



Lake County Council
October 14, 2025
Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM
Agenda

2293 N. Main St.
Commissioners Court Room/Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Building A
Crown Point, IN 46307

1: Opening

Moment of Reflection
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call of County Council Members

County Council Secretary – Auditor’s Office

2: Minutes

September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

3: Awards/Resolutions

- A. Resolution in support of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter for being inducted into the East Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame on September 21, 2025.
- B. Congratulations to Lake County Assessor LaTonya Spearman who was named “Assessor of the Year” for Indiana’s Northwest District at the conference of the Indiana County Assessors Association.
- C. Congratulations to Lake County Surveyor Bill Emerson Jr. and the Lake County Surveyor’s office for receiving the 2025 Excellence in Stormwater Management Award from the Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM).

5: Drainage Board – 1008

(NIEMEYER, CID & BROWN)

- A. Appropriation – Drainage Improvement Fund – 1790

63160 Little Cal River Eng.	\$ 25,000.00
64520 Little Cal River Construction	\$ 2,600,065.46
Total:	<u>\$ 2,625,065.46</u>

6: Calumet Township Assessor – 2002

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61110 Officials & Administrators	\$ 20,000.00	
To: 61250 Assessor Certification		\$ 1,000.00
62110 Office Supplies		\$ 9,000.00
63190 Other Professional Service		\$ 6,000.00
63233 Travel-Lodging		\$ 2,000.00
63233 Travel-Mileage		\$ 2,000.00
Total:	\$ 20,000.00	

7: Criminal Courts – 3002

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (10-20-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-013 Probation Officer	\$ 45,548.00	\$ 42,311.00	(\$ 3,237.00)
12428-014 Probation Officer	\$ 41,459.00	\$ 37,311.00	(\$ 4,148.00)
Total(s):	\$ 87,007.00	\$ 79,622.00	(\$ 7,385.00)

8: Court Administrator – 3003

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Create New Line Item – Jury Fee's Fund – 4210

63190 Other Professional Services

B. Transfer – Jury Fee's Fund – 4210

From: 63922 Per Diem Petit Juror's	\$ 3,000.00	
To: 63190 Other Professional Service		\$ 3,000.00
Total:	\$ 3,000.00	

9: L.C. Superior Court IV – 4001

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-003 Probation Officer	\$ 77,828.00	\$ 45,548.00	(\$ 32,280.00)
Total(s):	\$ 77,828.00	\$ 45,548.00	(\$ 32,280.00)

10: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 1 – 4002

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-002 Probation Officer	\$ 58,473.00	\$ 42,311.00	(\$ 16,162.00)
Total(s):	<u>\$ 58,473.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,311.00</u>	<u>(\$ 16,162.00)</u>

11: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 – 4004

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Appropriation – Problem-Solving Sup. Vet Court Fund – 9446

61190 Part-Time	\$ 3,150.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 242.00
Total:	<u>\$ 3,392.00</u>

B. Create New Line Item – LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund – 8420

62110 Office Supplies

C. Transfer – LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund – 8420

From: 63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 4.35	
To: 62110 Office Supplies		\$ 4.35
Total:	<u>\$ 4.35</u>	

12: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee

1. Indiana Supreme Court Administration – FY2026 Lake County CASA Program-Capacity Building Grant – Renewal Application.
2. Indiana Supreme Court Administration – FY2026 Lake County CASA Program-Matching Grant – Renewal Application.

13: Planning Commission – 5004

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Planning Commission Ordinances

1. Ordinance No. 2591 – Doug Lottes, Owner, Nathan vis, Petitioner, 9/17/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 7-0).
2. Ordinance No. 2592 – Mike Schilling, Owner, Mike Skurka, Petitioner, 9/17/2025, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 7-0).

14: County Highway – 7002

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Ordinance Petitions for Establishment and Posting of Stop Signs

Northbound Burr Street to Stop for 113th Avenue

Southbound Burr Street to Stop for 113th Avenue

15: County Highway Fund – 7003

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Highway Department to pay outstanding 2024 invoices/debts from the 2025 budget.

16: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Create New Line Items – Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant Fund – 9275

61100 Overtime

61110 Officials & Administrators

B. Appropriation – Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant Fund – 9275

61100 Overtime	\$	53,000.00
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61110 Officials & Administrators	\$	7,950.00
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Total:	\$	<u>60,950.00</u>
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C. Create New Line Item – Sheriff's FY25 SAFE Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund – 9330

62410 Other Supplies

D. Appropriation – Sheriff's FY25 SAFE Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund – 9330

62410 Other Supplies	\$	3,090.00
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Total:	\$	<u>3,090.00</u>
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17: Prosecutor – 9001

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Resolution

Resolution to approve transfer of \$3,279.65 from the Lake County Prosecutor's non-reverting R.I.C.O. Fund, Fund No. 4141-9001 to the V.A.W. Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 9335-9001.

18: Criminal Div. Public Defender – 9002

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 63190 Other Professional Service	\$	6,000.00	
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To: 62110 Office Supplies		\$	6,000.00
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Total:	\$	<u>6,000.00</u>
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19: Fairgrounds – 9201

(NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$ 3,115.00	
To: 61190 Part-Time		\$ 3,115.00
Total:	\$ 3,115.00	

20: Parks & Recreation – 9203

(NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Veterans Memorial Parkway Trail-Phase I Broadway Bridge Engineering – Group I-CMAQ – New Grant Application.

21: Commissioners/Lake County 911 – 9305

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – E911 Operating Fund – 1014

From: 61140 Protective Services	\$ 281,000.00	
61210 Longevity-Deduction	\$ 4,000.00	
61237 Differential Pay	\$ 18,000.00	
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 11,000.00	
63150 Consultant Fees	\$ 133,000.00	
To: 61100 Overtime		\$ 281,000.00
62230 Clothing		\$ 11,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.		\$ 125,000.00
63995 Other Services & Charges		\$ 30,000.00
Total:	\$ 447,000.00	

22: HVAC – 9312

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Government HVAC Department to pay an outstanding 2024 invoice/debt from the 2025 budget.

23: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Ordinance

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

24: Hammond & Gary Courthouses – 9302

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001

63510 Utilities \$ 1,200,000.00

Total: \$ 1,200,000.00

B. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61180 Service/Maintenance \$ 26,000.00
To: 61190 Part-Time \$ 26,000.00

Total: \$ 26,000.00

25: Government Center – 9303

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61170 Skilled Craft Workers \$ 42,000.00
61180 Service/Maintenance \$ 19,792.00
To: 61190 Part-Time \$ 61,792.00

Total: \$ 61,792.00

26: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Interlocal Governmental Agreement

Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the River Forest Community School Corporation and Lake County, Indiana for equipment and improvements for River Forest High School Athletics in Hobart Township, Lake County, Indiana.

B. Resolution

Resolution permitting the Lake County Commissioners to pay outstanding 2024 invoices/debts from the 2025 budget.

C. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61330 PERF-Deduction (\$ 1,200,000.00)

Total: (\$ 1,200,000.00)

D. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61160 Office & Clerical \$ 40,000.00
63958 Public Transportation \$ 60,000.00
To: 61350 Unemployment Comp.-Ded. \$ 60,000.00
63220 Postage \$ 40,000.00

Total: \$ 100,000.00

A. Ordinance (CID)

Ordinance repealing and rescinding Ordinance No. 1451B adopted on October 13, 2020, the Ordinance establishing the Lake County Council as the Lake County Purchasing Agency pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3).

B. Interlocal Governmental Agreement(s)

Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of New Chicago, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for the design, remodeling and operation of a municipal facility for the Town of New Chicago to carry out its duties and responsibilities under Indiana Law.

C. Citizen Appointments1. **County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**

- County Ordinance 1337A (7/12/2011)
- The County Council shall appoint (8) eight members to a (2) two year term;** (1) one survivor of domestic violence, (1) one domestic violence direct service provider agency, (1) one representative of law enforcement from the area served by the review team, (1) one Prosecuting Attorney or designee of the Prosecuting Attorney residing in Lake County, (1) one expert in the field of forensic pathology or Coroner/Deputy Coroner, (1) one medical practitioner with expertise in domestic violence, (1) one Judge who hears civil or criminal cases, and (1) one employee of a Child Protective Services Agency.
- The County Council may appoint (11) eleven additional members;** (1) one member of the clergy, (1) one representative from a Lake County Government Agency, (1) one representative from the Lake County Health Department, (1) one representative from the Lake County Bar Association, (1) one Defense Attorney, **(1) one educator**, (1) one Lake County Probation Officer, (1) one representative from the business community, (1) one Lake County Animal Control Officer, (1) one Attorney who represents victims of domestic violence, and (1) one provider of a Batter's Intervention Program.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment Due</u>
Educator:			
Andrea Graciano	October 10, 2023	2 Years	October 2025

2. **Library Boards**

- Indiana Code §§ 36-12-2-9, 36-12-2-18, and 2-14-2.5-6
- (1) One member appointed by the County Council of the county in which the library district is located.
- The Board typically meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Office, located at 1919 W. 81st Avenue in Merrillville, unless otherwise noted.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment Due</u>
Lowell:	(Filled Unexpired Term)		
Daniel Fagen	April 11, 2023	4 Years	October 2025

Public Comments:

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