

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in regular session at this time, for the purpose of considering additional appropriations, 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 Charlie Brown, President, David Hamm, Clorius Lay, Charlie Brown, Pete Lindemulder, Christine Cid, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys.

In the Matter of Minutes – December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting; December 21, 2023 Special Meeting

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Reorganization – President

Nominations were opened.

Niemeyer nominated Christine Cid.

Hamm nominated Ted Bilski.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to close nominations.

Majority voted to nominate Cid. Hamm, Lay and Bilski voted to nominate Bilski.

Motion to nominate Councilwoman Christine Cid as president carried 4-3.

In the Matter of Reorganization – Vice-President

Nominations were opened.

Niemeyer made the motion nominate Councilman Charlie Brown.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Lay, to nominate Councilman Dave Hamm.

Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to close nominations.

Majority voted to nominate Hamm. Cid and Niemeyer and Brown voted to nominate Brown.

Motion to nominate Councilman David Hamm carried 4-3.

ORDINANCE #1491

Section 1. Be It Ordained by the County Council of Lake County, IN., that for the expenses of the County Government and its institutions, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein appropriated, and shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

	Appropriation Requested	Appropriated
	Clerk's Records Perpetuation Fund 1194	
<u>Clerk 1001</u> 62230 Clothing	\$25,000.00	Postponed to 2/13/2024
	County General Fund 1001	
<u>Coroner's Office 1007</u> 61110 Official & Administrators	\$2,520.00	Postponed to 2/13/2024 “”
61150 Paraprofessionals	\$85,378.00	
61160 Office & Clerical	\$3,580.00	

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005

61290 Supplemental Pay	\$1,000.00	Postponed to
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$76.00	2/13/2024
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$146.00	“”
63234 Trans/Other	\$1,100.00	“”

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005 – Reduction

62110 Office Supplies	-\$1,500.00	Postponed to
62410 Other Supplies	-\$300.00	2/13/2024
63231 Travel – Registration	-\$2,100.00	“”
63232 Travel – Meals	-\$1,200.00	“”
63233 Travel – Lodging	-\$2,400.00	“”
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$400.00	“”
63310 Printing	-\$500.00	“”
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	-\$120.00	“”
63920 Food & Lodging	-\$1,500.00	“”
63995 Other Services & Charges	-\$9,500.00	“”

LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Juvenile Court 4005

63231 Travel – Registration	\$1,590.00	Postponed to
63232 Travel – Meals	\$500.00	2/13/2024
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$1,160.00	“”
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$1,750.00	“”
64490 Other Equipment	\$2,500.00	“”

County General Fund 1001

IV-D Court 4007

63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$9,000.00	NO ACTION
-------------------------------	------------	------------------

Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297

IV-D Court 4007

61160 Office & Clerical	\$3,460.00	Postponed to
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$20,000.00	2/13/2024
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$1,795.00	“”
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$3,331.00	“”
63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$750.00	“”

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161

Health Dept. 9306

61120 Professionals	\$80,170.00	Postponed to
61140 Protective Services	\$246,939.00	2/13/2024
61150 Paraprofessionals	\$815,909.00	“”
61160 Office & Clerical	\$149,291.00	“”
61190 Part-Time	\$115,511.00	“”
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$20,522.00	“”
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$109,270.00	“”
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$186,426.00	“”
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$644,470.00	“”
61360 Workman’s Comp. – Deduction	\$16,744.00	“”
62110 Office Supplies	\$28,000.00	“”
62210 Petroleum Products	\$6,000.00	“”
62230 Clothing	\$1,325.00	“”
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$15,600.00	“”
63220 Postage	\$7,500.00	“”
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$6,000.00	“”
63310 Printing	\$14,500.00	“”
63420 Insurance	\$6,000.00	“”
63510 Utilities	\$9,600.00	“”
63620 Equipment Repair	\$7,000.00	“”
63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$1,616,902.00	“”
63790 Other Rental	\$120,000.00	“”
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$37,300.00	“”
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$298,000.00	“”

64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$188,590.00	“”
64490 Other Equipment	\$98,300.00	“”

Adopted this 9th day of January, 2024.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS CERTIFICATE

I, the proper legal officer of Lake County Council, Lake County, IN., hereby certify to the Auditor of Lake County, that the Lake County Council, approved the following transfers:

	Requested	Approved
<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Div-Rm 1</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61120 Professionals	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00
To: 1001-63190 Other Professional Services	\$28,500.00	\$28,500.00
 <u>IV-D Court 4007</u>		
Child Support IV-D/FSSA 8297		
From: 8297-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
To: 8297-61290 Supplemental Pay	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00

and that such transfer does not necessitate expenditure of more money than was set out in detail in the budget as finally approved by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This transfer was made at a regular public meeting according to proper ordinance, a copy of which is attached to this certificate.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2024.

Additionals

Clerk’s Records Perpetuation Fund 1194

Clerk 1001 (\$25,000) Bilski made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

County General Fund 1001

Coroner’s Office 1007 (\$91,478) Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005 (\$2,322) Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345

Juvenile Court 4005 – **Reduction** (-\$19,520) Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Juvenile Court 4005 (\$7,500) Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

County General Fund 1001

IV-D Court 4007 (\$9,000) **NO ACTION**

Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297

IV-D Court 4007 (\$29,336) Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brown, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161

Health Dept. 9306 (\$4,857,899) Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

Transfers

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Div-Rm 1</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$28,500)	Hamm	Lay	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>IV-D Court 4007</u> Child Support IV-D/FSSA 8297 (\$20,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

63231 Travel – Registration

Majority voted yes. Motion to create new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

63232 Travel – Meals

Majority voted yes. Motion to create new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

63233 Travel – Lodging

Majority voted yes. Motion to create new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

63234 Travel – Transportation/Other

Majority voted yes. Motion to create new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Sup. Ct. Juv. Div. F.R.C. Problem Solving Court Grant Fund 9350

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64490 Other Equipment

Majority voted yes. Motion to create new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Revised 144 – Family Recovery Court Grant Fund 9345 – **Effective 01/01/2024**

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lay, to approve the following revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-002 Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$5,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of IV-D Court 4007 – Create New Line Item – Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts

Majority voted yes. Motion to approved carried 7-0.

In the Matter IV-D Court 4007 – Revised 144 – Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve.

O'Donnell – The appropriation is what's funding this revised 144, so a better bet would be to postpone.

Hamm rescinded his motion. Lindemulder rescinded his second.

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
16670-002 Secretary	\$40,061.00	\$43,521.00	\$3,460.00
39002-001 Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
39002-Xxx Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
39002-Xxx Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
39002-Xxx Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
39002-Xxx Supplemental Pay – NGenFnd	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

In the Matter of Clerk 1001 – Create New Line Item – Clerk's Records Perpetuation Fund 1194

62230 Clothing

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Health Department 9306 – Create New Line Items – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161

- 61120 Professionals
- 61140 Protective Services
- 61150 Paraprofessionals
- 61160 Office & Clerical
- 61190 Part-Time
- 61290 Supplemental Pay
- 61320 FICA – Deduction
- 61330 PERF – Deduction
- 61340 Group Insurance – Deduction
- 61360 Workman's Comp – Deduction
- 62110 Office Supplies
- 62210 Petroleum Products
- 62230 Clothing
- 62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies
- 63220 Postage
- 63235 Travel – Mileage
- 63310 Printing
- 63420 Insurance
- 63510 Utilities
- 63620 Equipment Repair
- 63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts
- 63790 Other Rental
- 64410 Furniture & Fixtures
- 64440 Motor Vehicles
- 64490 Other Equipment
- 64500 Construction & Reconstruction

Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to postpone to 2/13/2024.

Nick Doffin – We are asking for the creation of a budget so we can spend our Health First Indiana funding. We've talked to people already last year that are going to work with us in spending this money on a contractual basis. Our objective is to provide the public health core services that the state has established. This covers a lot of different areas like maternal child health, immunizations and environmental. Before the state put this money into play, the state was trying to raise Indiana's quality of health. We're always down 40th in the nation as far as quality of health so they put together committees to determine how to resolve

this and they concluded that you can't get the same health services in each county. In the larger counties, a lot of times you can get things that you can't get in a smaller county and they said that might be causing this disparity. So, they said what we need to do is fund everybody at a similar level so that they can all provide the same core public health services no matter which county you live in. So hopefully we can start to bring up our health status. The money was appropriated and is being distributed now. We put together an application, submitted it to the state and they approved our ideas. Now, we need to get started. We need a budget to do that and to spend the money.

Brown – Are there deadlines on the expenditures of these funds?

Doffin – This is a two-year project so it's for 2024 and 2025. I guess in 2026 the legislature will consider whether or not to renew this.

Cid – Can you expand more on core services? May you could provide us with your application so we have a better understanding of what services you're going to be providing.

Doffin – For public core services, they have them in two groups. One of them are for prevention and the other is more of regulatory. Under prevention you have, communicable disease control, student health, testing and counseling for HIV, HCV, STD, vital records, fatality review, child suicide/overdose, TB control case management, chronic disease prevention reduction, trauma/injury prevention and education, tobacco prevention and cessation, maternal child health, emergency preparedness, childhood lead screening/case management and child/adult immunizations. Under what we call regulatory, there is food protection, pest, vector control, public/semi-public pool inspectional testing, residential on-site sewage system, orders for decontamination of property used to illegally manufacture controlled substances, sanitary inspection and surveys of public buildings, sanitary operation of tattoo parlors and/or body piercing facilities and sanitary operation of facilities where eyelash extensions are performed. Those are core public health services.

In the Matter of Criminal Courts 3002 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001 – Effective 2/12/2024

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve the following revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-001 Probation Officer	\$72,072.00	\$44,221.00	(\$27,851.00)
12428-017 Probation Officer	\$75,561.00	\$41,079.00	(\$34,482.00)

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Northwestern Indiana Regional Plan Commission: Councilmember (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Lindemulder nominated Councilman Randy Niemeyer, seconded by Bilski.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Data Processing Board: Councilmembers (2) (Shall) & Council Administrator (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened

Bilski nominated Councilman Randy Niemeyer, Councilman Charlie Brown and Council Administrator Scott Schmal, seconded by Lay.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – County Plan Commission: Councilmember (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Lay nominated Councilman Randy Niemeyer and Councilman Charlie Brown as a proxy, seconded by Lindemulder.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Insurance Review Board: Councilmember (1) (Shall) & Council Administrator (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Niemeyer nominated Councilman Dave Hamm and Council Administrator Scott Schmal, seconded by Lindemulder.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Emergency Management Advisory Council: Council President or Designee (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Bilski nominated Councilwoman Christine Cid, seconded by Lay.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nomination confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Solid Waste District Board: Councilmembers (2) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Hamm nominated Councilman Pete Lindemulder and Councilwoman Christine Cid, seconded by Bilski.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Real Estate Disposal Committee: Councilmembers (2) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Hamm nominated Councilman Pete Lindemulder and Councilwoman Christine Cid, seconded by Lay.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Grant Oversight Committee: Councilmembers (3) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Councilwoman Christine Cid volunteered. Cid appointed Councilman David Hamm and Councilman Pete Lindemulder, seconded by Bilski.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nomination confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Lake County Child Abuse Prevention Council: Councilmember (1)

Nominations were opened.

Bilski nominated Councilman Dave Hamm.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nomination confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Posts – Local Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council: Council President (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Lindemulder nominated Councilwoman Christine Cid, seconded by Lay.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nomination confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointment – County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team: Survivor of Domestic Violence (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Bilski reappointed Shanda Hanft.

Cid declared nomination closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Nominations – County Economic Development Commission: Member (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Cid named Nicholas Triana which is the current appointee.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nomination confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Nominations – Economic Development Commission: Highland – Member (1) (Shall)

Nominations were opened.

Hamm nominated David Beanblossom.

Cid declared nominations closed.

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Approval of Data Board Nominees

Nominations were opened.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the following Data Board Nominees:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| County Auditor | Peggy Holinga Katona |
| County Treasurer | John Petalas |
| County Recorder | Regina M. Pimentel |
| County Surveyor | Bill Emerson |
| County Prosecutor | Bernard A. Carter |
| County Clerk | Michael A. Brown |
| County Sheriff | Oscar Martinez |
| County Judges | John M. Sedia, Judge |
| County Assessor | LaTonya Spearman |
| County Council | Randy Niemeyer |
| County Council | Charlie Brown |
| County Council Finance Director | Scott Schmal |

Majority voted yes (7-0). Nominations confirmed.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone the following Data Board nominations to 2/13/2024:

County Commissioners
County Coroner

Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing February as Black History Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History, Inc. has urged communities to set aside the month of February as a special time to recognize the contributions of the African-American; and

WHEREAS, this Association was founded in 1915, in Chicago, Illinois, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Ph.D. in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of African-Americans; and


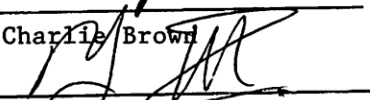
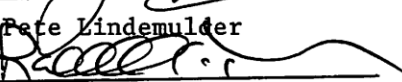

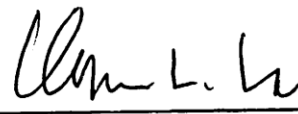
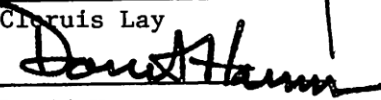
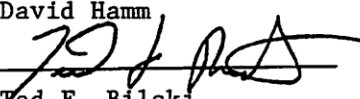
WHEREAS, by 1926, Dr. Woodson and his group established the second week of February as "Negro History Week" to coincide with the birth date of Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and Frederick Douglas, who calculated his to be February 14th; and

WHEREAS, schools and community groups embraced an annual weekly observance eagerly and soon requested more time to share the contributions of America's largest minority; and

WHEREAS, the observance was extended to a month in 1976, and has provided a time when communities emphasize not only the annual theme the Association suggests, but also a time when communities present in many forms various phases of the history and contributions of the African-American people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Council does hereby urge all citizens to take advantage of the many programs and exhibits planned for February in observance of Black History Month, and continue to learn more of the contributions of the African-American long after this month of observance has been completed.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9th day of January, 2024.

 <hr/> Charlie Brown  <hr/> Pete Lindemulder  <hr/> Randy Niemeyer	 <hr/> Christine Cid, President	 <hr/> Clarruis Lay  <hr/> David Hamm  <hr/> Ted F. Bilski
--	--	--

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing January 9, 2024 as National Law Enforcement Day

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JANUARY 9, 2024
AS NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY**

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was created by multiple organizations in 2015 to express their gratitude for officers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this holiday was triggered by the chain of events in 2014, when a police officer was involved in a crossfire shooting in Missouri; the backlash and violence that followed led Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) to take the initiative to change this negative portrayal of police officers; and


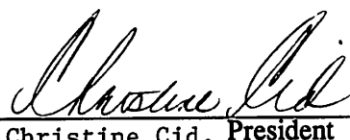
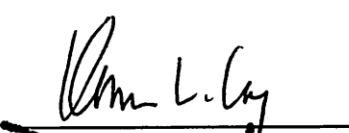
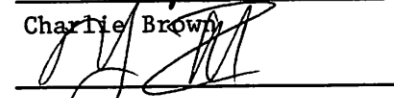
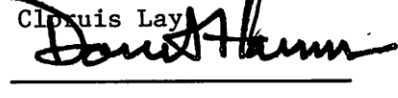
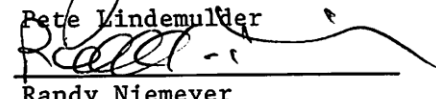
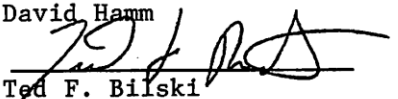
WHEREAS, in support of law enforcement services, citizens are encouraged to do their part in thanking law enforcers on this date; and

WHEREAS, with over 900,00 officers in the United States it is essential to support law enforcers during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, National Law Enforcement Day also raises awareness on the importance of understanding that the difficult decisions taken by police officers are in the best interests of citizens and the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Council does hereby urge all citizens to celebrate January 9, 2024 as National Law Enforcement Day to show support for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect and serve our community.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9th day of January, 2024.

	 Christine Cid, President	
Charlie Brown		Chris Lay
		
Pete Lindemulder		David Hamm
		
Randy Niemeyer		Ted F. Bilski

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Establishing Salary and Wage Increases and Eliminating an Entry Level Med/Legal Death Investigator Position in the Lake County Coroner's Office (1007)

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Creating Twenty-Three (23) New Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306) (Retroactive 1/1/2024)

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to postpone to 2/13/2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 2/13/2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Lake County Mileage Rate Ordinance for 2024 Postponed December

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

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1491A

LAKE COUNTY MILEAGE RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2024

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council establishes the mileage rate for County employees entitled to expenses for use of their vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to reflect the mileage rate established by the Federal government for its employees; and

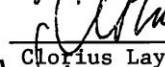
WHEREAS, the Federal mileage rate established for the year 2024 is 67 cents per mile.

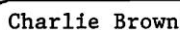
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED that the Lake County Council does hereby establish the rate of 67 cents per mile for County employees entitled to receive mileage expenses for use of their vehicles for the year 2024, effective January 1, 2024.

SO ORDAINED this 9th day of January, 2024.


Christine Cid, President

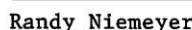

Tom Bilski


Clorius Lay


Charlie Brown


David Hamm


Pete Lindemulder


Randy Niemeyer

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Planning Commission 5004 – Plan Commission Ordinances – 2567 Brandon Arena, Owner/Petitioner, 12/13/23, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE #2567
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a ZONE CHANGE (Lake County Plan Commission made a favorable recommendation December 13, 2023).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to RR (Rural Residential) owned and petitioned by Brandon Arena to allow a proposed one-lot subdivision on the following described property:


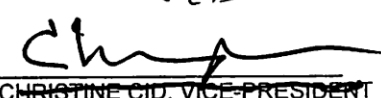

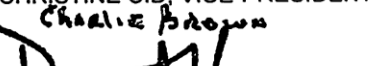
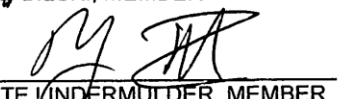
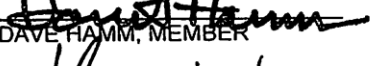
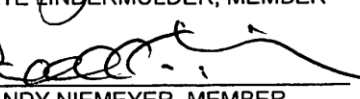
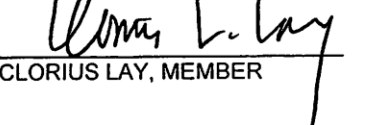
General Location: Located approximately 7/10 of a mile north of 163rd Avenue on the east side of Broadway in Eagle Creek Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: (PER PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S DEED NO. 2023-516786)
THE SOUTH 594 FEET OF THE NORTH 612 FEET OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE 2ND P.M. IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.
EXCEPT: PART OF THE WEST HALF (1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATE IN LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 594 FEET OF THE NORTH 612 FEET OF THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 10 AS ESTABLISHED BY PLUMB, TUCKETT AND HUBBARD, INC., THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES-41'-13" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 122.27 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 0 DEGREES-41'-23" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 165.33 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 65 DEGREES-49'-10" EAST A DISTANCE OF 729.14 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 594 FEET OF THE NORTH 612 FEET OF THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION ON 10 AS ESTABLISHED BY PLUMB, TUCKETT, AND HUBBARD, INC.; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES-02'-25" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 594 FEET OF THE NORTH 612 FEET OF THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 10 AS ESTABLISHED BY PLUMB, TUCKETT, AND HUBBARD, INC., A DISTANCE OF 380.44 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES-49'-10" WEST A DISTANCE OF 309.97 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION. CONTAINING 1.79 ACRES OF LAND.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 9th DAY OF January , 2024

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

 CHRISTINE CID CHARLIE BROWN, PRESIDENT	
 CHRISTINE CID, VICE-PRESIDENT	 TED BILSKI, MEMBER
 CHARLIE BROWN	 PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER
 DAVE HAMM, MEMBER	 RANDY NIEMEIER, MEMBER
 CLORIUS LAY, MEMBER	

In the Matter of Planning Commission 5004 – Plan Commission Ordinances – 2568 Jacob and Shawna Mudde, Owners Jacob Mudde and Phil Admiraal, Petitioners, 12/13/23, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE #2568
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a ZONE CHANGE (Lake County Plan Commission made a favorable recommendation December 13, 2023).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to R-1 (One-Family Zone) owned by Jacob and Shawna Mudde and petitioned by Jacob Mudde and Phil Admiraal to allow a proposed two-lot subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 2/10 of a mile south of Belshaw Road at the terminus of Drummond Street, a/k/a 20110 Drummund Street in West Creek Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION



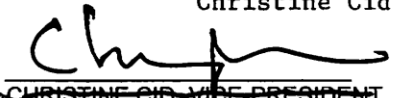
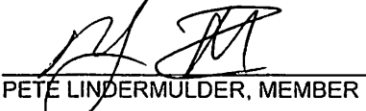
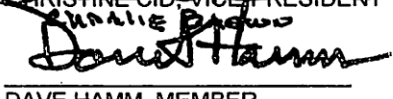

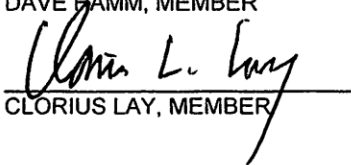
PARCEL 1:
THE WEST HALF OF LOTS THIRTY-FOUR (34) AND ALL OF LOT THIRTY-FIVE (35) EXCEPT THE NORTH 118 FEET OF LOT 35 IN BELSHAW, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11 PAGE 20, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

PARCEL 2:
THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF THE CHICAGO, INDIANA AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY, FORMERLY THE NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES, NOW THE PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD, AND LYING WEST OF BRUCE DITCH, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AFORESAID AND THE EAST LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 515.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE .22 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 450 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 452.71 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY THENCE NORTH 6 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 454.29 FEET TO THE PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 9th DAY OF January, 2024

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

	
Christine Cid, PRESIDENT	TED BILSKI, MEMBER
	
CHRISTINE CID, VICE PRESIDENT	PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER
	
DAVE HAMM, MEMBER	RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER
	
CLORIUS LAY, MEMBER	

In the Matter of Planning Commission 5004 – Plan Commission Ordinances – 2569 Jennifer Jentsch Revocable Trust, Owner and Christina and Chad Vlietstra, Petitioners, 12/13/23, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 5-0)

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE #2569
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a ZONE CHANGE (Lake County Plan Commission made a favorable recommendation December 13, 2023).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to RR (Rural Residential) owned by Jennifer Jentsch Revocable Trust and petitioned by Christina and Chad Vlietstra to allow a proposed one-lot subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately ½ mile east of State Line Road on the north side of 121st Avenue, a/k/a 15150 W. 121st Avenue in Hanover Township.

A part of the South 112 rods of the Northeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 10 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence North 00° 08' 41" West along the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 882.70 feet to the point of Beginning for this Parcel; thence North 00° 08' 41" West along the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 958.47 feet to an existing occupation line; thence South 89° 47' 46" East along said occupation line a distance of 475.01 feet; thence South 00° 08' 41" East parallel to the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 1839.16 feet, to the South line of said Northeast Quarter; thence South 89° 57' 54" West along said South line a distance of 225.00 feet; thence North 00° 08' 41" West parallel to the West line of said Northeast Quarter a distance of 882.70 feet; thence South 89° 57' 54" West 250.00 feet, to the point of beginning, containing 15.000 acres more or less.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 9th DAY OF January , 2024

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL



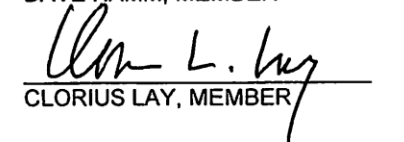
Christine Cid, PRESIDENT



CHRISTINE CID, VICE-PRESIDENT



DAVE HAMM, MEMBER



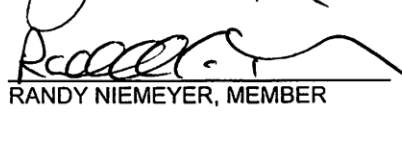
CLORIUS LAY, MEMBER



TED BILSKI, MEMBER



PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER



RANDY NIEMEIER, MEMBER

In the Matter of Discussion – Update of Oracle Fusion Financial System

Scott Schmal – Baker-Tilly is transitioning on board as we speak. User sign ins are established and they will be reviewing and establishing policies soon. So, we're in the optimization piece of it. There's another piece where they are completing financial statements as well for the year 2022 and 2023. State board of accounts signed off and approved the proposed process Baker-Tilly will need to follow for providing those financial statements for 2022 and then eventually 2023. So that should help us meet requirements as set forth by the state and any other grant agencies. I think things are looking like they are going in the right direction we just need to keep them on this path.

Bilski – In my opinion, one thing we need to do is create a controller position within our department and then hopefully our attorneys could help us transition that position in the auditors where it belongs.

Niemeyer – One of the things I'm learning as this process continues is that if we implement and properly train all of the products within the Oracle contract that we have, that it also provides an opportunity to look at organizational structure county-wide because there's so many things that that financial system can do once its properly implemented and trained that can help us slim up operations and make things more efficient for the future.

In the Matter of Discussion – Gary Public Transportation and Lake County Mutual Aid Agreement

Brown – I had a lengthy conversation with Ms. Dillard from the Gary Public Transportation System about the need for matching. There are a lot of federal dollars out there that we could take advantage of if we have matching funds. She asked me to forward a copy of her letter of proposal, that the county council have some skin in the game in terms of getting the additional dollars from the federal government to assist in transporting folks throughout the county. From her letter of proposal, she is asking that the county government provide or put a least a minimum of one million dollars to the operation of the Gary Public Transportation System.

Denise Comer Dillard (Interim General Manager for the Gary Public Transportation Corporation) discussed the advantages of the county investing in matching funds to improve transportation accessibility for economic development growth within the county. Key topics were enhanced transportation accessibility to local businesses, employment opportunities and reducing the carbon foot print.

Additional Discussion:

Bernie Johnson of the Prosecutors Office – Because of the relaxation of guns laws in Indiana, we've had a substantial number of accidental shootings of children because people are buying guns since the statute has changed. Almost anybody can have a gun. They don't go through background checks, they only need a permit. People have been purchasing guns, leaving them around the house. Some people don't understand the operational factors of handguns so what Mr. Carter decided to do (because of the loss of lives of young children) is put together a gun safety training program. People have approached us to donate money to promote gun safety for the residents of Lake County. One was the Hard-Rock Café, one was NIPSCO for a total of about \$7,500. With this gift fund, we also would like to purchase gun safety locks that would be distributed to some of the churches throughout Lake County. We don't have the money in our budget to do something like that so we propose a gift line item where people can donate money to place in that line item so we can pay for the range, ammunition, etc. I think it's a very valuable program that's needed now the way the gun laws are. I think an ordinance to develop this line item for gift money would be a substantial benefit to the safety of the children of Lake county and to other people as well. I would ask that an ordinance be developed so we can move forward with getting these pledges from businesses throughout Lake County.

Cid – We'll have that ordinance establishing that fund at our February meeting.

Public Comments:

Ron Segert – I have twenty-five years' experience in environmental health, industrial hygiene and epidemiology. Some of the council members may recall a couple years ago, the council was considering an ordinance to mandate masking for school children throughout Lake County. Hundreds of people showed up to push back on that idea. I had the opportunity to make a demonstration before the council of the efficacy of the mask system that the board of health was recommending and advising. They don't work. They never did work. They never will work. Trust the science. Or do you trust the politics of Washington DC. We now see, as a result of the vaccine, 1.7 million adverse events occurring throughout the country over a three-year period. This is an egregious, misinformed and malignant policy that the federal government has foisted upon us. Our health department continues to recommend this toxic vaccine and policies that are destructive to this population. I would request that this council advise, inform, and direct, by resolution or other means, to the board of health to modify, amend or withdraw their mandate for mask and mandates for vaccinations.

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to adjourn.

Bilski was absent. Hamm voted yes. Motion to adjourn failed with 5-no, 1-yes and 1-absent.

Jeff Rassignol – I think one of the biggest problems we have in this world is that people are not doing the research. What I mean by that is, we've got a government that's pointing people to misinformation and disinformation about the vaccine and the pandemic. It was absolutely not a pandemic, it was more of like a bio thing that this country has pulled off. All I can do is suggest to you, is to do your research. My son was thirty-eight years old when he died from a heart attack. I don't think five years ago, we ever heard of that kind of crap because it just did not happen. Today it happens every single day. You have people in their twenties, thirties and forties that are dropping dead from heart problems. It is crushing to lose a child at the age of thirty-eight and there is no other reason other than he got a jab that created that happening. I know people that are in the funeral business and if you talk to some of them, they will share with you that when they go through the embalming process, what comes out of people's bodies is not normal. So please, do some research, this is only the beginning. Seventeen million people that have been vaccinated throughout the world have died. Why? All I can say is research.

Barbara Poteles – I won't belabor the internal record keeping problems of the health board department, you already know about them. Instead, I want to refer to an email I received from Nick Doffin on August 14, 2023. He's the administrator of the Lake County Health Department. There were two really important paragraphs in this letter and this is what they were. The first one: SB4 has redefined the process for appointment of local board of health members, there is no mention in the new legislation of terms for the board members. Currently, I think the terms are around four years more or less. The second statement, SB4 four gives the appointment authority to the board of commissioners and the Lake County Council. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought prior to this time only the county commission was appointing. My comments today concern the appointment process for the health board and health department. I noticed the terms of several members on the health board were due to expire at the end of 2023 these terms were mostly four your terms. Some of the board members have been reappointed at least once. That would mean a possible eight-year term which seems to be a very long time to have one unelected person, making decisions for all of Lake County. Add to that the fact that there were only six of these board positions and two positions, administrator and public health officer at the health department. I could not find any information as to whether these health department positions are full-time or part-time. Lake County could conceivably have the same eight people who are unelected running the health department for eight, twelve, sixteen, twenty years or more. In light of the fact that our large population of over 498,000, we probably have hundreds of qualified taxpayers who would like to apply for these positions if they only knew about them. I'd like to see a shift and how people are recruited for these positions. Instead of appointing perhaps friends of board members or friends of friends or acquaintances, it is time for Lake County to join the other counties who post board vacancies online. Porter County for instance lists all board vacancies on their website and they remain there for 30 days. Job descriptions and qualifications even applications can be found there. The lapses that we know about in the Lake County Health Board and department would probably never have happened if new candidates were being introduced into the agency on a fairly regular basis. The County Council now has a chance to redefine the board and health department appointment terms as well as the method of selecting appointees. This is not a democrat or republican issue. It affects every taxpayer in Lake county.

Dorian Petal of Schererville – I was just looking over the health departments budget during the meeting and if we can have some clarification on some of the appropriations because this is four million plus dollars. Under professionals, do they mean work certified physicians? Physicians assistants? Nurse practitioners? RN's? LPN's? I don't know what that entails. I'd like to know what the definition of a paraprofessional is. I've been in health care my entire life and I have no idea what petroleum products are. Most of my family are in health care and I would like to know. Maintenance and service contracts, that's 1.6 million dollars. Other rental and other equipment is over two hundred thousand dollars. Most of these, I don't know where it fits into core health services.

Cid – Councilman Niemeyer did request those answers from the administrators in the health department.

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