

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 – August 11, 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: Cid commended the Public Safety workers and their response after the August 11 derecho storm.

ORDINANCE #1524

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

	Appropriation Requested	Appropriated
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Reduction</u>		
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	(\$2,000,000.00)	(\$2,000,000.00)
<u>Hammond and Gary Courthouses 9302</u>		
63510 Utilities	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Non-Reverting LC Fairgrounds Fund 1131		
<u>Fairgrounds 9201</u>		
64310 Improvements	\$54,355.00	\$54,355.00
S.N.A.P. Fund 1156		
<u>Animal Control 8004</u>		
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund 4163		
<u>Animal Control 8004</u>		
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund 4380		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$14,500,000.00	\$14,500,000.00

Adopted this 8th day of September, 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 4005</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
To: 1001-62220 Garage & Motors	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
1001-62410 Other Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<u>County Council 6001</u>		
Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196		
From: 1196-63150 Consultant Fees	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
To: 1196-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63330 Photo/Blueprinting	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
To: 1001-64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$32,000.00	\$32,000.00
<u>Jail 8002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-62260 Jail Inmate Clothing Allowance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
To: 1001-63190 Professional Service	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
<u>Animal Control 8004</u>		
County General 1001		
From: 1001-62240 Household & Instit. Supplies	\$1,945.00	\$1,945.00
1001-62250 Healthcare & Lab Supplies	\$8,704.19	\$8,704.19
To: 1001-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$10,649.19	\$10,649.19
<u>Emergency Management 9304</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$25,000.00	NO ACTION
To: 1001-61110 Officials & Administrators	\$9,000.00	“”
1001-61130 Technicians	\$12,000.00	“”
1001-61160 Office & Clerical	\$4,000.00	“”

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 8th day of September, 2026.

<u>Additional</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Reduction (-\$2,000,000.00)	Brewer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Hammond and Gary Courthouses 9302 (\$2,000,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Non-Reverting LC Fairgrounds Fund 1131</u>			
Fairgrounds 9201 (\$54,355.00)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

<u>S.N.A.P. Fund 1156</u> Animal Control 8004 (\$4,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund 4163</u> Animal Control 8004 (\$22,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund 4380</u> Lake County Commissioners 6002 (\$14,500,000.00)	Brewer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Transfers

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$10,000.00)	Lindemulder	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County Council 6001</u> Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196 (\$80,000.00)	Brewer	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Sheriff 8001</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$32,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Jail 8002</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$100,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Animal Control 8004</u> County General 1001 (\$10,649.19)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Emergency Management 9304
County General Fund 1001
(\$25,000.00)

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Create New Line Item – County General Fund 1001

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

64410 Furniture & Fixtures

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

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Create New Line Item – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund 4380

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

64500 Construction & Reconstruction

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

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-48

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
SEPTEMBER AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, each year more than 14,500 children under the age of 19 in the United States are diagnosed with cancer; and

WHEREAS, every year approximately 1,600 children in the United States lose their lives to cancer; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer is one of the leading causes of death from disease after infancy and one of the leading causes of death overall for children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for children with cancer in the United States has increased from 58 percent in the mid-1970s to 85 percent in 2025, representing a significant improvement from previous decades; and

WHEREAS, 60 to more than 90 percent or more of children in the United States who survive cancer will develop at least one chronic health condition, and some survivors may face a late effect from treatment that can be severe or life-threatening; and

WHEREAS, childhood cancer occurs frequently and spares no racial or ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region; and

WHEREAS, the causes of most childhood cancers are unknown and at the present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented, and families who are or have been in treatment work tirelessly to change these alarming statistics; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Government’s 2025 spending bill removed several provisions designed to help develop more effective, less toxic therapies and improve treatment accessibility for pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate passed its 2026 spending bill, which contained a number of landmark pediatric cancer provisions; representing a meaningful step forward for the pediatric cancer community; and

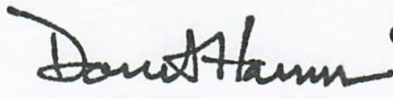
WHEREAS, only four percent of all federally allocated cancer research funds go towards childhood cancer research; a vast majority of funding support for childhood cancer research comes from private donors and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to increase public awareness and education.

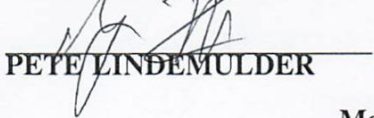
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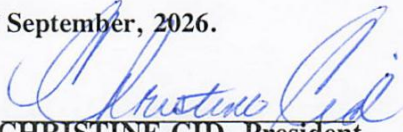
That the Lake County Council declares September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Lake County, Indiana.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8th day of September, 2026.

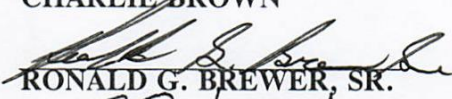

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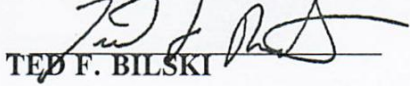

RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming September as National Voter Registration Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-49

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER
AS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

WHEREAS, National Voter Registration Month was established by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) in 2002 to motivate eligible Americans to register; and

WHEREAS, many Americans are not able to vote because they miss a registration deadline, do not update their registration information, or are unfamiliar with how to register; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for diverse partners such as nonprofits, libraries, businesses, colleges and universities, and more to work in the communities they serve to inform citizens on voter registration; and

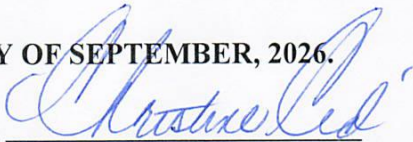
WHEREAS, the need for reliable and trusted public information and education on voter registration is critical to Lake County residents’ active participation in elections and the integrity of electoral processes; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council is committed to encouraging broad voter registration, access, and citizen participation in elections among voting-eligible citizens and proclaims September as National Voter Registration Month.

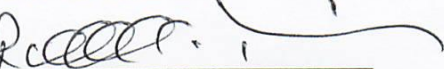
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council declares September as National Voter Registration Month and commits to joining efforts to support voter registration and citizen participation in elections.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Resolution Marking the 25th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks

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. 26-50

RESOLUTION MARKING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACKS

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States of America was targeted in a series of coordinated terrorist attacks that forever altered the course of history and deeply impacted the hearts of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, September 11, 2026, marks the 25th anniversary of these tragic events, providing a solemn occasion for our community to look back, remember, and honor the lives lost and the sacrifices made; and

WHEREAS, we remember with profound sorrow the nearly 3,000 innocent individuals who perished at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, including beloved family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, we stand in enduring gratitude for the extraordinary bravery of the first responders— firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and citizens, many from Lake County, Indiana —who selflessly rushed toward danger to save others, many making the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the catastrophic health impacts of the rescue, recovery, and cleanup efforts continue to claim the lives of thousands of brave recovery workers and survivors in the quarter-century since that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, in the face of unprecedented tragedy, the people of our nation united with unmatched resilience, compassion, and patriotism, demonstrating that the values of freedom, unity, and strength will always prevail over terror and division.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

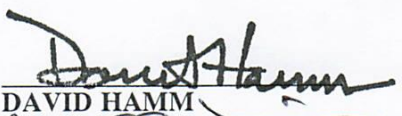
1. That the Lake County Council officially recognizes the upcoming 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001; and

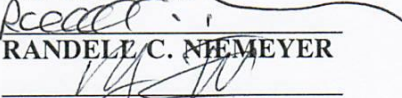
2. That the Lake County Council urges all residents to observe this upcoming anniversary with appropriate remembrance, to honor the memory of the victims, to support the families who continue to mourn, and to express everlasting appreciation for our active local first responders and military personnel who protect our freedoms daily; and

3. That this resolution be officially entered into the permanent records of the Lake County Council as a lasting testament to our collective memory, resilience, and vow to never forget.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

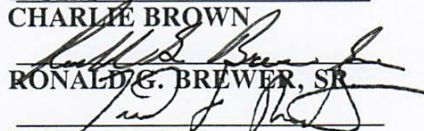

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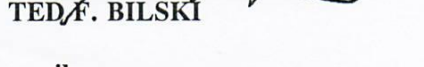

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PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Approving Lake County Redevelopment Commission Resolution No. 003A-2026, Resolution of the Lake County Redevelopment Commission Declaring an Area in Lake County, Indiana, as an Economic Development Area and Approving an Amended Economic Development Plan for Said Area and Approving the Order of the Lake County Plan Commission

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

Resolution 26-51:
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In the Matter of Resolution to Approve the Transfer of \$13,505,888.46 from ARP 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Fund No. 8362 to American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, Fund No. 4380

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. 26-52

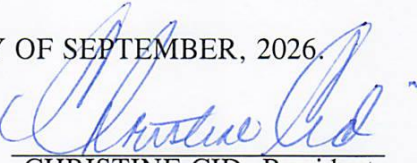
**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$13,505,888.46
FROM ARP 2021 LOCAL FISC. RECOVERY FUND, FUND NO. 8362
TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) ACT OF 2021
INTEREST EARNED UNRESTRICTED FUND, FUND NO. 4380**

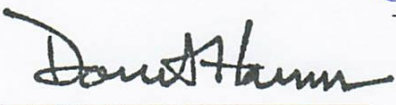
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Commissioners request the transfer of \$13,505,888.46 from the ARP 2021 Local Fisc. Recovery Fund, Fund No. 8362 to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, Fund No. 4380, which transfer meets the obligations under the rules of the American Rescue Plan Act; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to transfer \$13,505,888.46 from the ARP 2021 Local Fisc. Recovery Fund, Fund No. 8362 to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, Fund No. 4380.

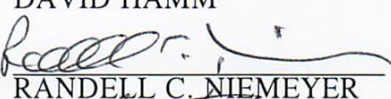
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

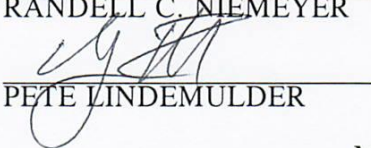
That the sum of \$13,505,888.46 is hereby transferred from the ARP 2021 Local Fisc. Recovery Fund, Fund No. 8362 to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 Interest Earned Unrestricted Fund, Fund No. 4380, which transfer meets the obligations under the rules of the American Rescue Plan Act.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM

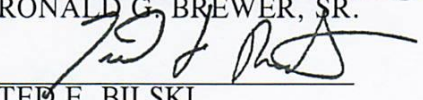

RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT

CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Opposing NIPSCO’s Petition for Rate Increases for Electric Utility Service

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. 26-53

RESOLUTION OPPOSING NIPSCO’S PETITION
FOR RATE INCREASES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) filed Petitions on August 11, 2026, August 14, 2026 and August 20, 2026, with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) that propose electric rate increases for its customers; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission is currently seeking public comments regarding the proposed rate hike; and

WHEREAS, the ratepayers of Northern Indiana have long suffered from paying some of the highest electric rates in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the excessive increase cost of electric service would cause undue hardships for NIPSCO customers in Lake County, particularly low income residents and those on fixed incomes.

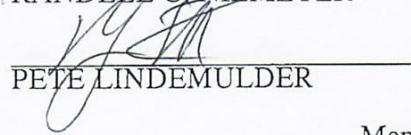
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

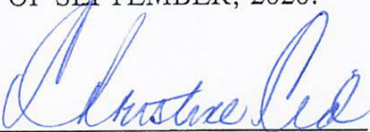
That the Lake County Council opposes NIPSCO’S Petitions for Rate Increases for Electric Service to citizens and businesses in Lake County and requests the IURC to vote against the electric rate increases; a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor via email to uccinfo@oucc.in.gov and Consumer Services Staff, Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, 115 W. Washington Street, Suite 1500 South, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

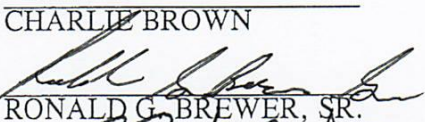

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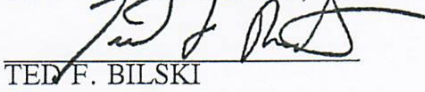

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CHRISTINE CID, President

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Transferring \$8,597.10 in the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239 to the County General Fund, Fund No. 1001

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. 26-54

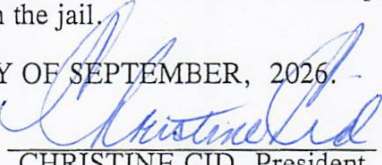
RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$8,597.10
IN THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GRANTS
FUND, FUND NO. 9239 TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, FUND NO. 1001

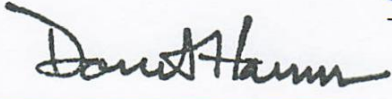
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239 has budgets for two departments, the Jail Alien Department 8002 and Sheriff's Marine Unit Grant 8001; and
- WHEREAS, that the Lake County Sheriff receives reimbursement to be deposited in the General Fund from the Department of Justice for a share of the cost of incarcerated criminal aliens; and
- WHEREAS, the sum of \$8,597.10 from the Department of Justice was inadvertently deposited in the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239; and
- WHEREAS, transfer to the General Fund from the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239 (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, Jail Alien Department 8002) reimburses the General Fund for the cost of housing aliens in the jail received from the Department of Justice; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer the sum of \$8,597.10 from the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239 to the County General Fund, Fund No. 1001 to reimburse the fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

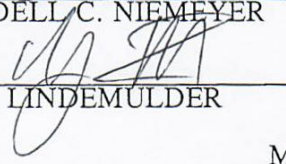
That the sum of \$8,597.10 is hereby transferred to the County General Fund, Fund No. 1001 from the Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund, Fund No. 9239, (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, Jail Alien Department 8002) to reimburse the County General Fund, Fund No. 1001 for funds received from the Department of Justice to house aliens in the jail.

SO RESOLVED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

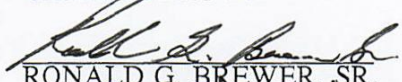

CHRISTINE CID, President

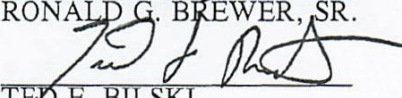

DAVID HAMM


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 Employee Benefit Withholdings Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund

Hamm 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.

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

Hamm 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. 1524A

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYEE
BENEFIT WITHHOLDINGS 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 Council desires to create an Employee Benefit Withholdings Fund, a non-reverting fund; the purpose of the fund is to hold payroll withholdings from an employee's pay and employer contributions, for later remittance to the appropriate entity; the fund will serve as a clearing fund for payroll withholdings.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Employee Benefit Withholdings Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established.

2. That the fund shall consist of all payroll deductions withheld from employee wages and salaries, including but not limited to: federal income tax, social security (FICA) and Medicare deductions, retirement and pension plan contributions, workers comp deductions, court-ordered wage garnishments, child support payments and union dues, and any other voluntary or legally mandated payroll deductions; except for health insurance deductions.

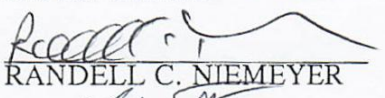
3. That the disbursements from the Fund are strictly limited to the payment and remittance of withheld amounts to the proper authorized payees, taxing entities, or third-party administrators.

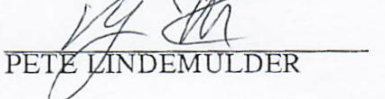
4. That money in this Fund shall not be available for discretionary appropriation or use for any other purpose by the local government unit.

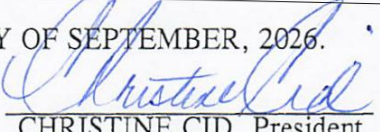
5. That any money remaining in the Fund at the end of the year shall not revert to the General Fund but continue in the Employee Benefit Withholdings Fund, subject to appropriation by the Lake County Council or as otherwise provided by law.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.


DAVID HAMM

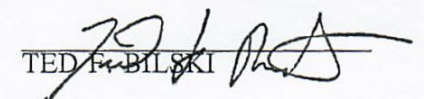

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PETE LINDEMULDER


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ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sheriff’s FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 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 on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1524B

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S
FY25 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT (JAG) 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 Department of Justice has awarded the Lake County Sheriff’s Department a grant award in the sum of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (\$142,177.00) Dollars through the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Justice’s FY25 JAG Project, “NWI Safer Communities” builds upon ongoing regional collaboration among law enforcement agencies in Lake County to enhance public safety, improve operational efficiency and strengthen community trust; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Sheriff’s grant funds shall be used to support overtime for the Lake County Drug Task Force and fund essential operational tools, including electronic surveillance technology, undercover communication services, GPS tracking devices, a currency counter for evidentiary processing, and necessary office supplies; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish the Lake County Sheriff’s FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, a non-reverting fund, for the deposit of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (\$142,177.00) Dollars from the Department of Justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Sheriff’s FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established for the deposit of One Hundred Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven (\$142,177.00) Dollars
2. That the monies received from Department of Justice shall be used for the support overtime for the Lake County Drug Task

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Homeland Security/Emergency Management Agency (1001-9304)

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Fund, Fund No. 9239, a Non-Reverting Fund and Repealing and Rescinding Ordinance No. 1232B, Ordinance Establishing Lake County Sheriff’s Department Grant Funds

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 Hamm, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Brewer 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. 1524C

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
SHERIFF’S MARINE PATROL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND,
FUND NO. 9239, A NON-REVERTING FUND
AND
REPEALING AND RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 1232B,
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING LAKE COUNTY
SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT GRANT FUNDS**

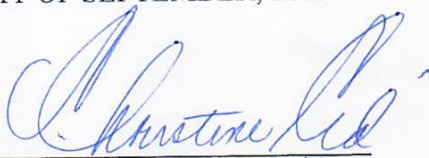
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5(b)(3), the County Council may pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the 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,** the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1232B, the Ordinance Establishing Lake County Sheriff’s Department Grants Fund on October 21, 2002 which has housed the Marine Unit Grant for several years; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Sheriff was awarded a grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources/Division of Law Enforcement titled Marine Patrol Assistance Grant to be used pursuant to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Program, 2026 Minimum Requirements; Fundable Items, A. Through K.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Fund; Fund No. 9239, a Non-Reverting Fund, for the deposit of grant funds from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources/Division of Law Enforcement Marine Patrol Assistance Grant.

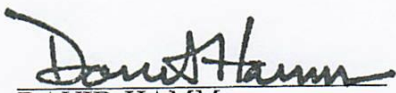
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Sheriff’s Marine Patrol Assistance Grant, Fund No. 9239, a Non-Reverting Fund, is established for the deposit of grant funds received from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement.

- 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 Lake County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Assistance Grant Fund.
- 4. That this Ordinance hereby rescinds and replaces, Ordinance No. 1232B, the Ordinance Establishing Lake County Sheriff's Department Grants Fund adopted October 21, 2002.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

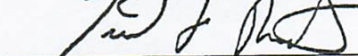

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CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1342E

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 Hamm, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Brewer 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.1524D

ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM FOR THE LAKE COUNTY JAIL FUND,
A NON-REVERTING FUND, ORDINANCE NO. 1342E

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2011, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1342E, the Ordinance Establishing the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund; and

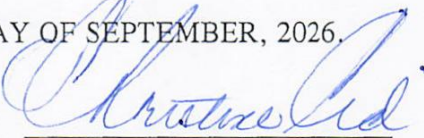
WHEREAS, that the funds received from the Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice Assistance are no longer deposited in the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund and are now deposited in the Lake County General Fund, Fund No. 1001; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to repeal and rescind the Ordinance Establishing the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund, Ordinance No. 1342E.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council now repeals and rescinds Ordinance No. 1342E, the Ordinance Establishing the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for the Lake County Jail Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund.

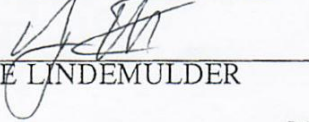
SO ORDAINED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

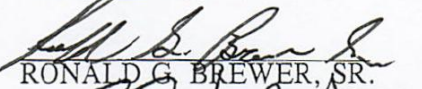


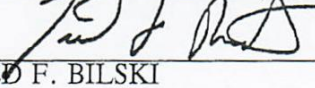
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing a Building and Construction Related Fees Fund

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.

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In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing Lake County's Dormant Fund Policy

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 Hamm, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Brewer 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. 1524F

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
LAKE COUNTY'S DORMANT FUND POLICY

- WHEREAS,** funds are considered dormant when there has been no activity or transactions for a specified period, typically three years; and
- WHEREAS,** proper management of dormant funds is crucial for compliance with Indiana State Board of Accounts; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-1-8-5 allows for any unused and unencumbered fund balance whose purpose has been fulfilled to be transferred to the General Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** it is essential to check the history of the fund to determine its source and usage before taking action; and
- WHEREAS,** if a fund is dormant and lacks transaction history, it should be closed out to the General Fund and may be utilized without restriction; and
- WHEREAS,** if a dormant grant fund has a balance, the department is directed to contact the granting agency for guidance on unused grant funds; if they do not provide guidance, the fund shall be closed out to the General Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish a Dormant Fund Policy to be utilized by all departments in Lake County Government.

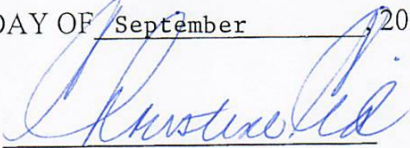
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

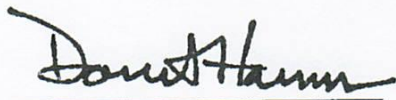
That the Lake County Council hereby establishes the following Dormant Fund Policy to be utilized by all Departments in Lake County Government:

1. Departments shall periodically review their funds to determine funds that have had no activity or transactions for three years and have either a negative, positive or zero cash balance; and, forward the information to the Lake County Council to be placed on the agenda to be declared dormant.
2. That if the dormant fund has been created by ordinance, the ordinance shall be repealed and rescinded.
3. That once declared dormant and if the fund has a balance it shall be closed out to the General Fund; if a grant fund falls under the criteria for a dormant fund and the dormant grant fund has a balance, the department is directed to contact the granting agency for guidance

on unused grant funds; if they do not provide guidance, the funds shall be closed out to the General Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th DAY OF September 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

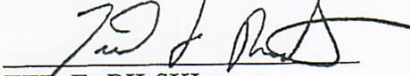

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There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved and seconded that this Council does now adjourn, to meet again as required by law.

President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor