

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in special session at this time, for the purpose of considering First Reading for the 2023 Budgets. 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 Ted Bilski, President, David Hamm, Charlie Brown, Daniel Dernulc, Christine Cid, Christian Jorgensen and Alfredo Menchaca County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell, County Council Attorney.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to approve Veterans Department General Fund budget as requested, excluding salaries. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Menchaca, to approve Police General Fund job title change from Fleet Manager to Chief Mechanic with a salary of \$57,368. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to approve Police General Fund job title changes for positions 050017703001 and 050017703002 from Mechanic to Certified Mechanic with a salary of \$48,000. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Menchaca, to set base salaries to a minimum of 30k for all full-time positions eligible for County benefits in levy funds, except position 403012427001 and positions receiving supplemental pay which results in a total salary greater than 30k. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to approve Fund 196 Auditor, Prosecutor, Prosecutor IV-D Zero Budget for all line items and appropriate the line items in the General Fund using amounts approved by the Council action taken on 9/8/2022. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to approve Fund 196 Fairgrounds Zero Budget for all line items and appropriate the line items in the Cumulative Capital fund using the amounts approved by the Council action taken on 9/8/2022. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to transfer all 400 series appropriations from the General Fund to the Cumulative Cap Fund 651 and leaving \$1 in the 400 series General Fund line items. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Brown asked why was this transfer being made.

Scott: We are reorganizing the usage of our Cum Cap. Historically, Cum Cap has been consumed entirely by our Data Department and the cost in our Data Department are now exceeding the amount we can levy in Cum Cap and there's a portion of that Data Department spend that we should have in the General Fund versus the Cum Cap Fund. So, effectively what we've done at the last meeting is we moved out the Data Department spend that should be in the General Fund and when we freed up those dollars we also identified qualifying cum cap line items in our General Fund and this motion shifts those qualifying line items into Cum Cap. So now, Cum Cap is purely being used in the correct use for capital items only.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Menchaca, to appropriate 2k in 43235 Mileage line item for Sheriff/Police in Fund 286. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Menchaca, to appropriate \$600 in 43231 Registration, \$2,000 in 43232 Meals, \$600 in 43233 Lodging, \$600 in 43234 Trans/Other, and \$600 in 43235 Mileage line items in Fund 286 for the Coroners' Department 0700. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to appropriate \$4,500 in 43231 Registration, \$2,625 in 43232 Meals, \$5,750 in 43233 Lodging, \$1,500 in 43234 Trans/Other, and \$2,000 in 43235 Mileage line items in Fund 286 for the County Assessors' Department 0900. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Cid, to appropriate \$2,000 in 43231 Registration, \$1,000 in 43232 Meals, \$2,000 in 43233 Lodging, \$1,000 in 43234 Trans/Other, and \$1,500 in 43235 Mileage line items in Fund 286 for the Commissioners Department 2900. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to appropriate \$4,000 in 43231 Registration, \$3,000 in 43232 Meals, \$10,000 in 43233 Lodging, \$3,000 in 43234 Trans/Other, and \$2,000 in 43235 Mileage line items in Fund 286 for the Council Department 3700. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

Cid made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to increase salary for position 11409001 Court Administrator by \$40,000 to make it whole at \$79,210 in Dept 3910 General Fund 1001.

Jorgensen: I still have not yet spoken to Marty or Chief Judge Sedia on the issue. I sent a message out to discuss the issue with them and I haven't heard. In fact, the information that we sought, he refused to provide and Judge Sedia agreed we were entitled to, wasn't sent until late on Thursday right Tom?

O'Donnell: It was mailed to my private office post marked on the 8th.

Jorgensen: So, we still have second reading and plenty of opportunity, but the issue hasn't been resolved as far as I'm concerned.

Bilski: So, the issue is still not resolved?

Jorgensen: Correct.

Brown: It can be reversed at a later point?

Jorgensen: Of course.

Dernulc: I think trying to make this position whole is fine but I think Jorgensen brings up a point that he does need to talk to the Chief Judge and the Court Administrator. I would ask that we table this until the next time we meet. And hopefully Jorgensen, I would ask that if you don't hear from them, you reach out to them and see if you could talk to them. Again, we have ample time to get this issue resolved.

Jorgensen: My position is well. There is ample time and it is actually the departments responsibility to reach out. Especially after we've had a situation and I've asked for that kind of information to be provided and for him to reach out to me. So, this next time it could be you Charlie or you Councilwoman Cid with any of your departments. I just happen to chair this one. I think it sets a bad precedent to go ahead and vote without the appropriate information and the appropriate communication between department heads.

Bilski: Tom he asked for it in writing and the minutes are done from that last meeting. That's writing enough with formal request at a public meeting and they pretty much said no were not giving it to you.

O'Donnell: I actually did put it in writing. I put it in to Judge Sedia after our meeting. Judge Sedia instructed, by a later return email, to produce the documents and now they've been received.

Cid: Mr. Jorgensen, there has been many times that I have not received information instantly upon request. But I would never, personally, send a message like cutting the salary of an employee. I think that is improper. Its not the way to handle business here in the county.

Jorgensen: As I've said before, you are entitled to your opinion and I believe respect begets respect. If you don't demand it, if you don't keep people accountable for what it is and we are the appropriating body then that's your business with your department. It's not how I'm going to conduct my department as chair person. So respectfully, I disagree with you.

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to table Cid's motion. Majority voted yes. Hamm, Brown and Cid voted no. Motion to table carried 4-yes, 3,no.

In the Matter of Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levies (OR-1)

Cid made the motion, seconded by Dernulc, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Ordinance for Appropriations, Forms 4A and 4B (OR-2)

Menchaca made the motion, seconded by Jorgensen, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Salary Ordinance for 2023 (OR-3)

Brown made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Longevity Ordinance for 2023 (OR-4)

Dernulc made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Sheriff Clothing Allowance Ordinance (OR-5)

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Cid, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Per Diem Expense Ordinance for 2023 (OR-6)

Cid made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of 2023 Budget - Binding Recommendations/Ordinances Lake Ridge Fire (OR-7)

Menchaca made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

In the Matter of 2023 Budget - Binding Recommendations/Ordinances Lake County Solid Waste (OR-8)

Cid made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve on First Reading only. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 7-0.

Scott: Our budget is officially balanced for 2023 but we still have time to make changes between now and the second reading.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Cid, to cancel all budget workshop meetings up until October 6 at 1pm. Majority voted yes. Motion the cancel September 22nd, September 27th, September 29th and October 4th carried 7-0.

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:

John E. Petalas,
Lake County Auditor