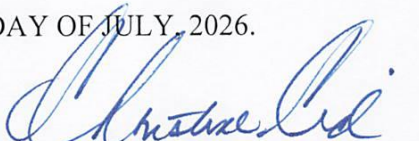
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5(b)(3) provides that the Lake County Council may pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; 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. 11-12-12-2, a county that operates a community corrections program may establish a county community corrections trust fund; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 11-12-12-3 provides that a fund established under I.C. 11-12-12-2 consists of the proceeds from commissary sales deposited into the fund under section 2 of this chapter; any amounts appropriated to the fund; any grants or gifts received by the county that are designated for the purposes of the commissary or community corrections programming; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 11-12-12-4 money in the fund may be used only for the following: (1) inventory and operations of the commissary; (2) rehabilitation and educational programming; (3) facility improvements directly tied to community corrections programming; (4) staff training and equipment; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish the Lake County Community Corrections Trust Fund (1241), a non-reverting fund.

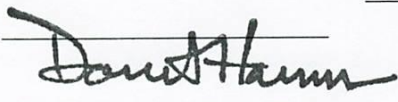
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Community Corrections Trust Fund (1241), a non-reverting fund is hereby established.
2. That the revenue sources pursuant to I.C. 11-12-12-3 shall be deposited in the Lake County Community Corrections Trust Fund (1241) and the funds expended only for the permissible uses pursuant to I.C. 11-12-12-4.

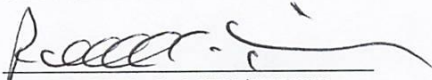
3. That the Fund shall be a non-reverting fund. Any money in the Fund at the end of the year shall remain, and not revert to the County General Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

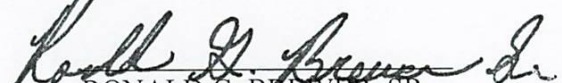


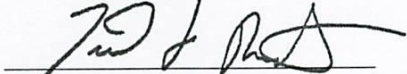
DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of an Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Lake, Indiana, concerning the funding of Capital Improvement Projects and Land Acquisition by the Board of Park and Recreation of the County through the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds, and other matter connected therewith

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO.1522D

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, INDIANA, CONCERNING THE FUNDING OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND LAND ACQUISITION BY THE BOARD OF PARK AND RECREATION OF THE COUNTY THROUGH THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, AND OTHER MATTER CONNECTED THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Lake County Park District (the “District”) located in the County of Lake, Indiana (the “County”) is a park district created under the laws of the State of Indiana and the ordinances of the County; and

Whereas, the Board of Park and Recreation (the “Board”) of the County has determined to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to fund certain capital improvements and land acquisition all for park purposes and as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolutions adopted by the Board on May 14, 2026, each as modified or confirmed by the Board (collectively, the “Projects”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-17-20.5(e) and INDIANA CODE 36-10-3-25, the Board of the District may not issue bonds unless it obtains approval from the County Council of Lake County (the “Council”); and

WHEREAS, the Council is authorized to approve the issuance of obligations of the District by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, INDIANA, THAT:

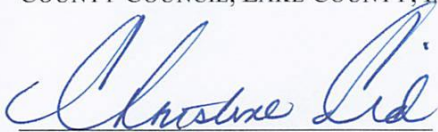
Section 1. The Council hereby approves the issuance of general obligation bonds of the District by the Board in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to apply to the cost of the Projects.

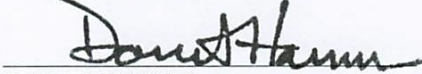
Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Council and signature by the County Board of Commissioners.

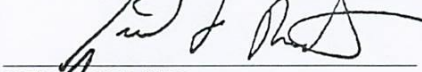
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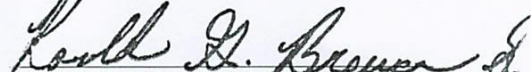
Adopted this 14th day of July, 2026.

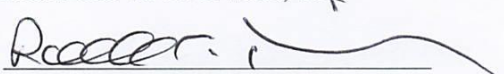
COUNTY COUNCIL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


TED V. BILSKI


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


PETE LINDEMULDER

ATTEST: 
County Auditor

I, the County Auditor of Lake County, pursuant to INDIANA CODE 36-2-4-8, hereby certify that I have delivered the foregoing Ordinance to the Board of Commissioners at ____ a.m. on _____, 2026.

County Auditor

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby approved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake.

MICHAEL C. REPAY, President

KYLE W. ALLEN, SR.

JERRY TIPPY

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

Parks and Recreation Department CEO Jim Basala, noted a state park law change effective July 1st requiring projects of \$500,000 or more (or 10% of the operating budget, whichever is less) to receive approval from the executive of the enabling authority. He recommended bringing a resolution in August to approve projects listed in the declaratory resolution as a group, rather than requiring individual approval for each qualifying project. He clarified that the requirement applies to the executive of the enabling authority rather than each individual appointing authority.

ORDINANCE NO. 1522E

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARP) INTEREST
EARNED UNRESTRICTED FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**

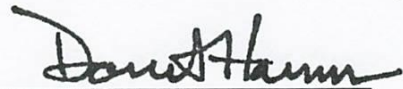
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only 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,** on April 13, 2021, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1458A, the Ordinance Establishing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund which established the purpose and permitted uses of the ARPA allocation; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to U.S. Treasury Compliance and reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Version 1.1, “State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund payments made to recipients are not subject to the requirements of the Cash Management Improvement Act and Treasury’s implementing regulations at 31 CFR Part 205 or 2 CFR 200.305(b)(8)-(9); as such, recipients can place funds in interest-bearing accounts, do not need to remit interest to Treasury, and are not limited to using that interest for eligible uses under the SLFRF award; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create a separate fund for the interest earned on ARPA allocations by establishing the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, a non-reverting fund.

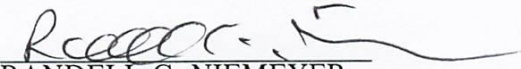
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established for the deposit and disbursement of interest earned pursuant to The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund, Ordinance No. 1458A.
2. 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.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14TH DAY OF JULY, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM

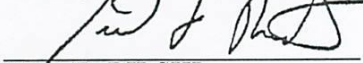

RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT


CHARLES BROWN

RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation – Lowell Public Library – Ordinance of the Lake County Council approving the Lowell Public Library’s Rainy-Day Fund Additional Appropriation

Brewer made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes,1-absent.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1522F

ORDINANCE OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING THE
LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY’S RAINY DAY FUND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

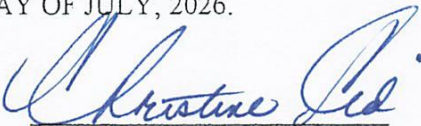
- WHEREAS,** Lowell Public Library is a public library organized and existing under the provisions of I.C. 36-12; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 19, 2026, the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees adopted the Lowell Public Library Rainy Day Fund Additional Appropriation Resolution for an additional appropriation of \$250,000.00 (Exhibit “A”) ; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5(k), if a public library proposes to make an additional appropriation for a year, and the additional appropriation would result in the budget for the library for that year increasing by a percentage that is greater than the result of the maximum levy growth quotient determined under I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-2, for the calendar year minus one (1), the additional appropriation must first be approved by the city, town or county fiscal body; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council is the proper fiscal body to consider the additional appropriation in excess of the Lowell Public Library’s budget for the current year pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees issued a Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriation, setting the request for public hearing to consider the additional appropriation in excess of the Lowell Public Library’s budget for the current year before the Lake County Council, the fiscal and legislative body of Lake County, on July 14, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at the Lake County Government Center, 2293 N. Main St., Room A301, Crown Point, Indiana, (Exhibit “B”).

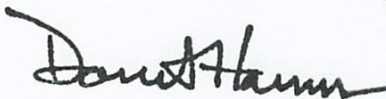
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

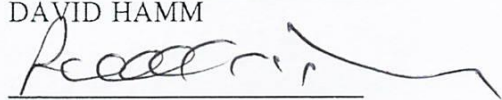
1. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5(k), the Lake County Council is the proper fiscal body to hold a public hearing on proposed additional appropriations by the Lowell Public Library, and to approve the additional appropriations requested.
2. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, on July 14, 2026, the Lake County Council held a public meeting on Lowell Public Library’s proposed additional appropriations of \$250,000.00.

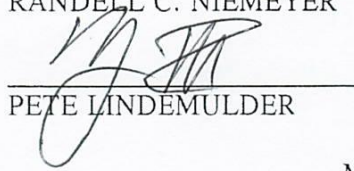
3. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, the Lake County Council now approves the additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year by the Lowell Public Library of \$250,000.00, Rainy Day Fund, Other Services and Charges, Repairs & Maintenance, Fund No. 3.6 for certain capital expenditures.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

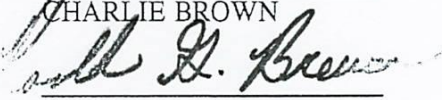

CHRISTINE CID, President

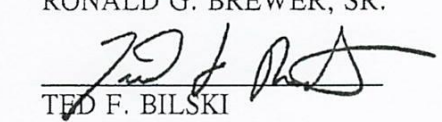

DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

~~ABSENT~~
~~CHARLIE BROWN~~


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY RAINY DAY
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Board of Trustees of Lowell Public Library, Lake County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: Rainy Day	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Services & Charges	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
Township Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for Rainy Day Fund:	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00

Adopted this 19th day of May, 2026.

Aye	Nay
<u><i>Shura Gudge</i></u>	_____
<u><i>Dana Buland</i></u>	_____
<u><i>Lynne Haberlin</i></u>	_____
<u><i>Diana Danner</i></u>	_____
<u><i>Anthony Halper</i></u>	_____

ATTEST:
Lynne Haberlin
Lynne Haberlin
Secretary, Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees

Ex A

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Lowell Public Library, Lake County
Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of
the budget for the current year at:

Commissioners Courtroom/Council Chambers, Lake County Government Center, 2293 North Main Street,
Building "A", Third Floor, Crown Point, IN 46307, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on the 14th day of July, 2026.

FUND INFORMATION			
Fund Name: Rainy Day Budget Classification	Account Name	Account Number	Additional Amount Requested
Personal Services			\$
Supplies			\$
Other Services and Charges	Repairs & Maintenance	3.6	\$ 250,000.00
Township Assistance			\$
Debt Service			\$
Capital Outlays			\$
		Fund Total:	\$ 250,000.00

[Repeat for any other funds]

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard on the additional appropriation(s).

Fiscal Officer	 6-3-2026
Date	

Ex B

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 Bilski, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes,1-absent.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1459C-19

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:

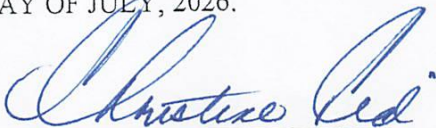
Fund 9450	Establishing the Lake County Park Department’s American Rescue Plan Act Next Level Trails Program Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1478A
Fund No. 442 (Oracle # 8442)	Establishing the Lake County Health Department’s Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1467C
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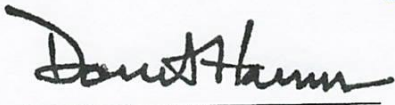
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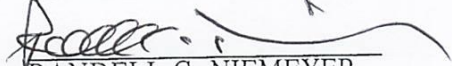
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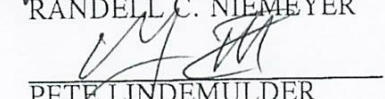
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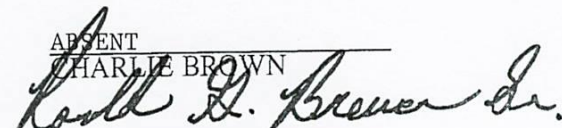
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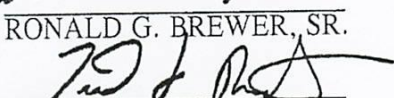

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2606 – An Ordinance to Amend the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance No. 2560 – Lighting Standards, 6/17/26, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 5-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Councilman Niemeyer noted the ordinance sets standards for large-scale developments in open areas to manage light pollution.

Plan Commission Director Ned Kovachevich stated the amendment establishes performance standards for the county's existing lighting requirement.

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brown absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brown absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 2606

**AMENDMENT TO LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2590
(Lighting Standards)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, ADOPTED JUNE 13, 2023, AS AMENDED, TO ESTABLISH LIGHTING STANDARDS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, APPENDIX 7, SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLAT AND PLANS; SECTION F, SITE PLANS; PARAGRAPH 10, LIGHTING PLAN.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of the County of Lake, State of Indiana that the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) be amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council (Council) is charged with amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the purpose of this amendment is to reduce glare and light trespass onto neighboring properties, preserve nighttime visibility and community character, improve safety without over-lighting, and follow best practices from the International Dark-Sky Association and the Illuminating Engineering Society

WHEREAS, the Council further finds that the absence of clearer standards regarding the impacts of lighting may pose an undue burden upon the County and its residents;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment establishes reasonable, objective, and enforceable standards governing lighting provisions throughout Unincorporated Lake County;

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and advances the public health, safety, and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the proposed ordinance is authorized by Indiana law, is reasonable in scope, and is necessary to protect the County’s long-term land use interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA:

DELETE:

APPENDIX 7, SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLAT AND PLANS; SECTION F, SITE PLANS; PARAGRAPH 10, LIGHTING PLAN.

INSERT NEW:

**APPENDIX 7, SPECIFICATIONS FOR PLAT AND PLANS; SECTION F, SITE PLANS;
PARAGRAPH 10, LIGHTING PLAN:**

- 1. Lighting Standards
 - A. Light Trespass:
 - 1. Shielding and Direction
 - Fully Shielded: All outdoor luminaires shall be fully shielded and aimed downward. The light source (bulb/LED) must not be visible from the side or above the fixture.
 - No Upward Light: No light shall be emitted above a horizontal plane (90 degrees).
 - 2. Color Temperature (CCT)
 - To minimize blue-light emissions which disrupt circadian rhythms, the correlated color temperature (CCT) of any outdoor light source shall not exceed 3000 Kelvin.
 - 3. Light Trespass Limits
 - Lighting shall be installed such that the illumination at the property line does not exceed 0.1 foot-candles in residential zones or 0.3 foot-candles in commercial zones.
 - B. Illumination of Buildings and Other Vertical Structures:
 - 1. Illumination of buildings or other structures is limited to security lighting or highlighting architectural features. Security lighting is limited to illumination of doorways, windows, or other points of entry. Building lighting other than security lighting cannot emit more than one thousand two hundred (1200) lumens.
 - 2. Lighting fixtures must be located or directed so light is directed only onto the building surface. All fixtures illuminating buildings must be fully shielded.
 - 3. For statues, monuments, fountains, or other objects that may be difficult to reliably and consistently illuminate with downward lighting, spotlights may be used to confine the illumination to the object of interest.
 - 4. Spotlights may be used to illuminate flags. Floodlights directed above the horizontal are prohibited when illuminating a flag.
 - C. Parking Lot/Interior Road Lighting: Lighting fixtures serving parking lots and any other interior roads must be full cutoff fixtures. The maximum average illumination level for a parking lot is 1.6 foot-candles at grade level. The minimum average illumination level for a parking lot is 0.4 foot-candles at grade level when the parking lot is in use. Light fixtures located on the perimeter of

parking lots and any other road within a development within twenty (20) feet of a property line must use shielding to minimize light spillage at the property line.

- D. Lighting of Exterior Display or Open Sales Areas: If illuminated, exterior displays or open sales areas must be illuminated so the average maintained illumination at grade level is no more than four (4) foot-candles. Light fixtures located less than three (3) times the fixture mounting height from a residential property line or two (2) times the fixture mounting height from nonresidential property lines, must use shielding to limit light spillage at the property line.
- E. Lighting of Walkways, Bikeways, Parks and Playgrounds: Where lighting is provided for walkways, bikeways, or parks, the following requirements apply:
1. The walkway, pathway, or ground area shall be illuminated to a level of no less than 0.4 and not greater than an average of 4 foot-candles across the site.
 2. The vertical illumination levels at a height of five (5) feet above grade cannot exceed 0.5 average foot-candles.
 3. Lighting fixtures must direct light downward. The initial output of light sources cannot exceed one thousand (1,000) lumens.
- F. Lighting of Canopies and Bays:
1. The average horizontal illumination at grade level under canopies cannot exceed twenty-two (22) foot-candles.
 2. If illuminated, areas used for vehicle storage must be illuminated according to the requirements for Parking Lot Lighting.
 3. Light fixtures mounted on or under canopies must be full cutoff unless indirect lighting is being used to direct upward and then reflect down from the ceiling of the structure. In this case, light fixtures must be shielded to direct illumination exclusively on the ceiling of the structure.
 4. Lights cannot be mounted on the top or sides of a canopy. The sides of a canopy cannot be illuminated.
 5. Lighting for drive-through bays must be fully shielded.
- G. Outdoor Activity Facilities:
1. It is recognized that outdoor nighttime facilities and activities (concerts, athletic contests, and the like) have unique lighting requirements and that illumination levels vary, depending on the nature of the activity. The regulations of this ordinance, are intended to permit adequate lighting for such events, while minimizing sky glow, reducing energy consumption and reducing glare and unwanted illumination of surrounding streets and properties. A lighting design plan shall address the lighting requirements of the various adjacent areas and affected properties, and how the requirements

of this ordinance for the specific outdoor nighttime facility and/or activity will be met.

2. If floodlighting is used, the center beam must be aimed below the horizontal plane at least half (1/2) the angular beam spread of the fixture. A registered engineer must certify the design and installation of such lighting systems comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.
3. Except for sporting events covered by intrastate televised broadcast, the illumination of the playing field or performing area cannot exceed thirty (30) foot-candles.
4. Outdoor dining is to be illuminated utilizing string lighting, patio lighting, or other similar styles, provided that it follows all lighting requirements as outlined within the UDO.

H. Outdoor Lighting:

1. Outdoor lighting not otherwise specified in this Ordinance emitting more than one thousand two hundred (1200) lumens must be full cutoff and fully shielded. Bulbs in outdoor light fixtures emitting from six hundred (600) to one thousand two hundred (1200) lumens may be installed in fixtures that are not full cutoff and may be visible from the property line provided, however, such bulbs must be frosted glass or covered by frosted glass or other similarly translucent material.
 2. A spotlight or floodlight of less than one thousand eight hundred (1800) lumens need not be full cutoff or fully shielded if its center beam is aimed at a point not beyond any property lines and no less than forty-five (45) degrees below horizontal, is used for security lighting purposes only, and is motion detector activated and cycles off within five minutes after the cessation of motion within its field of view. Such security lighting cannot be activated by normal business or resident activity.
 3. Tower or antenna lighting is not permitted unless required by the Federal Aviation Administration.
 4. The use of search lights, laser lighting, or lights that pulse, flash, rotate or simulate motion for advertising or promotions is prohibited.
- I. Lighting Plan: In conjunction with the requirements of the Site Plan Section of this Ordinance. A lighting plan is necessary. The plan becomes an integral part of any development review application. An improvement location permit cannot be issued without first obtaining approval of a required lighting plan. This Ordinance is intended to include construction lighting throughout the term of an improvement location permit or any building permit in good standing. Large-scale projects may be under construction for long periods of time and although somewhat temporary, they should not be exempt from being good neighbors to adjacent properties. Consequently, the required photometric lighting plan cited below should consider all phases of lighting for any project.

A lighting plan must include the following:

- 1. A plan showing building(s), landscaping, parking areas, and the locations of all proposed exterior lighting fixtures, with designation of cutoff and/or shielded fixtures;
- 2. A description of the outdoor light fixtures including manufacturer's catalog cuts, photometric report with candela distribution, drawings, and shielding information;
- 3. A photometric plan (point-by-point) prepared by a lighting professional, showing light levels in foot-candles at a grid interval of no more than 10 feet. The plan must extend a minimum of 20 feet beyond the property lines to demonstrate compliance with light trespass standards. Said photometric plan shall include:

a. The Calculation Grid

The plan features a bird's-eye view of the site covered in small numbers. Each number represents the predicted foot-candle (fc) level at that specific coordinate on the ground (at grade).

- b. Property Line Check: You will look specifically at the numbers along the boundary lines to ensure they do not exceed your 0.10 fc (residential) or 0.30 fc (commercial) limits.

c. The Luminaire Schedule

This is a table on the plan that acts as a "parts list." It must include:

- Fixture Type: (e.g., Type A - Parking Pole, Type B - Wall Pack).
- Lamp Type/Wattage: (e.g., LED, 40W).
- Color Temperature (CCT): To verify it is 3000K or lower.
- Mounting Height: The distance from the ground to the light source.

Changes to an approved lighting plan must be subject to review and approval by the Director.

- J. Enforcement: Failure to adhere to the lighting requirements of this Ordinance or an approved lighting plan is a violation of this Ordinance and subject to Article 154-20, Violations, Penalties, and Enforcement, of the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

- K. Exceptions:

1. The temporary use of low wattage (not to exceed seventy-five (75) watts) or low voltage (not to exceed twelve (12) volts) lighting for public festivals, celebrations, and the observance of holidays are exempt from this Ordinance except where they create a hazard or nuisance from glare. However, consideration to light trespass requirements must be demonstrated prior to commencing the use of the temporary lighting;
 2. Emergency lighting used by police, fire, or medical personnel and traffic control lighting within public right-of-way required for safety are exempt from the requirements of this chapter;
 3. Temporary holiday lighting (for a period not to exceed 60 days);
 4. Lighting required by law for tower marking or aviation safety; or,
 5. Underwater lighting in swimming pools.
- L. Lights Not Conforming to This Chapter:
1. Authority to Continue: Any lawful lighting fixtures located within the unincorporated areas of Lake County at the effective date of this Ordinance or after the effective date of this Ordinance, which do not conform to the provisions of this chapter, may continue provided the lighting remains in conformance with the provisions of this chapter.
 2. Ordinary Maintenance and Repair: Nothing in this chapter relieves the owner or beneficial user of legal nonconforming lighting, or the owner of the property on which the legal nonconforming lighting is located, from the provisions of this chapter regarding safety, maintenance, and repair. Normal maintenance, including replacing light bulbs, cleaning, or routine repair of legal nonconforming light fixtures, is not a condition which triggers a loss of lawful status described below, unless such maintenance increases the nonconforming aspects of the lighting.
 3. Loss of Lawful Status: Legal nonconforming status terminates under the following conditions:
 - a. if a light fixture is no longer used for a period of six (6) months it is deemed abandoned and cannot be reestablished; or
 - b. if a lighting fixture is structurally altered such that its nonconforming aspects increase; or
 - c. if a lighting fixture is relocated, replaced, or moved in any way; or the lighting fixture is damaged, and the cost of repair exceeds fifty (50%) of its replacement value.
 4. Upon the event of any of these conditions, the lighting fixture must be immediately brought into compliance with this chapter, or the lighting fixture must be removed.
 5. Removal Pursuant to Public Order: Lighting found by a governmental agency to create public hazard can be ordered removed or altered at any time.
- M. Prohibited Outdoor Lighting
1. The following lighting applications are prohibited in all zoning districts:

- a. The use of a laser light source;
- b. The use of flickering, flashing, blinking, scrolling, or rotating lights and any illumination that changes intensity;
- c. The use of upward directed lighting, except as otherwise permitted herein;
- d. Architectural lighting of any portion of a building or structure with a polished or glass exterior surface that uses uplighting;
- e. The use of searchlights;
- f. The use of neon light to accent buildings or architectural features;
- g. The use of Mercury vapor light source except for existing light sources used in open space zoning districts.

If any portion of this amendment conflicts with any other part of Ordinance 2590, as amended, the terms, requirements, and conditions of this revision shall prevail, control, or supersede.

Finally, as stated in Section 154-1-120 of the Unincorporated Development Ordinance (UDO), if any portion of this amendment is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that portion is to be deemed severed from the UDO and in no way affects or diminishes the validity of the remainder of the UDO.

Penalties: Non-compliance with any standards set down herein may result in daily fines and penalties under Article 154-20, Violations, Penalties, and Enforcement, of the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) enforced by the Lake County Plan Commission.

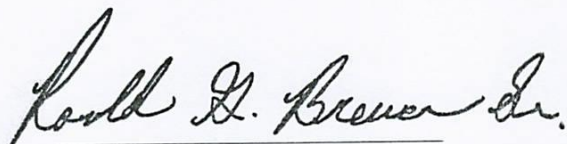
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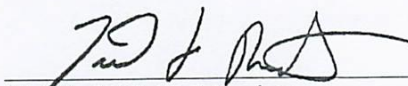
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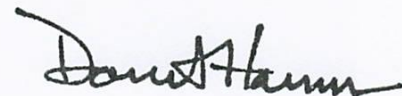
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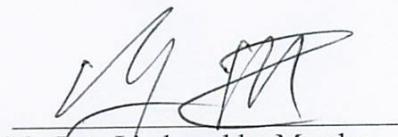
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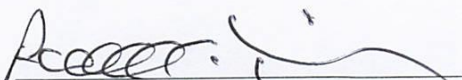
Mr. Dave Hamm, Member

ABSENT

Mr. Charlie Brown, Member



Mr. Pete Lindemulder Member



Mr. Randy Niemeyer, Member

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance No. 2607 – Tyler Jabaay-Jabaay Ventures 1, LLC, Owner, Vis Law, Petitioner, 6/17/26, R-3 and B-2 to B-3, Favorable Recommendation with conditions, (Vote 5-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brown absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

**ORDINANCE #2607
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 on June 17, 2026 with the following conditions).

The condition of the Plan Commission’s favorable recommendation is limited to allowing the following potential uses under a B-3,General Business Zone as listed within the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance, Ordinance No. 2560;

- a. Animal service/grooming/veterinary;
- b. Commercial service/building service/business support service/consumer maintenance/repair service/personal improvement service/research service;
- c. Office/business or professional office, including, but not limited to medical, dental, health practitioner, or other professional business offices; parking, non-accessory use; retail sales/building supplies and equipment/consumer shopping goods/convenience goods;
- d. Self-service storage facility/indoor and outdoor;
- e. Trade school;
- f. commercial vehicle repair and maintenance/personal vehicle repair and maintenance/vehicle part and supply sales;
- g. Equipment and material storage-indoor and outdoor;
- h. Trucking and transportation parking;
- i. Warehouse-indoor and outdoor; and
- j. Wholesale sales and distribution.

The approval also includes the building setback and restrictions commitments to maintain a minimum rear-yard setback of twenty (20) feet and a minimum interior side-yard setback of six (6) feet where the property directly abuts a residential lot.

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

ZONE CHANGE from R-3 (One to Four-Family - dwelling Zone) and B-2 (Rural Business Zone) to B-3 (General Business Zone) owned by Tyler Jabaay – Jabaay Ventures 1, LLC and petitioned by Vis Law to allow for a proposed landscaping business (Commercial Building Service) on the following described property:

General Location: Located at the northwest quadrant at the intersection of 45th Avenue and Hayes Street and located at the northeast and northwest quadrants at the intersection of 44th Avenue and Hayes Street in Calumet Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOTS 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 IN ABBENSETH SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19
PAGE 06, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE
COUNTY, INDIANA,
PARCEL NO. 45-08-29-484-003.000-001

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45-08-29-484-009.000-001
LOT 9 IN ABBENSETH SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19 PAGE 06, IN THE
OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

4453 Hayes St., Gary, IN 46408
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LOT 10 IN ABBENSETH SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19 PAGE 06, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

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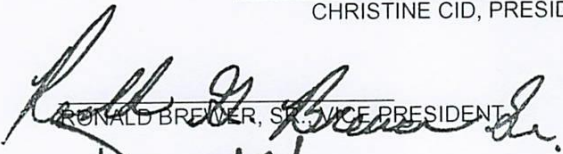
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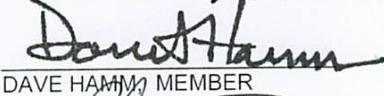
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MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

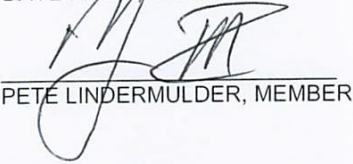

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RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

Public Comment:

Terry Steagall (Highland) spoke in support of the resolution opposing the BP lockout, stated a national agreement exists with other refineries, and requested the council consider a \$10-per-barrel tax ordinance on refined oil in Lake County to fund shortfalls for schools, fire, police, and libraries.

Darren Washington (Gary, Councilman at Large) spoke in support of the resolution opposing the BP lockout, requested other local councils pass similar resolutions, and noted the Gary Common Council passed a resolution on June 16.

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