



Lake County Council

April 14, 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

March 10, 2026

Regular Meeting

3: Awards/Resolutions

- A. Resolution proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2026 as World Autism Awareness Day.
- B. Resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

5: Recorder – 1004

(BREWER, CID & BROWN)

- A. Revised 144 – Co. Recorder's Perpetuation Fund – 1179

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-003 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 1179	\$ 15,531.00	\$ 7,655.00	(\$ 7,876.00)
Total(s):	<u>\$ 15,531.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,655.00</u>	<u>(\$ 7,876.00)</u>

6: County Assessor – 2001

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63190 Other Professional Service \$ 970,000.00

Total: \$ 970,000.00

7: Calumet Township Assessor – 2002

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61190 Part-Time (\$ 30,920.00)

Total: (\$ 30,920.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61190 Part-Time (\$ 39,000.00)

Total: (\$ 39,000.00)

8: Center Township Assessor – 2003

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61130 Technicians (\$ 45,520.00)

Total: (\$ 45,520.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61280 Seasonal Employees (\$ 17,500.00)

Total: (\$ 17,500.00)

9: Hobart Township Assessor – 2004

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61190 Part-Time (\$ 14,000.00)

Total: (\$ 14,000.00)

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61100 Overtime (\$ 8,393.00)

63190 Other Professional Service (\$ 2,000.00)

63235 Travel-Mileage (\$ 1,500.00)

Total: (\$ 11,893.00)

10: Ross Township Assessor – 2005

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

61280 Seasonal Employees	(\$	8,000.00)
61320 FICA-Deduction	(\$	612.00)
63235 Travel-Mileage	(\$	800.00)
64440 Motor Vehicles	(\$	1,000.00)
Total:	(\$	<u>10,412.00</u>)

11: St. John Township Assessor – 2006

(BILSKI, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

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

64410 Furniture & Fixtures

B. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 62110 Office Supplies	\$	300.00	
To: 64410 Furniture & Fixtures			\$ 300.00
Total:	\$	<u>300.00</u>	

C. Appropriation Reduction – County General Fund – 1001

61130 Technicians	(\$	48,766.00)
Total:	(\$	<u>48,766.00</u>)

12: Circuit Courts – 3004

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

A. Revised 144 – County General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
11409-001 Court Administrator	\$ 81,440.00	\$ 87,440.00	\$ 6,000.00
12216-001 Domestic Relations Director	\$ 77,211.00	\$ 79,461.00	\$ 2,250.00
14407-002 Court Bailiff	\$ 48,790.00	\$ 51,040.00	\$ 2,250.00
Total(s):	<u>\$ 207,441.00</u>	<u>\$ 217,941.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,500.00</u>

B. Revised 144 – Domestic Relation Counseling Bureau Fund – 4234

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-001 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 2,250.00)
39002-011 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 2,250.00)
39002-012 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 4234	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 0.00	(\$ 6,000.00)
Total(s):	<u>\$ 10,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>(\$ 10,500.00)</u>

12: Circuit Courts – 3004 **Continued**

(HAMM, BILSKI & LINDEMULDER)

C. Transfer – County General Fund – 1001

From: 61190 Part-Time	\$	10,500.00	
To: 61110 Officials & Administrators			\$ 6,000.00
61120 Professionals			\$ 2,250.00
61140 Protective Services			\$ 2,250.00
Total:		\$	<u>10,500.00</u>

13: L.C. Superior Court IV – 4001

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. 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:	\$	<u>12,000.00</u>

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

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Appropriation – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund – 2143

63190 Other Professional Service	\$	30,000.00
Total:	\$	<u>30,000.00</u>

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

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

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

62110 Office Supplies
63233 Travel/Lodging
63234 Travel/Trans
63235 Travel/Mileage

B. Appropriation – LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund – 8420

63233 Travel/Lodging	\$	1,000.00
Total:	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>

16: Juvenile Court – 4005

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Appropriation – LC Juvenile Center’s High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund – 9130

61290 Supplemental Pay	\$	2,250.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$	172.12
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$	319.50
62410 Other Supplies	\$	7,000.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$	13,200.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$	2,300.00
Total:	\$	<u>25,241.62</u>

B. Transfer – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund – 9345

From: 62410 Other Supplies	\$	500.00	
To: 63920 Food & Lodging		\$	500.00
Total:	\$	<u>500.00</u>	

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

From: 62410 Other Supplies	\$	400.00	
To: 63232 Travel-Meals		\$	1.00
63920 Food & Lodging		\$	399.00
Total:	\$	<u>400.00</u>	

D. 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:	(\$	<u>35,396.00</u>

E. Appropriation – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund – 9345

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

16: Juvenile Court – 4005 **Continued**

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

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

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

G. 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

17: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Appropriation – County General Fund – 1001

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

B. Appropriation – LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund – 9377

62240 Household & Institutional Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$ 5,000.00

C. 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)

18: LADOS Division 2 – 4009

(LINDEMULDER, HAMM & CID)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

2025/2026 Drug Free Community Fund Dollars - SAFE Grant – Grant Renewal

19: Planning Commission – 5004

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

A. Planning Commission Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2599 – Roy W. and Sandra S. Mason, Owners, John Mason, Petitioner, 3/18/2026, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0).

20: County Highway Fund – 7003

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Appropriation – County Highway Fund – 1102

64500 Construction & Reconstruction \$ 1,800,000.00

Total: \$ 1,800,000.00

21: Cumulative Bridge – 7006

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Appropriation – Cumulative Bridge Fund – 4350

63650 Cumulative Bridge Projects \$ 2,000,000.00

Total: \$ 2,000,000.00

B. Ordinance

Ordinance establishing the 2026 (CCMG) Lake County Local Roads and Bridges Matching/INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

22: Local Roads & Streets – 7007

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

A. Appropriation – Local Road & Street Fund – 1112

63715 Equipment Lease \$ 402,000.00

Total: \$ 402,000.00

23: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – Sheriff’s Grants Fund – 9239

63995 Other Services & Charges \$ 13,000.00

63620 Equipment Repair \$ 20,000.00

Total: \$ 33,000.00

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

61100 Overtime \$ 60,950.00

Total: \$ 60,950.00

24: Animal Control – 8004

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

A. Create New Line Item – LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund – 4163

63620 Equipment Repair

B. Appropriation – LC Animal Shelter Non-Reverting Fund – 4163

63620 Equipment Repair \$ 50,000.00

Total: \$ 50,000.00

25: Parks & Recreation – 9203

(NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

A. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Indiana Lake Michigan Costal Program / McNaughton Development Acquisition at the Lake Hills County Park Site – New Grant Application

B. Resolution

Resolution to approve Lake County Parks and Recreation department's transfer of \$138,937.60 from Parks & Recreation Improvements Fund, Fund No. 1107-4120 to the Next Level Trail Grant Fund, Fund No. 9450.

C. Appropriation – Park & Recreation Fund – 1107

63190 Other Professional Service \$ 100,000.00

63310 Printing \$ 15,000.00

63420 Insurance \$ 100,000.00

63510 Utilities \$ 200,000.00

64490 Other Equipment \$ 100,000.00

Total: \$ 515,000.00

26: Data Processing Agency – 9301

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation – Co. Cumulative Capital Development Fund – 1651

63995 Other Services & Charges \$ 400,000.00

Total: \$ 400,000.00

B. Appropriation Reduction – Reassessment 2015 Fund – 1337

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts (\$ 400,000.00)

Total: (\$ 400,000.00)

A. Create New Line Items – Health Department OPIOID Settlement Grant Fund – 9320

- 62110 Office Supplies
- 62230 Clothing
- 62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies
- 62290 Other Supplies
- 63190 Other Professional Service
- 63310 Printing
- 63320 Advertising
- 63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts
- 63790 Other Rental
- 63920 Food & Lodging
- 64450 Software
- 64490 Other Equipment

B. Appropriation – Health Department OPIOID Settlement Grant Fund – 9320

62110 Office Supplies	\$	500.00
62230 Clothing	\$	500.00
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$	4,000.00
62290 Other Supplies	\$	25,000.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$	5,000.00
63310 Printing	\$	5,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$	15,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$	130,000.00
63790 Other Rental	\$	5,000.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$	5,000.00
64450 Software	\$	1,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$	4,000.00
Total:	\$	<u>200,000.00</u>

C. Ordinance

Ordinance establishing the Lake County Health Department’s Donations and Sponsorships Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

D. Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Autism Elopement Kits-Geminus / Community Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grant – New Grant Application

E. Appropriation Reduction – County Health Fund – 1105

61120 Professionals	(\$ 38,219.00)
61140 Protective Services	(\$ 89,143.00)
61160 Office & Clerical	(\$ 32,212.00)
61190 Part-Time	(\$ 9,999.00)
61280 Seasonal Employees	(\$ 72,119.00)
61320 FICA-Deduction	(\$ 572.00)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 58,000.00)
61360 Workman’s Comp-Deduction	(\$ 1,820.00)
62210 Petroleum Products	(\$ 9,258.00)
62220 Garage & Motors	(\$ 1,952.00)
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	(\$ 15,403.00)
63190 Other Professional Service	(\$ 55,000.00)
63320 Advertising	(\$ 149.00)
63330 Photo/Blueprinting	(\$ 775.00)
63620 Equipment Repair	(\$ 2,750.00)
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	(\$ 1,000.00)
64490 Other Equipment	(\$ 20,909.00)
Total:	(\$ 409,280.00)

F. Appropriation – County Health Fund – 1105

61110 Official & Administrators	\$ 11,750.00
61130 Technicians	\$ 10,173.00
61150 Paraprofessionals	\$ 227,588.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$ 11,007.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 962.00
62290 Other Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
63120 Medical & Hospital Services	\$ 414.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 20,705.00
63231 Travel-Registration	\$ 1,081.00
63232 Travel-Meals	\$ 2,775.00
63233 Travel-Lodging	\$ 4,850.00
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 1,249.00
63235 Travel-Mileage	\$ 5,750.00
63310 Printing	\$ 40,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$ 2,337.00
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 4,000.00
64450 Software	\$ 46,878.00
Total:	\$ 396,519.00

G. Appropriation Reduction – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

61150 Paraprofessionals	(\$ 193,338.00)
61210 Longevity-Deduction	(\$ 180.00)
61290 Supplemental Pay	(\$ 19,263.72)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 348,000.00)
61360 Workman’s Comp-Deduction	(\$ 10,920.00)
62110 Office Supplies	(\$ 11,000.00)
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	(\$ 176,825.00)
63231 Travel-Registration	(\$ 1,000.00)
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	(\$ 9,999.00)
Total:	(\$ 770,525.72)

H. Appropriation – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

61120 Professionals	\$ 30,821.00
61140 Protective Services	\$ 118,062.00
61160 Office & Clerical	\$ 46,947.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 9,232.00
61330 PERF-Deduction	\$ 17,129.00
62230 Clothing	\$ 2,100.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 7,000.00
63234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 350.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$ 54,000.00
64450 Software	\$ 7,500.00
Total:	\$ 293,141.00

I. Appropriation – Health Maintenance Fund – 1153

61190 Part-Time	\$ 5,000.00
61280 Seasonal Employees	\$ 20,000.00
61320 FICA-Deduction	\$ 2,175.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$ 8,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$ 6,000.00
Total:	\$ 46,175.00

J. 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

28: Health Department – 9311

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

A. Appropriation Reduction – Health Dept. Tobacco Settlement Fund – 1296

61140 Protective Services	(\$ 57,504.00)
61340 Group Insurance-Deduction	(\$ 29,000.00)
61360 Workman’s Comp.-Deduction	(\$ 910.00)
Total:	(\$ 87,414.00)

29: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Interlocal Governmental Agreement

Amended Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for Howe Park and Gleason Club House improvements located in City of Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

30: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

A. Resolution

Resolution amending Resolution No. 21-33, The Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds.

B. Ordinance

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1459C, The Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds.

C. Interlocal Governmental Agreements

1. Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Gary and Lake County, Indiana for the Gary Graffiti Removal Task Force located in Lake County, Indiana. (BROWN)
2. Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Hammond and Lake County, Indiana for the Cameron Street Light Project located in Lake County, Indiana. (CID)
3. Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of Lowell, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for Route 2 traffic lights improvements and fire department equipment. (NIEMEYER)
4. Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Tri-Creek School Corporation and Lake County, Indiana to purchase a school bus in Lake County, Indiana. (NIEMEYER)

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