

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 Budgets for Year 2024, 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 Presiding Chair Christine Cid, David Hamm, Clorius Lay, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys. President Charlie Brown was absent.

In the Matter of Public Hearings for the Budget Year 2024

Schmal – I did send out a sixteen-line statement to the council via email. In that sixteen-line statement, it reflected a budget of all requested money that totals to about 186 million dollars maximum levy of the request dollars. Our total max levy usable is 192 million dollars. So, theoretically, would could approve everybody's requested budget and move on but that would be unwise because you're going to eat into surplus that you won't have available and then next year you're going to be in a situation where you're cutting to sustain that. That being said, I think we're going to have to look at starting with the 2023 budget because that's the last known number that we can trust at this point in time. Last year we started with 2021 actuals. We could use 2022 actuals however, it feels like 2023 is going to be a better trustworthy number to use at this point jumping off to build a budget. All in all, I think the overall financial health of the county is probably better than it's ever been. We should be able to afford some raises and some strategic budget increases here and there if need be but there is that challenge with the cash balances and getting comfortable with how accurate those are. To the extent, those sway one way or another, ten percent either way, and that could cause us to make changes in the budget as we go so we'll have to keep that in mind. We could be simplistic now and strategic later once we have a comfortable starting point for cash balances.

The following budgets were presented:

- 1001 Clerk
- 1002 Auditor
- 1003 Treasurer
- 1004 Recorder
- 8001 Sheriff
- 1006 Surveyor
- 1008 Drainage Board
- 1007 Coroner's Office
- 9001 Prosecutor
- 9003 Prosecutor IV-D
- 2001 County Assessor
- 2007 Property Tax Board of Appeals
- 2002 Calumet Twp. Assessor
- 2003 Center Twp. Assessor
- 2004 Hobart Twp. Assessor
- 2005 Ross Township Assessor
- 2006 St. John Township Assessor
- 5001 Combined Elect & Registration
- 5002 Cooperative Extension Service
- 5004 Planning Commission
- 5006 Soil & Water Conservation
- 5003 Veteran Service
- 5005 Weights & Measure
- 6002 Lake County Commissioners
- 9305 Commissioners/Lake County E911
- 9308 Human Resources Department
- 9201 Fairgrounds
- 7001 Public Works
- 9302 Hammond & Gary Courthouses
- 9303 Government Center
- 9312 HVAC
- 8002 Jail
- 8004 Animal Control
- 9304 Emergency Mgmt
- 9310 Emergency Planning
- 9301 Data Processing
- 6001 County Council
- 3004 Circuit Courts
- 3001 Superior Court Civil

3003 Court Administrator
4007 IV-D Court
3002 Criminal Courts
9002 Criminal Div. Public Defender
4002 Lake Sup Crt-County Div.-Rm 1
4008 LADOS Division 1
4003 Lake Sup Crt-County Div.-Rm 2
4009 LADOS Division 2
4004 Lake Sup Crt-County Div. Rm 3
4001 L C Superior Court IV
4005 Juvenile Court
4006 Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A.
8003 Juvenile Detention Center
7002 County Highway
7004 Gen. Undistributed Motor Exp.
7005 Motor Vehicle
7003 Highway Fund
7006 Cumulative Bridge
7007 Local Roads & Streets
9306 Health Department
9311 Health Dept./Tobacco Settlement
9202 Division of Planning & Natural Resources
9203 Parks & Recreation
9204 Administrative Services
9307 Economic Development
8006-8011 JAG Departments (Year 2017-2022)
Regional Mental Health
Edgewater Mental Health
LC Solid Waste
Lake Ridge Fire

No action was taken by the Council during this meeting.

The next budget workshop will be on Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 .P.M.

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:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor