



Lake County Council

January 13, 2026

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

December 9, 2025

Regular Meeting

3: Reorganization

A. President

B. Vice-President

4: Awards/Resolutions

- A. Resolution recognizing Robby Ballentine a Finalist for the 2025 William V. Campbell Trophy. (NIEMEYER)
- B. Resolution honoring the Andrean High School Football Team IHSAA Class 2A State Football Champions. (BILSKI)
- C. Resolution recognizing January as National Blood Donor Month.

5: Acknowledgments/Announcements

- A. Congratulations to Lake County Prosecutor Bernard Carter for receiving the Powell-Feller Award, the highest distinction bestowed by the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (IPAC). (CID)

6: Hobart Township Assessor – 2004

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Ordinance

Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reorganizing positions in the Hobart Township Assessor's office (1001-2004).

B. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61190 Part-Time	\$ 10,120.00
To: 61130 Technicians	\$ 5,850.00
61160 Office & Clerical	\$ 4,270.00
	Total: \$ 10,120.00

7: Criminal Courts – 3002

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (01-11-2026)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-010 Probation Officer	\$ 59,642.00	\$ 65,459.00	\$ 5,817.00
12428-013 Probation Officer	\$ 42,311.00	\$ 45,548.00	\$ 3,237.00
12428-014 Probation Officer	\$ 37,311.00	\$ 40,548.00	\$ 3,237.00
Total(s):	\$ 139,264.00	\$ 151,555.00	\$ 12,291.00

B. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001

61120 Professionals	\$ 12,291.00
Total:	\$ 12,291.00

8: L.C. Superior Court IV – 4001

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Create New Line Items – Sup. Court IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court Fund – 9426

63231 Travel-Registration
63920 Food & Lodging

B. Appropriation – Sup. Court IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court Fund – 9426

62410 Other Supplies	\$ 2,300.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 7,000.00
63231 Travel-Registration	\$ 1,000.00
63235 Travel-Mileage	\$ 1,000.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$ 700.00
Total:	\$ 12,000.00

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

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61120 Professionals	\$ 31,122.00	
To: 63190 Other Professional Service		\$ 31,122.00
	Total:	\$ 31,122.00

B. Create New Line Item – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – 2143

63190 Other Professional Service

C. Appropriation – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – 2143

63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 30,000.00
	Total:
	\$ 30,000.00

10: Juvenile Court – 4005

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

<u>Effective (12-15-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12560-001 Intensive Probation Supervisor	\$ 86,719.00	\$ 61,628.00	(\$ 25,091.00)
11238-001 Referee	\$ 91,662.00	\$ 98,662.00	\$ 7,000.00
Total(s):	\$ 178,381.00	\$ 160,290.00	(\$ 18,091.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund – 9345

61290 Supplemental Pay	(\$ 24,000.00)
61320 FICA-Deduction	(\$ 1,836.00)
61330 PERF-Deduction	(\$ 3,408.00)
63232 Travel-Meals	(\$ 325.00)
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	(\$ 1,950.00)
63235 Travel-Mileage	(\$ 125.00)
63310 Printing	(\$ 500.00)
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	(\$ 100.00)
63920 Food & Lodging	(\$ 700.00)
63995 Other Services & Charges	(\$ 2,452.00)
Total:	(\$ 35,396.00)

C. Appropriation – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund – 9345

62410 Other Supplies	\$ 1,700.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$ 33,696.00
Total:	\$ 35,396.00

10: Juvenile Court – 4005 **Continued**

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

D. Appropriation Reduction – LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund – 9355

63233 Travel-Lodging	(\$ 700.00)
63234 Travel-Tans/Other	(\$ 1,300.00)
63235 Trans Mileage	(\$ 300.00)
63995 Other Services & Charges	(\$ 2,000.00)
Total:	(\$ 4,300.00)

E. Appropriation – LC Superior Court Juvenile Mental Health Problem Solving Court Grant Fund – 9355

62410 Other Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
63231 Travel-Registration	\$ 300.00
Total:	\$ 5,300.00

11: Juvenile Detention Center – 8003

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Revised 144 – LC R.D.F. For Juveniles Fund – 4392

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-002 Supplemental Pay	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Total(s):	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00

B. Appropriation – LC R.D.F. For Juveniles Fund – 4392

61290 Supplemental Pay	\$ 6,000.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 852.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$ 459.00
Total:	\$ 7,311.00

12: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

A. Ordinances

1. Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, creating five new positions in the Lake County Juvenile CASA Department (1001-4006).
2. Ordinance amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, reducing the salary for five positions in the Lake County Juvenile CASA Department (1706-4006).

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

61120 Professionals

C. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001

61120 Professionals	\$ 286,253.00
Total:	\$ 286,253.00

12: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006 **Continued**

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

D. Appropriation Reduction – C.A.S.A. Fund – 1706

61120 Professionals	(\$ 286,248.00)
61330 PERF-Deduction	(\$ 1,004.00)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 145,000.00)
61360 Workman's Comp.-Deduction	(\$ 4,550.00)
Total:	(\$ 436,802.00)

E. Resolution

Resolution to approve transfer of \$126,634.26 from Lake County CASA Program's General Fund, Fund No. 1001-4006 to CASA/Guardian AD Litem Fund, Fund No. 1706-4006.

13: Planning Commission – 5004

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Planning Commission Ordinances

1. Ordinance No. 2593 – Daniel and Debra Dadlow, Owners, Daniel Dadlow, Petitioner, 12/17/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0).
2. Ordinance No. 2594 – Kleefisch Living Trust, Owner, Vis Law, LLC, Petitioner, 12/17/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0).
3. Ordinance No. 2595 – Andy James, Owner/Petitioner, 12/17/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0).
4. Ordinance No. 2596 – Charles Niementomski, Owner, Antonio Gaeta, Petitioner, 12/17/2025, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0).

14: County Highway – 7002

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Ordinance Petitions for Establishment and Posting of Stop Signs

1. Recommendation of Ordinance for Stop-Sign Installation
North Bound and South Bound County Line Road to Stop for 137th Avenue
2. Recommendation of Ordinance Petition to repeal a portion of Ordinance 1283C to No Weight Limit
Colorado Street from State Road 2 to 173rd Avenue

15: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Resolution

Resolution permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay outstanding 2023, 2024 and 2025 invoices/debts from the 2026 budget.

B. Create New Line Item – LC Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Fund – 9275

61100 Overtime

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

61100 Overtime	\$ 60,950.00
Total:	\$ 60,950.00

16: Emergency Management – 9304

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Federal Emergency Management Agency – 2026 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant – New Grant Award

17: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Create New Line Items – LC Health Dept. Autism Trauma and Injury Prevention Grant Fund – 9435

62290 Other Supplies
63310 Printing

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

62290 Other Supplies	\$ 9,000.00
63310 Printing	\$ 1,000.00
Total:	\$ 10,000.00

C. Presentation (CID)

Health First Indiana – LC Health Department Update

18: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Ordinance

A General Ordinance of Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, for the purpose of funding certain judgments and settlements entered against the County, together with expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds on account thereof, and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds for such purpose.

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement

2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Lake County Government and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 21.

B. Ordinances

1. Lake County Mileage Rate Ordinance for 2026. **Deferred December 2025**
2. a. Ordinance requiring Project Labor Agreements for projects receiving Economic Incentives. (CID) **Deferred December 2025**
 - b. An Ordinance to establish responsible business practices and submission requirements for projects receiving economic incentives from Lake County, Indiana and Rescinding, Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 1468B.

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

- County Ordinance 1337A - The County Council shall appoint (8) eight members to a (2) two year term; a **survivor of domestic violence**, a domestic violence direct service provider agency, a representative of law enforcement from the area served by the review team, the Prosecuting Attorney or designee of the Prosecuting Attorney residing in Lake County, an expert in the field of forensic pathology or Coroner/Deputy Coroner, a medical practitioner with expertise in domestic violence, a Judge who hears civil or criminal cases, and an employee of a Child Protective Services Agency.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Survivor of Domestic Violence	Shanda Hanft	January 9, 2024	2 Years	January 2026
Health Department	Currently Vacant			

2. **Lake Ridge Fire Protection District**

- I.C. 36-8-11-12
- Ordinance 1022-1 Amended 1/9/2018
- The County legislative body shall appoint a Board of Trustees, (1) one trustee from each township or part of a township contained in the district and (1) one trustee from each municipality contained in the district. If the number of trustees selected by this method is an even number, the legislative body shall appoint (1) one additional trustee so that the number of trustees is always an odd number. If the requirements of this section do not provide at least (3) three trustees, the legislative body shall make additional appointments so that there is a minimum of (3) three trustees and a total of (5) five members, qualified by knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to fire protection and related activities in the district. New appointments serve a term of (4) four years.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Tim Kuiper	January 11, 2022	4 Years	January 2026
Tanya Tribble	January 11, 2022	4 Years	January 2026

3. **Library Boards**

- I.C. 36-12-2-9, 36-12-2-18, and 2-14-2.5-6
- One member appointed by the County Council of the county in which the library district is located.

<u>District</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Lowell	Kim Peterson	January 11, 2022	4 Years	January 2026

4. **Parks & Recreations Board**

- I.C. 36-10-3-4
- (2) Two members appointed by the County Council. Members appointed shall have a knowledge and interest in parks and recreation.
- (2) Two members appointed shall be of different political affiliations. A member of the County Council may not serve.

<u>Political Affiliation</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Democrat	Mike Toth	June 11, 2024	4 Years	January 2026

Appoint in June 2024 to complete prior unexpired term

D. Citizen Nomination**1. County Economic Development Commission**

- I.C. 36-7-12-7
- The County Council shall nominate a board member for a term of (2) two years. Term runs from February 1st after original appointment for a period of (2) two years.

<u>Current Nominee</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Nicholas Triana	January 9, 2024	2 Years	January 2026

2. Economic Development Commission

- I.C. 36-7-12-9
- When a town, second or third class city establishes a Department of Economic Development, the Council shall nominate for appointment (1) one (new) member for an initial term of (1) one year. After expiration of this term, the successor shall serve a term of (4) four years if re-appointed, expiring on January 31st of each year.

<u>Town/City</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Crown Point	John Jordan	June 11, 2024	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in June 2024 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			
Gary	Jordan D. Wilson	August 9, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in August 2022 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			
Griffith	Michael Ball	April 12, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in April 2022 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			
Hobart	Debra Rockymore	January 11, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
Lowell	Manny Fausto	April 12, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in April 2022 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			
Munster	George Shinkan	July 12, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in July 2022 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			
Schererville	James Katona	April 12, 2022	4 Years	January 31, 2026
	<i>*Appointed in April 2022 to complete prior unexpired term*</i>			

E. Councilmanic Posts**1. County Plan Commission**

- I.C. 36-7-4-208(a)

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Randy Niemeyer	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Charlie Brown (Proxy)			

2. Data Processing Board

- Council Ordinance 1164A
- (2) Two Council Members and (1) One Council Administrator (Mandatory)

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Charlie Brown	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Randy Niemeyer	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Scott Schmal (Admin.)	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

3. Grant Oversight Committee

- Created 2/10/1998 by Ordinance 1176A
- A committee of (3) three council members appointed by the Council President for a (1) one year term to review all grants which require County Council approval or appropriations.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Christine Cid	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Pete Lindemulder	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Ronald G. Brewer, Sr.	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

4. Lake County Child Abuse Prevention Council

- Created 9/14/1999 by request.
- By action of the Lake County Child Abuse Prevention Council Board of Directors, new positions opened.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
David Hamm	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

5. Insurance Review Board

- Council Ordinance 992C-3
- Must consist of (1) one Council Member and (1) one Council Administrator

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
David Hamm	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Scott Schmal (Admin.)	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

6. Northwestern Indiana Regional Plan Commission (NIRPC)

- I.C. 36-7-7-4 Appointed by the County Fiscal Body.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Randy Niemeyer	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

7. Real Estate Disposal Committee

- County Council Resolution 93-21 – 9/14/1993
- The Real Estate Disposal Committee was established to obtain information concerning real estate disposal and making recommendations to the Lake County Council concerning the disposal of county real estate.
- The Disposal Committee shall consist of (2) two members of the Lake County Council and (1) one member of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, to be appointed by their respective Presidents. Each term shall be for (1) one year.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Christine Cid	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Pete Lindemulder	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

8. Solid Waste District Board

- Amended I.C. 13-21-3-5(d) Effective 4/1/12
- County fiscal body appoints (2) two members and (1) Proxy.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Christine Cid	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Pete Lindemulder	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026
Ronald G. Brewer, Sr. (Proxy)	January 14, 2025	1 Year	January 2026

F. Approval of Data Board Nominees

1. Auditor	Linda Midkiff
2. Coroner	David J. Pastrick
3. County Assessor	Jerri Floyd
4. County Clerk	Michael A. Brown
5. Lake Superior Court	John M. Sedia, Judge
6. Treasurer	Priscilla Kirrin
7. Sheriff	Commander Brad Bosse
8. Recorder	Regina M. Pimentel
9. Surveyor	Bill Emerson
10. Prosecutor	Hogir Saeed
11. County Commissioners	

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