



Lake County Council

November 18, 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 4, 2025

September 16, 2025

October 14, 2025

October 14, 2025

Budget Workshop

First Reading

Regular Meeting

Second Reading

3: Awards/Resolutions

- A. Resolution designating November as national Hospice and Palliative Care Month and recognizing Hospice Of The Calumet Area.
- B. Resolution honoring the Hobart High School JROTC Raiders for capturing Individual Team Titles and the Overall Team Title at the 2025 Indiana Raiders State Championships. (BILSKI)
- C. Resolution recognizing Tom Clark and the Lake County Veterans Museum in honor of Veterans Day. (CID)

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter on being inducted into the East Chicago Athletic Hall of Fame on September 21, 2025.
- B. Congratulations to Council Office employee Carol Cody on being named Volunteer of the Year by The Blind Social Center of Gary.

5: Auditor – 1002

(HAMM, BROWN & CID)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance establishing the Auditor's SRF Construction Fund. (For the purpose of tracking SRF Construction activity)

6: Surveyor – 1006

(NIEMEYER, CID & BROWN)

A. Transfer – Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund – 1167

From: 63620 Equipment Repair	\$	8,500.00	
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$	10,000.00	
To: 63190 Other Professional Service			\$ 18,500.00
Total:	\$	<u>18,500.00</u>	

B. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Office of Technology – IGIO Sowing Enriched and Enhanced Datasets (SEED) – Lake County
Indiana Address Point and Centerline Cleanup Project – New Grant Application

7: Criminal Courts – 3002

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (11-24-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-005 Probation Officer	\$ 60,607.00	\$ 40,548.00	(\$ 20,059.00)
Total(s):	\$ <u>60,607.00</u>	\$ <u>40,548.00</u>	(\$ <u>20,059.00</u>)

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

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (11-2-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-003 Probation Officer	\$ 50,669.00	\$ 56,628.00	\$ 5,959.00
Total(s):	\$ <u>50,669.00</u>	\$ <u>56,628.00</u>	\$ <u>5,959.00</u>

B. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61120 Professionals	\$	5,187.00	
63232 Travel-Meals	\$	1,200.00	
63233 Travel-Lodging	\$	1,600.00	
63234 Travel Trans/Other	\$	400.00	
63235 Travel-Mileage	\$	1,200.00	
To: 61190 Part-Time			\$ 4,400.00
63190 Other Professional Service			\$ 5,187.00
Total:	\$	<u>9,587.00</u>	

9: Juvenile Court – 4005

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 63995 Other Services & Charges	\$	12,000.00	
To: 62220 Garage & Motors			\$ 5,000.00
62230 Clothing			\$ 2,000.00
62410 Other Supplies			\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$	12,000.00	

B. Transfer – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund – 9345

From: 63995 Other Services & Charges	\$	157.19	
To: 62410 Other Supplies			\$ 157.19
Total:	\$	157.19	

C. Transfer – LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund – 9355

From: 63995 Other Services & Charges	\$	4,000.00	
To: 62410 Other Supplies			\$ 4,000.00
Total:	\$	4,000.00	

10: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F, establishing pay increases for five positions and creating one new position in the Lake County Juvenile CASA Department (4006).

B. Create New Line Item – County General Fund – 1001

61130 Technicians

C. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001 **WITHDRAWN**

61120 Professionals	\$	33,034.00	
61130 Technicians	\$	4,614.00	
Total:	\$	37,648.00	

D. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61190 Part-Time	\$	35,000.00	
To: 61120 Professional			\$ 30,000.00
61130 Technicians			\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$	35,000.00	

11: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – Sheriff’s Firearm Training Fund – 1125

64490 Other Equipment	\$ 7,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

B. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61140 Protective Services	\$ 60,000.00	
61236 Lateral Pay	\$ 40,000.00	
To: 61100 Overtime		\$ 20,000.00
61120 Professionals		\$ 40,000.00
61130 Technicians		\$ 40,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	

C. Transfer – LC Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Fund – 9275

From: 61110 Official & Administrators	\$ 7,950.00	
To: 61100 Overtime		\$ 7,950.00
Total:	<u>\$ 7,950.00</u>	

12: Jail – 8002

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61140 Protective Services	\$ 30,000.00	
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	
62260 Jail Inmate Clothing Allowance	\$ 20,000.00	
63188 Employment Testing	\$ 5,000.00	
To: 61270 Holiday Pay		\$ 30,000.00
63190 Other Professional Service		\$ 30,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	

13: Prosecutor – 9001

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

A. Transfer – Pre-Trial Diversion Fund – 7135

From: 61160 Office & Clerical	\$ 10,000.00	
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	\$ 10,000.00	
To: 61190 Part-Time		\$ 20,000.00
Total:	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	

B. Ordinance

Ordinance repealing and rescinding Ordinance No. 1435B, the Ordinance creating The Prosecutor’s Violence Against Women Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 335-0800, A Non-Reverting Fund (N/K/A Fund No. 9335-9001).

14: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Transfer – County Health Fund – 1105

From: 61150 Paraprofessionals	\$ 28,000.00	
To: 61110 Official & Administrators		\$ 28,000.00
Total:	\$ 28,000.00	

B. Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee

1. Lake County OPIOID Settlement Fund - Engage 360: Building Bridges – New Grant Application
2. Lake County OPIOID Settlement Fund - Engage 360: Youth Empowerment – New Grant Application
3. Indiana Department of Health – Injury Prevention – Water Safety & Drowning Prevention – New Grant Application
4. Indiana Department of Health – Injury Prevention – Autism Elopement Kits – New Grant Application

C. Revised 144 – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Fund – 1161

<u>Effective (11-3-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12611-001 Information Technology Technician	\$ 84,179.00	\$ 65,000.00	(\$ 19,179.00)
Total(s):	\$ 84,179.00	\$ 65,000.00	(\$ 19,179.00)

15: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Create New Line Item – CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund – 4012

63830 Matching Funds

B. Appropriation – CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund – 4012

63830 Matching Funds	\$ 50,000.00
Total:	\$ 50,000.00

C. Resolution NO ACTION

~~Resolution terminating the Interlocal Agreement by and between Lake County, Indiana and the City of East Chicago concerning the distribution of certain local Public Health revenues.~~

D. Ordinance

Ordinance recommending the approval of the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority Tax Rate, Tax Levy, and Proposed Budget for 2026, As Submitted.

E. Citizen Appointments

1. **County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team**

- County Ordinance 1337A. The County Council **shall** appoint **(8) eight members** to a (2) two year term; survivor of domestic violence, domestic violence direct service provider agency, local law enforcement representative, Prosecuting Attorney or designee residing in Lake County, **a forensic pathology expert or Coroner/Deputy Coroner**, a domestic violence medical practitioner, a civil or criminal Judge, and a Child Protective Services Agency employee.

Forensic Pathologist/Coroner/Deputy Coroner:

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
David Pastrick	November 14, 2023	2 Years	November 2025

2. **Alcohol Beverage Board**

- I.C. 7.1-2-4-1
- One member is appointed by the County Council contingent upon Democratic/Republican board make-up. Qualifications are as follows: Shall be 21 years of age or older, shall have been a bona fide resident in Lake County for at least (5) five years, shall never have been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States, shall be of good moral character. No more than (2) two of the (4) four members shall be of the same political party. No member may hold another lucrative public office or employment.
- When make-up of board is not lawfully constituted, the Council must make (2) two appointments. Thus (2) two appointments were made in 1989.
- Appointments are to be made on or before January 1st of each year.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
David Innes	November 12, 2024	1 Year	November 2025

F. Department 1002-Auditor - Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

(Item added to agenda during the meeting at the request of Council Member Dave Hamm.)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12306-001 Comptroller of Finance	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 1.00	(\$167,999.00)
Total(s):	<u>\$ 168,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>(\$167,999.00)</u>

G. Discussion/Action Item

(Item added to agenda during the meeting at the request of Council Member Randell Niemeyer)

Eliminate all vacant positions that are not covered under collective bargaining agreements from January 1, 2025 and back.

For the Record: A press release and the Lake County Organizational Needs Report was submitted into the public record during the meeting by Council Member Randell C. Niemeyer.

Public Comments:

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