

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 Christine Cid, President, David Hamm, Ronald Brewer, Charlie Brown, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys.

In the Matter of Minutes – May 13, 2025

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes,1-absent.

In the Matter of Acknowledgements – Congratulations to the Lake County Parks and Recreation Department on the 30th Anniversary of Deep River Waterpark

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve certificate of recognition. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve certificate of recognition carried 6-yes,1-absent.

Additional Acknowledgments:

Cid announced the government center will be closed on June 19th in honor of Juneteenth which commemorates the end slavery in the United States and celebrates African American freedom and culture.

Cid acknowledged June as Alzheimer’s & Brain Awareness, National Safety, National Great Outdoors, National PTSD Awareness, Pride and National Immigrant Heritage month.

ORDINANCE #1508

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
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Lake Sup. Court County Division Room 2 4003</u>		
64420 Office Machines	\$8,258.20	NO ACTION
County Highway Fund 1102		
<u>Motor Vehicle 7005</u>		
61100 Overtime	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
County Highway Fund 1102		
<u>Gen Undistributed Motor Expense 7004</u>		
63710 Equipment Rentals	-\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00
63715 Equipment Lease	-\$20,000.00	-\$20,000.00
Park & Recreation Fund 1107		
<u>Parks & Recreation 9203</u>		
64120 Land Improvements	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00
Hermits Lake Sewer User Fee-Op Fund 4356		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
63510 Utilities	\$200,000.00	WITHDRAWN
63620 Equipment Repair	\$10,000.00	“”
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$5,000.00	“”

Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297

<u>IV-D Court 4007</u>		
64420 Office Machines	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

LC Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund 9120

<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
62410 Other Supplies	\$400.00	\$400.00

Economic Development CRF/ERA Direct Grant Fund 9339

<u>Economic Development 9307</u>		
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$300,672.71	\$300,672.71

LC Veterans Court (VTC) Endowment Fund 9398

<u>Lake Superior Court-County Division Rm 3 4004</u>		
63232 Travel – Meals	\$114.00	\$114.00
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$600.00	\$600.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$200.00	\$200.00

2024-2 LC Local Roads/Bridge Matching Grant Fund 9440

<u>County Highway 7002</u>		
64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$2,466,468.50	\$2,466,468.50

Adopted this 10th day of June, 2025.

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>Motor Vehicle 7005</u>		
County Highway Fund 1102		
From: 1102-63710 Equipment Rentals	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
To: 1102-61100 Overtime	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389		
From: 9389-61190 Part-Time	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
9389-61320 FICA – Deduction	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
9389-61360 Workman’s Comp. – Deduction	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
9389-63920 Food & Lodging	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
To: 9389-63715 Equipment Leasing	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
9389-62240 Household & Instit Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
Prosecutor’s Elderly Abuse Fund 8127		
From: 8127-62110 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
8127-64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$211.00	\$211.00
8127-64420 Office Machines	\$300.00	\$300.00
To: 8127-63620 Equipment Repair	\$3,011.00	\$3,011.00
<u>Prosecutor IV-D 9003</u>		
Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295		
From: 8295-61290 Supplemental Pay	\$75,170.00	\$75,170.00
To: 8295-61150 Paraprofessionals	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
8295-61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	\$26,760.00	\$26,760.00
8295-61360 Workman’s Comp. Deduction	\$910.00	\$910.00
8295-63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

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 10th day of June, 2025.

<u>Additional</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Lake Sup. Court County Division Room 2 4003 (\$8,258)	NO ACTION		
<u>County Highway Fund 1102</u>			
Motor Vehicle 7005 (\$40,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>County Highway Fund 1102</u>			
Gen Undistributed Motor Expense 7004 (-\$40,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Park & Recreation Fund 1107</u>			
Parks & Recreation 9203 (\$450,000)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Hermits Lake Sewer User Fee-Op Fund 4356</u>			
Lake County Commissioners 6002 (\$215,000)	WITHDRAWN		
<u>Child Support IV-D/FSSA Fund 8297</u>			
IV-D Court 4007 (\$30,000)	Hamm	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund 9120</u>			
Juvenile Court 4005 (\$400)	Hamm	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Economic Development CRF/ERA Direct Grant Fund 9339</u>			
Economic Development 9307 (\$300,672.71)	Brown	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Veterans Court (VTC) Endowment Fund 9398</u>			
Lake Superior Court-County Division Rm 3 4004 (\$914)	Hamm	Brewer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>2024-2 LC Local Roads/Bridge Matching Grant Fund 9440</u>			
County Highway 7002 (\$2,466,468.50)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

<u>Transfers</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Motor Vehicle 7005</u> County Highway Fund 1102 (\$6,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389 (\$12,000)	Brown	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> Prosecutor’s Elderly Abuse Fund 8127 (\$3,011)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Prosecutor IV-D 9003</u> Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295 (\$75,170)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 2 4003 – Revised 144 – General Fund 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-004 Probation Officer	\$0.00	\$58,473.00	\$58,473.00

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Division Room 2 4003 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001

64420 Office Machines

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 4004 – Create New Line Items – LC Veterans Court (VTC) Endowment Fund 9398

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve the creation of the following new line items:

- 63232 Travel – Meals
- 63233 Travel – Lodging
- 63234 Travel – Other

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – LC Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund 9120

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

62410 Other Supplies

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

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Create New Line Item – Juvenile Secured Detention Fund 9389

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

62240 Household & Instit. Supplies

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006 – Revised 144 – LC CASA Capacity Building Grant Fund 9377

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to approve the following:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-004 Supplemental Pay-NGenFnd 9377	\$1,200.00	\$4,200.00	\$3,000.00

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

In the Matter of County Highway 7002 – Create New Line Item – 2024-2 LC Local Roads/Bridge Matching Grant Fund 9440

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve the creation of the following new line item:

64500 Construction & Reconstruction

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line item carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Prosecutor IV-D – 9003 – Revised 144 – Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the following:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15706-014 Case Worker II	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
15706-015 Case Worker II	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00

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

In the Matter of Prosecutor IV-D 9003 Create New Line Items – Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295

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

61150 Paraprofessionals
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction
61360 Workman’s Comp. Deduction
63910 Dues and Subscriptions

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 7-0.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Combined Councilmanic & Citizen Appointments – Lake County Study Commission on Veterans Affairs

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated Ted Bilski, Christine Cid, Mike Repay, Ernie Dillon, Joseph Kwasny, Jason Gootee Bryan Snyder and Larry Blanchard.

There were no further nominees.

Nominations were closed.

Cid declared Ted Bilski, Christine Cid, Mike Repay, Ernie Dillon, Joseph Kwasny, Jason Gootee Bryan Snyder and Larry Blanchard to the Lake County Study Commission on Veterans Affairs for a one year term.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Councilmanic Appointment – Northwest Indiana Professional Sports Development Commission

Cid opened nominations.

Lindemulder nominated Christine Cid and Don Popravak as her proxy.

There were no further nominees.

Nominations were closed.

Cid declared herself and Don Popravak as her proxy.

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming June as National Cancer Survivors Month

Brewer made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes,1-absent.








RESOLUTION NO. 25-31
**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE
AS NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS MONTH**

- WHEREAS, a cancer survivor is defined as anyone living with a history of cancer from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life; and
- WHEREAS, the first Sunday in June is National Cancer Survivors Day - celebrations on this day highlight survivors' strength, resilience and the ongoing need for resources and research to ensure their well-being; and
- WHEREAS, cancer survivors and their families exhibit courage, faith, and strength to undergo the emotional, physical, and financial burdens associated with their disease; and
- WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society's *Cancer Treatment & Survivorship Facts & Figures 2022-2024* report, as of January 1, 2022, the majority of cancer survivors (69%) were diagnosed five or more years ago and 18% were diagnosed 20 or more years ago; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County residents are encouraged to learn how they can further support cancer survivors during all stages of cancer survivorship and offer care, support, and palliative services during their unexpected cancer journey; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council acknowledges June as National Cancer Survivors Month, as a reminder that a survivor is anyone living with a history of cancer, from the moment of diagnosis through the rest of their life.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council proclaims June as National Cancer Survivors Month to celebrate those who have survived, an inspiration for those recently diagnosed, a gathering of support for families and an outreach to the community.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of June 2025.

 DAVID HAMM	 CHRISTINE CID - President	 CHARLIE BROWN
 RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 RONALD G. BREWER, SR.
 PETE LINDEMULDER		 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Community Corrections to Pay Outstanding 2024 Invoices/Debts from the 2025 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-32

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2024 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Community Corrections is currently operating in the 2025 Budget;
and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2024, have not been paid:

<u>1122-9101-62110</u>	<u>Office Supplies</u>
Pulse Technology	\$ 81.72
Pulse Technology	<u>214.86</u>
	\$296.58
 <u>1122-9101-63120</u>	 <u>Medical & Hospital Services</u>
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	\$ 990.00; and


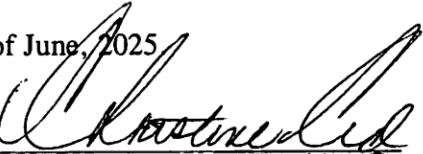
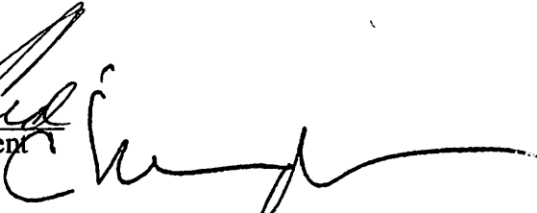


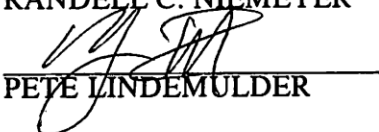
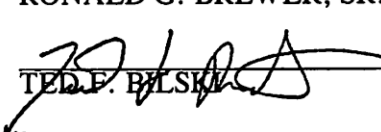
WHEREAS, the Lake County Community Corrections desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2024 expenses shall be paid from
the Lake County Community Corrections 2025 Budget:

<u>1122-9101-62110</u>	<u>Office Supplies</u>
Pulse Technology	\$ 81.72
Pulse Technology	<u>214.86</u>
	\$296.58
 <u>1122-9101-63120</u>	 <u>Medical & Hospital Services</u>
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory	\$ 990.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of June, 2025

 DAVID HAMM	 CHRISTINE CID - President	 CHARLIE BROWN
 RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 RONALD G. BREWER, SR.
 PETE LINDEMULDER		 TED F. BILS

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution of the Lake County Council Requiring that Certain Townships within Lake County, Indiana, shall receive a specified amount of the Tax Revenues Distributed Pursuant to I.C. 6-3.6-6-8 for the year 2026

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-33

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN TOWNSHIPS WITHIN LAKE COUNTY,
INDIANA, SHALL RECEIVE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT
OF THE TAX REVENUES DISTRIBUTED
PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-3.6-6-8 FOR THE YEAR 2026

- WHEREAS,** I.C. 6-3.6-6-8 provides for the allocation of additional revenues from the tax under I.C. 6-3.6-6-1, et. seq., to public safety purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-3.6-6-1, the Lake County Council is the adopting body which imposed a tax under I.C. 6-3.6-6-2 on the adjusted gross income of local taxpayers in Lake County served by the Lake County Council (Lake County Ordinance No. 1360B, imposing a Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT); and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-3.6-6-8(c) a fire department, volunteer fire department, or emergency medical services provider that:
- (1) Provides fire protection or emergency medical services within Lake County; and
 - (2) Is operated by or serves a public subdivision that is not otherwise entitled to receive a distribution of tax revenue under this Section,
- may before July 1st of a year apply to the Lake County Council for a distribution of tax revenues under this section during the following calendar year to be used for public safety purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-3.6-6-8(c) the Lake County Council shall review the applications submitted and may before September 1, 2025 adopt a resolution requiring that one or more of the applicants shall receive a specified amount of tax revenue to be distributed during the 2026 calendar year; and
- WHEREAS,** a resolution providing for a distribution to one or more fire departments, volunteer fire departments or emergency medical service provider shall be distributed before the remainder of the tax revenue is allocated under I.C. 6-3.6-6-8(b); and
- WHEREAS,** that pursuant to I.C. 6-3.6-6-8(c), the Township Trustees on May 8, 2025 applied to the Lake County Council for a distribution of tax revenue under I.C. 6-3.6-6-8 for the calendar year 2026.

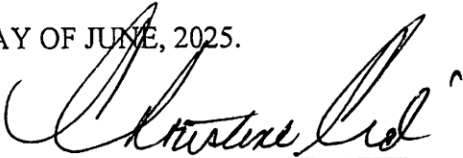
NOW, THEREFORE, it is duly resolved as follows:

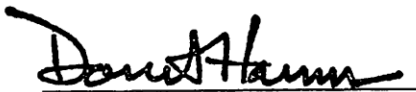
- 1. That the following Townships: Cedar Creek Township, Center Township, Eagle Creek Township, Hanover Township, Hobart Township, St. John Township, West Creek Township, and Winfield Township, (collectively referred to as Townships)

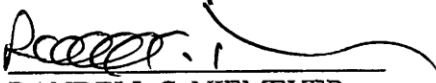
qualify under I.C. 6-3.6-6-1, et. seq., to receive a distribution of the Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax imposed by the Lake County Council, Ordinance No. 1360B, (CAGIT).

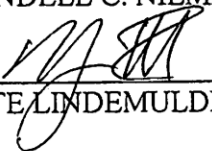
- 2. That the Townships shall receive a specified amount for the distribution of tax revenues under I.C. 6-3.6-6-1, et. seq., for the calendar year 2026 of the Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax.
- 3. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Lake County Auditor and the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance within fifteen (15) days.

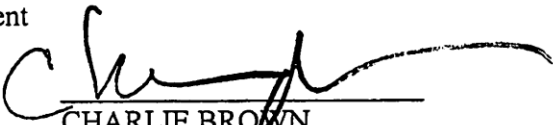
SO RESOLVED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.



CHRISTINE CID, President

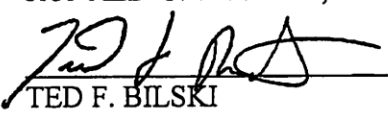

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for The Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, between the City of Hobart, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana

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

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**JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE LAKE COUNTY
BRIDGE #45-00254, WISCONSIN STREET BRIDGE OVER LAKE GEORGE,
NORTH OF LAKE PARK ROAD AND SOUTH OF 3RD STREET, BETWEEN THE
CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA**

This Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, between the City of Hobart, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana (hereinafter referred to as “This Agreement”) is made and entered into this 21st day of May, 2025, in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, between the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation, by its City Council (hereinafter referred to as “HOBART”), and Lake County Indiana, a unit of local government, by its Board of County Commissioners (herein after referred to as “COUNTY”), each a political subdivision and unit organized and operating under the laws of the State of Indiana, as set forth hereinafter:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, HOBART is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana with jurisdiction over all real property and residents located within and inhabiting properties within the Municipal Corporate Boundaries of HOBART; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana with jurisdiction over certain real property located in the Corporate Boundaries of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, HOBART and COUNTY have each been advised that the provisions of Indiana Code §36-1-7-1, *et seq.* (Interlocal Cooperation Act and referred to hereinafter as the “ACT”), as amended from time to time, permit local governmental units and entities to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling governmental units to mutually contract and utilize services for the mutual benefit of the participating governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, HOBART and COUNTY are political subdivisions empowered by the Act with authority to contract on behalf of each other on a basis of mutual advantage so as to better provide public services and facilities at a lesser cost; and

WHEREAS, HOBART and COUNTY each seek to enter into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement based upon the terms and provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, together, to provide for the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project for the mutual benefit of the participating governmental units; and

WHEREAS, HOBART and COUNTY have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for the Lake Count Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project is in the best interest of the residents of HOBART and COUNTY, and therefore, have determined that it is advisable to enter into and become a participating unit

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under such a joint interlocal cooperation agreement pursuant to the applicable provisions of State Law, as amended from time to time.

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for replacement and road reconstruction of Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project is Six Million Three Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred and Nine Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$6,312,609.24). **COUNTY** has agreed to contribute Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand and One Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$3,368,104.87) and **Hobart** has agreed to contribute Two Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$2,940,873.27), for the Lake County Bridge #54-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street. The probable cost bridge and road replacement itemized allocation proposal is connected herewith as Exhibit A¹.

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, HOBART and COUNTY, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, all of which are hereby acknowledged, do hereby agree as follows:
SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Agreement shall be from the execution date of this Agreement to completion of the Project as defined herein, provided that this Agreement is adopted by Resolution by Hobart and County.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of Hobart and County concerning the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project.

SECTION 3: PROJECT DEFINED.

The project is defined, as amended from time to time, as the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project, to be supervised and completed by HOBART, all of which is designed for the benefit of the citizens and residents of HOBART and COUNTY. The Project is further defined by the engineering plans being prepared by SEH, INC. County agrees to contribute Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand and One Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$3,368,104.87) to Hobart, for the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project. Hobart shall contribute the remaining cost of Two Million Nine Hundred Forty Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three Dollars and Twenty-Seven Cents (\$2,940,873.27). The construction contract is expected to be executed by April 1, 2025. The Project is expected to commence by April 30, 2025 and be completed by October 31, 2026.

¹ Frontier Services is projected to pay the sum of 3,301.00 plus a 10% contingency fee totaling \$3631.10.

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SECTION 4: PROJECT FUNDING.

COUNTY will pay Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand and One Hundred Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$3,368,104.87) from its Lake County Cumulative Bridge Fund thirty (30) calendar days after the award of the construction contract for the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge improvement public works project by HOBART. HOBART shall invoice County Finance Analyst using the authorized State Board of Account form for payment being provided to HOBART by COUNTY.

SECTION 5: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

This Agreement shall be administered through HOBART. HOBART is the lead agent for the Lake County Bridge #45-00254, Wisconsin Street Bridge over Lake George, North of Lake Park Road and South of 3rd Street, improvement public works project and will be handling all bidding, contract awards, and construction oversight. The powers of HOBART shall be as follows: the powers of the entity shall be exercised by HOBART and shall be construed to include all powers directly granted it under the ACT and only those powers exercisable by the participating entities individually and deemed necessary to carry-out the Project commencement and completion as set forth in Section 3 of this Agreement. The LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR is hereby designated to disburse and account for all funds contributed by COUNTY.

SECTION 6: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.

No Party shall assign, delegate, or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations as set forth in this Agreement to any other entity.

SECTION 7: AMENDMENTS.

The terms of the Agreement may not be amended, supplemented, waived or modified without the prior written approval of all Parties.

SECTION 8: FORCE MAJEURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, HOBART and COUNTY, shall not be deemed in default or in breach of this Agreement to the extent it is unable to perform due to an event of Force Majeure. For the purpose of this Agreement, Force Majeure shall mean and include any act of God, accident, fire, lockout, strike or other labor dispute, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, failure of transportation facilities, enactment, rule, order, or act of government or governmental instrumentality (whether domestic or international and whether federal, state or local, or the international equivalent thereof), failure of technical difficulties, or any other cause of any nature whatsoever beyond the control of HOBART and COUNTY, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

SECTION 9: NOTICES.

City of Hobart, Indiana
C/O City Attorney Heather McCarthy
414 Main Street
Hobart, Indiana 46342

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Lake County Board of Commissioners
Attn: Attorney Matthew N. Fech
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Lake County Council
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SECTION 10: CAPTIONS.
The captions and section designation herein set forth are for convenience only, and shall have no substantive meaning.

SECTION 11: SEVERABILITY.
In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or provision hereof is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remaining portions of this Agreement, and the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12: ENTIRETY OF THE AGREEMENT.
This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes all other negotiations, representations, or agreements, whether written or verbal, relating to this Agreement. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the Parties, and their respective assigns and successors in interest.

SECTION 13: MATERIAL DISPUTE.
The parties agree that HOBART and COUNTY shall meet for resolution purposes. Thereafter, if the dispute is unable to be resolved, the Parties agree that the dispute will be governed by the laws of the State of Indiana in a court of competent jurisdiction. The Parties agree that each Party shall be responsible for its own attorney’s fees, absent any applicable provision of law to the contrary.

SECTION 14: COUNTERPARTS.
This Agreement shall be signed in counterparts and each of said counterparts shall be considered an original.

SECTION 15: RECORDING AND FILING.
Before this Agreement takes effect, it must be recorded with the Office of the Lake County Recorder. No later than sixty (60) calendar days after it takes effect and is recorded, the Agreement must be filed with the Office of the State Board of Accounts for audit purposes, all pursuant to I.C. §36-1-7-6.

SECTION 16: PUBLIC ACTION.

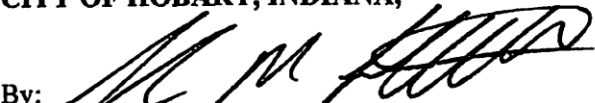
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It is expressly acknowledged and stated that this Agreement is executed and entered into by HOBART and COUNTY after action by each entity to approve the Agreement at a duly advertised Public Meeting of the following.

- A. By the City Council as the fiscal body of the City of HOBART, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation, on the 5th day of March, 2025, by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 against, and whereby the City Council President, and Clerk-Treasurer, respectively, were directed to execute and attest same, and deliver the Agreement herein.
- B. Joshaua Huddlestun, Mayor of the City of HOBART as its Executive on the 5th day of March, 2025.
- C. Joshaua Huddlestun, City of Hobart Board of Public Works and Safety as its President on the 5th day of March, 2025.
- D. Robert B. Fulton, City of Hobart Sanitary and Storm water District Board of Commissioners as its President on the 11th day of March, 2025.
- E. By the Lake County Council as the fiscal body of the municipal body known as Lake County on the 10th day of June, 2025 by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 against and whereby the Lake County Auditor was directed to attest the same.
- F. By the Board of County Commissioners, Lake County, Indiana, as the county executive of the municipal body known as Lake County on the 21st day of May, 2025 by a vote of 3 in favor and 0 against and whereby the Lake County Auditor was directed to attest the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA,

By: 
JOSHAUA HUDDLESTUN, Mayor

CITY OF HOBART, BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

By: 
JOSHAUA HUDDLESTUN

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Presiding Officer

CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA
414 Main Street, Hobart, Indiana 46342
By and Through Its City Council

President of the Hobart City Council


Matthew Claussen, President

ATTEST: 
DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer

CITY OF HOBART SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND STORM WATER
DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS


ROBERT B. FULTON, President

ATTEST: 
ALEX METZ, P.E.
Secretary

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WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 21st day of May, 2025.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



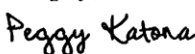
Kyle W. Allen Sr., Commissioner 1st District



Jerry Tippy, Commissioner 2nd District



Michael C. Repay, Commissioner 3rd District

Attest: 

Peggy Katona, Lake County Auditor

WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 10th day of June, 2025.




CHRISTINE CID, President



RONALD G. BREWER, SR.



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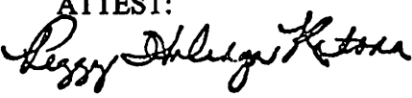
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Members of the Lake County Council

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ATTEST:


Lake County Auditor

COUNTY:

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ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST WISCONSIN STREET BRIDGE AND ROAD REPLACEMENT PROJECT ITEMIZED PROPOSAL					
ITEM NO.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
1	CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING	LSUM	1.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
2	MOBILIZATION AND DEMOBILIZATION	LSUM	1.00	\$300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
3	CLEARING RIGHT OF WAY	LSUM	1.00	\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
4	PRESENT STRUCTURE, REMOVE	LSUM	1.00	\$200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
5	STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BUDGET	DOL	50,000.00	\$1.00	\$ 50,000.00
6	EXCAVATION, COMMON	CYS	6,781.00	\$31.07	\$ 210,896.37
7	BORROW	CYS	8,702.00	\$15.16	\$ 131,922.32
8	COFFERDAM	LSUM	1.00	\$250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00
9	SUBGRADE TREATMENT, TYPE II	SYS	144.00	\$21.74	\$ 3,130.54
10	SUBGRADE TREATMENT, TYPE IC	SYS	7,255.76	\$35.63	\$ 258,522.90
11	AGGREGATE FOR END BENT BACKFILL	CYS	58.00	\$134.99	\$ 7,829.42
12	COMPACTED AGGREGATE NO. 53	TON	1,236.00	\$41.93	\$ 51,826.48
13	SUBBASE FOR PCOP	CYS	43.62	\$114.62	\$ 4,999.60
14	MILLING, TRANSITION	SYS	886.68	\$9.03	\$ 8,200.74
15	HMA SURFACE TYPE C, 9.5MM	TON	480.00	\$90.00	\$ 43,200.00
16	HMA INTERMEDIATE TYPE C, 19.0 MM	TON	803.00	\$85.00	\$ 68,255.00
17	HMA BASE TYPE C, 25.0 MM	TON	2,280.00	\$80.00	\$ 182,400.00
18	JOINT ADHESIVE, SURFACE	LF	1,652.00	\$1.00	\$ 1,652.00
19	JOINT ADHESIVE, INTERMEDIATE	LF	1,652.00	\$1.00	\$ 1,652.00
20	LIQUID ASPHALT SEALANT	LF	1,651.36	\$0.29	\$ 478.89
21	ASPHALT FOR TACK COAT	SYS	5,809.76	\$0.53	\$ 3,079.17
22	HANDRAIL, PEDESTRIAN	LF	1,222.75	\$185.00	\$ 226,210.60
23	GUARDRAIL, REMOVE	LF	2,411.00	\$6.36	\$ 15,333.96
24	ROADWAY SIGN ASSEMBLY	EACH	6.00	\$350.00	\$ 2,100.00
25	GUARDRAIL, WOOD	LF	1,063.50	\$115.00	\$ 122,302.50
26	GUARDRAIL, WOOD, DOUBLE SIDED	LF	1,039.45	\$250.00	\$ 259,862.50
27	BARRIER, DELINEATOR	EACH	8.00	\$23.65	\$ 189.20
28	REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE APPROACH, 16 IN	SYS	238.00	\$916.00	\$ 218,008.00

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ITEM NO.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
29	HMA FOR APPROACHES, TYPE B	TON	7.00	\$166.80	\$ 1,168.30
30	RIPRAP, REVETMENT	TON	1,330.00	\$76.70	\$ 102,011.00
31	GEOTEXTILE FOR RIPRAP TYPE 2B	SYS	1,851.10	\$4.77	\$ 8,877.45
32	MULCHING SEEDING TYPE R	SYS	4,930.00	\$2.02	\$ 9,958.60
33	PILE, STEEL PIPE, 0.312 IN., 14 IN.	LF	2,680.00	\$84.52	\$ 218,061.60
34	DYNAMIC PILE LOAD TEST	EACH	4.00	\$3,174.63	\$ 12,698.52
35	TEST PILE, DYNAMIC, PRODUCTION	LF	330.00	\$104.94	\$ 34,630.20
36	TEST PILE, DYNAMIC, RESTRIKE	EACH	4.00	\$3,671.07	\$ 14,684.28
37	CONICAL PILE TIP, 14 IN.	EACH	36.00	\$434.40	\$ 15,638.40
38	CONCRETE, A, SUBSTRUCTURE	CYS	338.30	\$1,466.61	\$ 492,771.16
39	B-BORROW (MODIFIED)	CYS	2,666.52	\$42.63	\$ 109,410.68
40	REINFORCING BARS	LBS	11,940.00	\$1.75	\$ 20,895.00
41	REINFORCING BARS, EPOXY COATED	LBS	202,840.00	\$1.83	\$ 371,197.20
42	CONCRETE, C, SUPERSTRUCTURE	CYS	478.10	\$1,297.05	\$ 620,119.61
43	RAILING, CONCRETE TYPE FC	CYS	64.00	\$110.06	\$ 7,043.20
44	SURFACE SEAL	LSUM	1.00	\$5,887.97	\$ 5,887.97
45	ARCHITECTURAL SURFACE TREATMENT	SFT	1,348.00	\$6.80	\$ 9,166.40
46	RAILING, ORNAMENTAL	LFT	351.00	\$210.00	\$ 73,710.00
47	ROAD CLOSURE SIGN ASSEMBLY	EACH	7.00	\$314.89	\$ 2,204.23
48	DETOUR ROUTE MARKER ASSEMBLY	EACH	38.00	\$142.01	\$ 5,396.38
49	CONSTRUCTION SIGN, A	EACH	18.00	\$224.47	\$ 4,040.46
50	CONSTRUCTION SIGN, B	EACH	11.00	\$116.69	\$ 1,283.48
51	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	LSUM	1.00	\$162,373.80	\$ 162,373.80
52	BARICADE, III-A	LF	48.00	\$16.74	\$ 803.52
53	BARRICADE, III-B	LF	48.00	\$18.85	\$ 904.80
54	TRANSVERSE MARKING, THERMOPLASTIC, CROSSWALK LINE, WHITE, 24 IN.	LF	170.00	\$10.60	\$ 1,802.00
55	PAVEMENT MESSAGE MARKING, PREFORMED PLASTIC, ADA ACCESSIBLE SYMBOL	EACH	1.00	\$750.00	\$ 750.00
56	LINE, PAINT, SOLID, WHITE, 4 IN	LF	2,910.00	\$1.00	\$ 2,910.00
57	LINE, PAINT, SOLID, YELLOW, 4 IN	LF	3,070.00	\$1.00	\$ 3,070.00
58	LINE, PAINT, BROKEN, WHITE, 4 IN	LF	100.00	\$1.00	\$ 100.00
59	PAVEMENT MESSAGE MARKING, PAINT, LANE INDICATION ARROW	EACH	2.00	\$137.43	\$ 274.86

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60	TRANSVERSE MARKING, PAINT, STOP LINE, WHITE 24 IN	LF	73.00	\$9.80	\$ 715.40
61	PAVEMENT MESSAGE MARKING, MULTI-COMPONENT, RXR	EACH	1.00	\$1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00
62	TERMINAL JOINT TYPE PCCP	LF	96.00	\$291.29	\$ 27,963.84
63	GROOVING FOR PAVEMENT MARKINGS	LF	5,794.00	\$1.00	\$ 5,794.00
64	SIDEWALK, CONCRETE, 4 IN	SYS	1,669.00	\$79.53	\$ 124,782.57
65	CURB RAMP, CONCRETE	SYS	38.00	\$221.22	\$ 8,408.36
66	DETECTABLE WARNING SURFACES	SYS	10.00	\$281.68	\$ 2,816.80
67	GEOTEXTILE FOR PAVEMENT, TYPE 2B	SYS	7,399.76	\$5.21	\$ 38,552.77
68	PREFABRICATED VERTICAL DRAIN	LF	97,873.00	\$2.00	\$ 195,146.00
69	CURB AND GUTTER, CONCRETE, MODIFIED	LF	665.00	\$38.26	\$ 25,442.90
70	BORROW MATERIAL FOR SURCHARGE	CYS	5,170.96	\$20.00	\$ 103,419.26
71	GEOGRID FOR SUBGRADE TYPE 1B (MODIFIED)	SYS	6,573.33	\$3.00	\$ 19,720.00
72	EROSION CONTROL BLANKET	SYS	4,006.00	\$10.00	\$ 40,060.00
73	LIGHTING UNIT TYPE SPECIAL	EACH	4.00	\$5,400.00	\$ 21,600.00
74	HANDHOLE	EACH	5.00	\$2,300.00	\$ 11,500.00
75	SERVICE CABINET	EACH	1.00	\$7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
76	EQUIPMENT PAD	EACH	1.00	\$1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
77	2" NON-METALLIC CONDUIT	EACH	625.00	\$7.50	\$ 4,687.50
78	UNDERGROUND WIRE 1/C 8 AWG	EACH	3,150.00	\$1.55	\$ 4,882.50
79	PIPE, TYPE 2, CIRCULAR, DIAMETER 12 IN	LF	20.00	\$78.31	\$ 1,566.20
80	PIPE END SECTION, PRECAST CONCRETE, DIAMETER 12 IN	EACH	1.00	\$1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
81	CATCH BASIN, TYPE A4	EACH	1.00	\$5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00
82	SETTLEMENT PLATE	EACH	11.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 27,500.00
83	PIEZOMETER	EACH	3.00	\$4,500.00	\$ 13,500.00
84	CASTING, CATCH BASIN, ADJUST TO GRADE	EACH	2.00	\$1,339.63	\$ 2,679.26
85	CASTING, MANHOLE, ADJUST TO GRADE	EACH	4.00	\$1,058.78	\$ 4,235.12
86	INSTALL UTILITY PROVIDED HANDHOLE	EACH	2.00	\$500.00	\$ 1,000.00
87	INSTALL UTILITY PROVIDED CONDUIT, 5 IN	LF	767.00	\$3.00	\$ 2,301.00
			ROAD/BRIDGE SPLIT SUBTOTAL		\$ 704,017.67

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			ROADWAY SUBTOTAL		\$ 2,270,242.32
			BRIDGE SUBTOTAL		\$ 2,709,904.68
			LIGHTING SUBTOTAL		\$ 51,270.00
			FRONTIER SUBTOTAL		\$ 3,301.00
			TOTAL:		\$5,738,735.67
			10% CONTINGENCY		\$573,873.57
					\$6,312,609.24

EXHIBIT A

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2025, Ordinance No. 1502C – L.C. Superior Court IV 4001

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1502C-3

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2025, ORDINANCE NO. 1502C

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2025, Ordinance No. 1502C; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

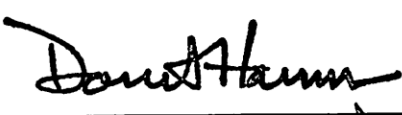
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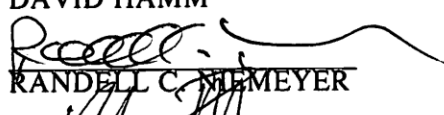
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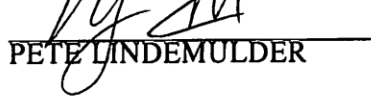
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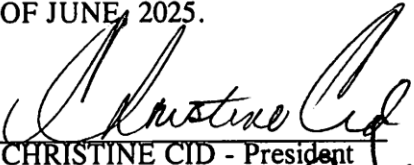
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All part-time employees up to a maximum of \$30.00/hr.


SO ORDAINED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

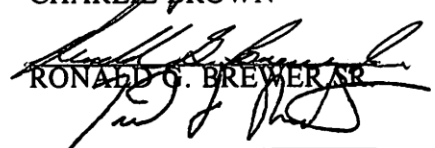

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2025, Ordinance No. 1502C – Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 4004

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

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, 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. 1502C-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2025, ORDINANCE NO. 1502C

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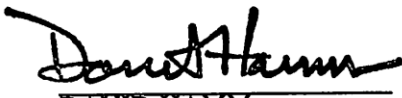
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b. Court Reporter	10.00/hr.
c. Bailiff	Up to a maximum of 20.00/hr.
d. Secretary/receptionist	10.50/hr.
e. Bailiff-Veterans Treatment Court	12.00/hr.

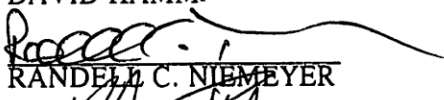
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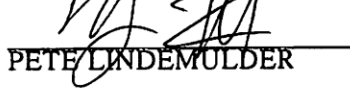
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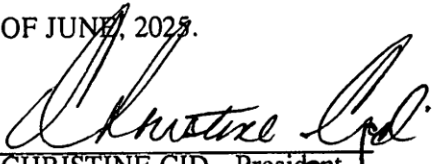
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SO ORDAINED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

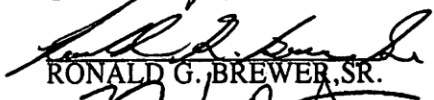

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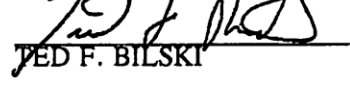

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Juvenile Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1508A

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
JUVENILE ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI) GRANT
EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND

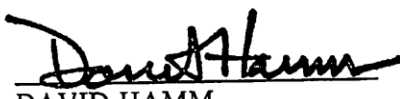
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5, provides that the County Council shall pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Grant funds shall be used exclusively in conformance with Indiana Code §11-12 and in accordance with the annual Grant Agreement executed between the parties and for no other purposes; and
- WHEREAS, the IDOC awarded the Lake County Juvenile Center a grant funding in the amount of \$65,350.00 for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Programs; and
- WHEREAS, the grant funds shall be used for the following purposes: supplies and services; and
- WHEREAS, the IDOC has determined each Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Grant program must be accounted for in a separate fund which shall alternate between an odd-year award and an even-year award to prevent commingling of grant funds across Lake County Juvenile programs and between annual program-specific awards; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even Numbered Years Fund to account for the current award and any future Juvenile Center Program awards made in even-numbered years.

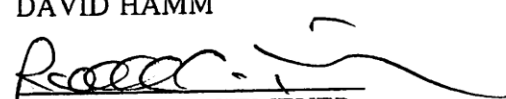
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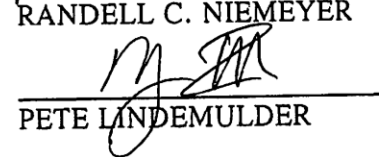
1. That the Lake County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund, a non-reverting fund, is hereby established for the deposit of IDOC grant award funds in the sum of \$65,350.00.
2. That this grant fund will be used to make grant-funded purchases in compliance with permissible uses pursuant to the Grant Agreement, and appropriations created by the Lake County Auditor's Office.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the Lake County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund.


4. In the event Lake County Juvenile Center receives future IDOC Grant funding for a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Program in even-numbered years, this Fund may be used to account for such awards.


SO ORDAINED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025

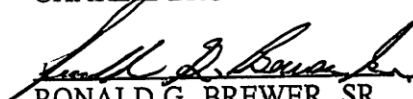

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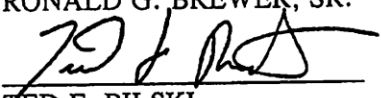

RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Juvenile Center’s High-Risk Outreach Program (HROP) Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1508B

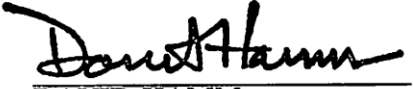
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
JUVENILE CENTER’S HIGH RISK OUTREACH PROGRAM
(HROP) GRANT FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND

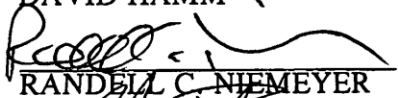
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5 Provides that the County Council shall pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury; and
- WHEREAS, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program aims to reduce recidivism and improve positive outcomes for youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System; and
- WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division’s Juvenile Center has been awarded a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute in the sum of \$50,483.25; pursuant to the grant the funds shall be used for personnel, employee benefits, supplies and operating expenses and consultants and contractors; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Juvenile Center’s High Risk Outreach Program (HROP) Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

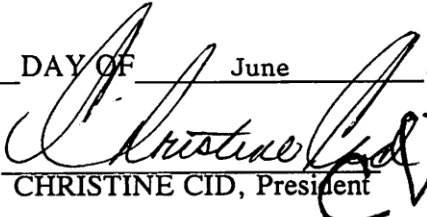
1. That the Lake County Council hereby establishes the Lake County Juvenile Center’s High Risk Outreach Program (HROP) Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund for the deposit \$50,483.25.
2. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the Lake County Juvenile Center’s High Risk Outreach Program (HROP) Grant Fund, subject to appropriation by the Lake County Council.
3. In the event future Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program grants are awarded to the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division’s Juvenile Center, such grants may be accounted for using this Fund.


SO ORDAINED THIS 10th DAY OF June, 2025.

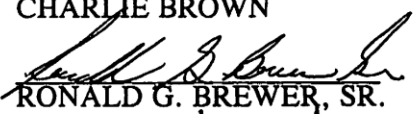

DAVID HAMM



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PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

Lindemulder 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. 1508C

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS JUVENILE DETENTION GRANT
EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**


- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5, provides that the County Council shall pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within the County Treasury; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Grant funds shall be used exclusively in conformance with Indiana Code §11-12 and in accordance with the annual Grant Agreement executed between the parties and for no other purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** the IDOC awarded the Lake County Detention Center-Juvenile a grant funding in the amount of \$113,719.00 for existing Juvenile Community Corrections - Secure Detention Alternative Program-In House Arrest/Intensive Probation Programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the grant funds shall be used for the following purposes: personnel, fringe benefits, supplies and services; and
- WHEREAS,** the IDOC has determined each Juvenile Community Corrections Grant program must be accounted for in a separate fund which shall alternate between an odd-year award and an even-year award to prevent commingling of grant funds across Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile programs and between annual program-specific awards; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund to account for the current award and any future Juvenile Community Corrections Program awards made in even-numbered years.

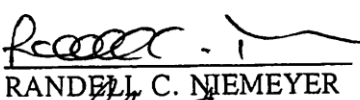
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:


1. That the Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund, a non-reverting fund, is hereby established for the deposit of IDOC grant award funds in the sum of \$113,719.00.
2. That this grant fund will be used to make grant-funded purchases in compliance with permissible uses pursuant to the Grant Agreement, and appropriations created by the Lake County Auditor's Office.


- 3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the Lake County Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Even Numbered Year Fund.
- 4. In the event Lake County Detention Center-Juvenile receives future IDOC Grant funding for a Juvenile Community Corrections Program in even-numbered years, this Fund may be used to account for such awards.

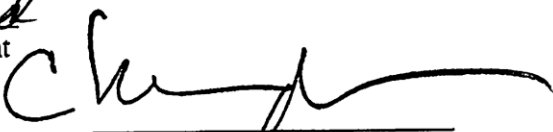
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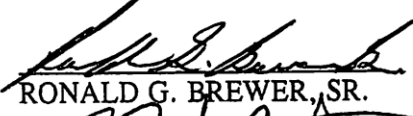

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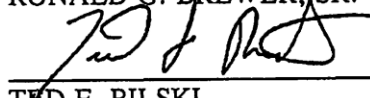

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CHARLIE BROWN


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1209C, The Ordinance Establishing Payment for Veterans’ Grave Markers

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve First Reading ONLY with the following amendments:

- Death of a Veteran Benefit from \$150 to \$225
- Death of a Spouse from \$100 to \$150
- Grave Marker from \$60 to \$90

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on First Reading with amendments carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1264D, The Ordinance Establishing the Rules and Penalties for Weights and Measures

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

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

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

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ORDINANCE NO. ~~1264D-2~~

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1264D, THE ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND PENALTIES FOR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

- WHEREAS,** on June 13, 2005, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Ordinance Establishing the Rules and Penalties for Weights and Measures, Ordinance No. 1264D;
- WHEREAS,** on September 14, 2010, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1264D-1, amending SECTION 9. REGISTRATION, B.ii.; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-1-8-11(c), provides that a payment to a political subdivision for any purpose may be made by any of the following financial instruments that the fiscal body of the political subdivision authorizes for use: cash, check, bank draft, money order, bank card or credit card; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-1-8-11(f), provides that the political subdivision may contract with a bank card or credit card vendor for acceptance of bank cards or credit cards. However, if there is a vendor transaction charge or discount fee, whether billed to the political subdivision or charged directly to the political subdivision’s account, the political subdivision may collect from the person using the card either or both of the following:
- (1) An official fee that may not exceed the transaction charge or discount fee charged to the political subdivision by the bank or credit card vendors;
 - (2) A reasonable convenience fee: (A) that may not exceed three dollars (\$3); and (B) that must be uniform regardless of the bank card or credit card used.
- The fees may be collected regardless of retail merchant agreements between the bank and credit card vendors that may prohibit such fees. These fees are permitted additional charges under I.C. 24-4-.5-3-202; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

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SECTION 9. REGISTRATION

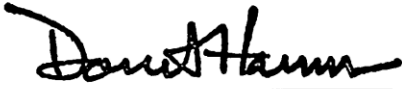
- B. ii. Pay a license fee of One Hundred Forty (\$140.00) Dollars in check or money order payable to the Lake County Auditor for each application. License applications shall be submitted to the Lake County Weights and Measures Department.

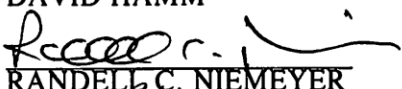
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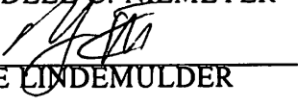
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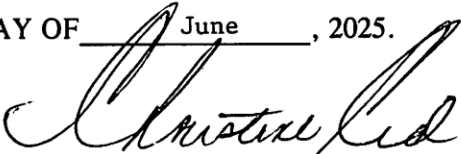
- B. ii. Pay a license fee of One Hundred Forty (\$140.00) Dollars in check, money order or credit card. Credit card payments will include a transaction fee of 2.45% with \$1.49 minimum. This fee will be added to the total amount due at the time of payment. Business checks, money orders, and cashier’s checks should be made payable to the Lake County Auditor for each application. License applications shall be submitted to the Lake County Weights and Measures Department.

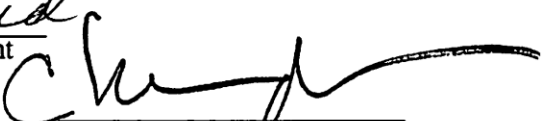
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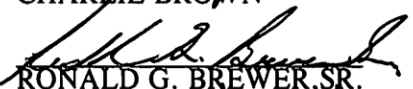

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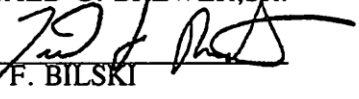

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PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID - President


CHARLIE BROWN


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No.1500F, decreasing one (1) full-time position and six (6) supplemental pay positions in the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1500F-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2025 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1500F,
DECREASING ONE (1) FULL-TIME POSITION AND SIX (6)
SUPPLEMENTAL PAY POSITIONS IN THE LAKE COUNTY
PROSECUTOR’S IV-D DEPARTMENT (DEPARTMENT 9003)

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F; and

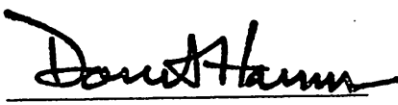


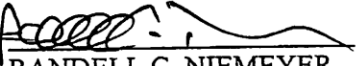

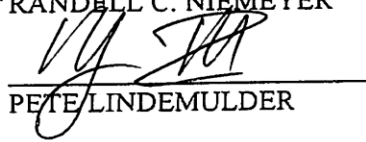
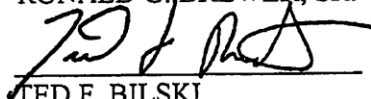
WHEREAS, the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department’s decreases of one (1) full-time position and six (6) supplemental pay positions will balance the increases in the County General salaries adopted on May 13, 2025 in Ordinance No. 1500F-3 ; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1500F to establish a revised Form No. 144 establishing salary decreases of one (1) full-time position and six (6) supplemental pay positions for the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003), effective upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit “A”, establishing salary decreases of one (1) full-time position and six (6) supplemental pay positions in the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003), is hereby approved, effective upon adoption.

SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

 DAVID HAMM	 CHRISTINE CID, President	 CHARLIE BROWN
 RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 RONALD G. BREWER, SR.
 PETE LINDEMULDER		 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

Form Prescribed by State Board of Accounts

County Form No. 144 (1971)

STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Prosecutor IV-D, 9003, LAKE County, Indiana
(Name of Office, Department, Board Agency)

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2025
(Calendar Year)

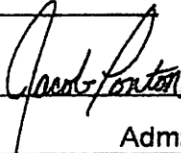
FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Title of Position or Employee Classification</u>			
JOB CODE # AND POSITION #	\$ PRESENT	\$ PROPOSED	\$ DIFFERENCE
15707-016	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	(\$40,000.00)
39001-001	\$5,877.00	\$0.00	(\$5,877.00)
39001-002	\$10,323.00	\$0.00	(\$10,323.00)
390021003	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
39001-004	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	(\$1,400.00)
39001-005	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	(\$1,045.00)
39001-006	\$1,195.00	\$0.00	(\$1,195.00)
Total(s):	\$61,840.00		(\$61,840.00)

PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

<u>Title of Position or Employee Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate of Pay*</u>	<u>Hour, day, week, month, etc.</u>
		Per	
		Per	
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		Per	
		Per	

*Show rate of pay per month, week, day, hour, etc.

Submitted by:  (Signature)
Administrative Director (Title)

Date 5/27/25

- NOTES:
- (1) This statement must be filed IN DUPLICATE with the County Auditor on or before July 1 each year for salaries and wages to be paid in the ensuing year.
 - (2) The number and salaries to be paid full time officers and employees must be fixed by the County Council. The rates of pay for part time and hourly employees shall likewise be fixed by the County Council but the number to be employed is limited only by the funds appropriated therefore; thus, the amount to be requested in the budget for part time and hourly employees need not be included in this statement
 - (3) The County Auditor shall complete the reserve side of this of this form and return one copy to the officer or head of the department, board or agency within 3 days after action thereon by the County Council.

Ex. A.

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F, eliminating nine (9) supplemental pay positions in the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1500F-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2025 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1500F,
ELIMINATING NINE (9) SUPPLEMENTAL PAY POSITIONS IN THE
LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S IV-D DEPARTMENT (DEPARTMENT 9003)

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F; and

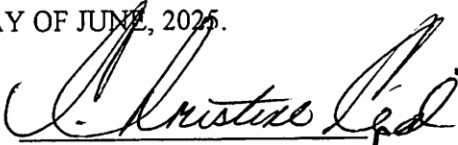
WHEREAS, the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department’s elimination of nine (9) supplemental pay positions are due to the increases in the County General salaries adopted on May 13, 2025 in Ordinance No. 1500F-3 ; and


WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1500F to establish a revised Form No. 144 eliminating nine (9) supplemental pay positions for the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003), effective upon adoption.

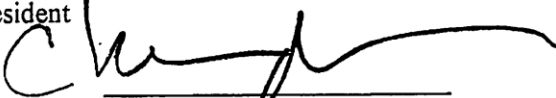
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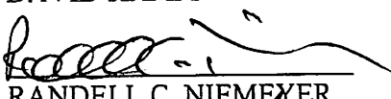
That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit “A”, eliminating nine (9) supplemental pay positions in the Lake County Prosecutor’s IV-D Department (Department 9003), is hereby approved, effective upon adoption.

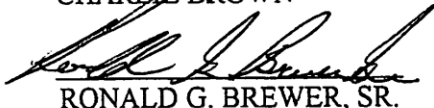
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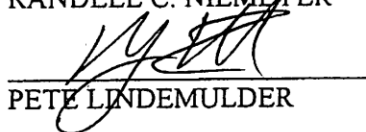

CHRISTINE CID, President

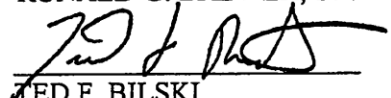

DAVID HAMM


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Form Prescribed by State Board of Accounts

County Form No. 144 (1971)

STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
CALENDAR YEAR 2025

Prosecutor IV-D, 9003

LAKE

County, Indiana

(Name of Office, Department, Board Agency)

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2025

(Calendar Year)

FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

<div>Title of Position or Employee Classification</div>			
JOB CODE # AND POSITION #	\$ PRESENT	\$ PROPOSED	\$ DIFFERENCE
39002-106	\$20,013.00	\$0.00	(\$20,013.00)
39002-107	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)
39002-108	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)
39002-109	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)
39002-110	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)
39002-111	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	(\$30,000.00)
39002-112	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	(\$23,000.00)
39002-113	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	(\$20,000.00)
39002-114	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	(\$20,000.00)
Total(s):	\$233,013.00		(\$233,013.00)

PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

<div>Title of Position or Employee Classification</div>	Amount	Rate of Pay*	Hour, day, week, month, etc.
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	
		Per	

*Show rate of pay per month, week, day, hour, etc.

Submitted by:

Jack Ponton

(Signature)

Administrative Director

(Title)

Date 5/27/25

- NOTES:
- (1)

This statement must be filed IN DUPLICATE with the County Auditor on or before July 1 each year for salaries and wages to be paid in the ensuing year.
- (2)

The number and salaries to be paid full time officers and employees must be fixed by the County Council. The rates of pay for part time and hourly employees shall likewise be fixed by the County Council but the number to be employed is limited only by the funds appropriated therefore; thus, the amount to be requested in the budget for part time and hourly employees need not be included in this statement
- (3)

The County Auditor shall complete the reserve side of this of this form and return one copy to the officer or head of the department, board or agency within 3 days after action thereon by the County Council.

Ex. A.

In the Matter of Plan Commission Ordinance No. 2587 – LHA Properties, LLC, Owner, Cross Creek Ranch, Inc. (C/O Timothy Kuiper), Petitioner, 5/21/25, R-3 to A-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 7-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2587
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 May 21, 2025).

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

ZONE CHANGE from R-3 (One to Four Family Zone) to A-1 (Agricultural Zone) owned by LHA Properties, LLC and petitioned by Cross Creek Ranch, Inc. (C/O Timothy Kuiper) to allow a proposed agritourism business on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 3/10 of a mile west of Burr Street on the north side of W. 125th Avenue, a/k/a 6330 W. 125th Avenue in Center Township.

Legal Description:

- Parcel 1:**
Part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence North 900 feet; thence East 242 feet; thence South 900 feet to the South line of said Quarter Quarter Section; thence West 242 feet to the place of beginning, in Center Township, Lake County, Indiana.
- Parcel 2:**
The West 715 feet of the South half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian AND the West 715 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian, EXCEPT the West 242 feet of the South 900 feet of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all of which is located in Lake County, Indiana.
- Parcel 3:**
The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, EXCEPT the West 715 feet thereof.
- Parcel 4:**
The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P.M. in Lake County, Indiana, EXCEPT that part conveyed to Northern Indiana Public Service Company by Warranty Deed recorded January 16, 1981 as Document No. 614536, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence North 89 degrees 07 minutes 56 seconds West along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13 a distance of 119.46 feet to the true point of beginning of this description; thence continuing North 89 degrees 07 minutes 56 seconds West along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13 a distance of 324.43 feet to a point; thence North 61 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 2503.98 feet to a point on the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence North a degrees 30 minutes 31 seconds East along the West line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13, a distance of 163.87 feet to the Northwest corner of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East along the North line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 13 a distance of 11.15 feet to a point; thence South 61 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds East a distance of 2858.45 feet to the true point of beginning of this description.

Additional Council Comments:

Niemeyer – Back on February 28th, there was a situation brought to my attention; I bring this up because of the financial aspect of it and also some of the personnel aspects of it. It was brought to my attention that five or six workers in the election office were tasked with setting up a party function, a democratic caucus, in the auditorium during work hours. I brought it to the attention of Commissioner Repay and was told that the party would pay the county back somehow for the time of those employees, and I'm not sure of what the status of that ever was. Through our personnel handbook, that activity is deemed improper. That is not allowed to happen on government time, even if there is someone else paying for it. So, I'd like to get some answers on that. It has been kind of forgotten about, but I haven't forgotten about it. I don't think its ever good practice for government workers to be participating in political work during their work hours. And also, like I said, it's in our personnel manual. Then there was another situation brought to my attention where there were inspectors and students that are required by law to attend training that, by records, did not attend the training but still got paid for the training. So, we've got some discrepancies there and processes and systems that need to be looked into. Again, I don't have access to the pay docket to be able to kind of follow up on this, but I think the first issue is an issue that's really improper, and we've had situations here in the past where people have faced legal consequences for those sorts of things, and I sure as heck don't want to see another black eye on Lake County. So, I'd like to get to the bottom of that and find out the information of why that was done, how it's being corrected, and who paid for these workers to be working downstairs on a political function.

Brown – Was that taken to the election board?

Niemeyer – We have a unique system in Lake County of how our election office works. The two county chairmen, myself and Commissioner Repay, appoint the people that work in that office. Michelle Fajman is the director, Jessica Messler is the assistant director, and each party, I believe, has twelve employees. So that was brought up to the chairman, Mike Repay, who is in charge of that and also a commissioner. So again, that's where that went. It will be brought up to the election board. I wanted to give this some time to be vetted to see what had been done. Nobody has contacted me with a resolution to this, so I'm going to pursue it in a different avenue.

Bilski – I couldn't agree more with my colleague. He's 100% right. We've had tons of bad things happen in this state. Look at the scenario with Tony Bennett doing the same thing. He was school board director statewide and campaigning and using office personnel for campaigning purposes. But there are agencies out there to police that. So, wholeheartedly, let them investigate, and if there's any malfeasance, anything anybody did wrong, our own prosecutor could look into that, and if there was something here that was wrong, correct it and find the path that needs to be taken to ratify whatever issue is there. See what we need to do to make sure everything is squared up.

Niemeyer – I'll be attending the election board meeting next week, and I'll ask some of these questions to them as well so we can make sure we've got a proper record of it. But it will need to be investigated at some point to look into all the details.

Cid – I know you can do it online also right?

Niemeyer – Right, but there's still documentation. Inspectors are required, by law, and from what I saw of the records, there was no documentation of these people even attending training. Yet the inspectors were given election kits and paid for the training, which is an extra thirty dollars.

Brewer – What was the time frame of this incident happening here in Lake County?

Niemeyer – So the election workers working on the Democratic caucus, every four years the two major parties both have their leadership caucus on March 1st, so that took place on February 28th. The poll worker training was right before the elections that took place in the Crown Point school district and the Hobart school district. So, it was just recently.

Brown – There's a county chair and there's a senator here who wants to make sure Lake County is treated fairly. Why not make an attempt to change the law in Indianapolis that says that we have this hybrid in Lake County as to how the election board is situated?

Niemeyer – I think it's a worthwhile endeavor to look at the legislation. I think there's an opportunity there. Like I said in the last meeting, modernizing and reviewing government policies is a good thing. So, I think in these sorts of cases it doesn't hurt to take a look at those enabling statutes.

Cid – And you're saying that the staff of that caucus were mandated to work? They didn't volunteer?

Niemeyer – They can't volunteer while they're on government time according to our personnel policy handbook. You can't, while you're on county time, just leave your post, to go work somewhere else. This was during normal business hours and about half of the staff on the democrat side went down there to work on setup for that caucus.

Public Comment:

State Senator Dan Dernulc (District 1) – During this last session, there was a lot of consternation. I talked to a lot of you, and I did listen to you, and I hope you see that. I’m a local government guy, and there are some concerns. I think what the governor is trying to do is very noble, but I also do not want to hurt our local government. Mr. Schmal and I started working on this in January; we started formulating something. This was before anything was produced, and the leaders did come out and say, “This is what we would like to do.” They were able to get it over to the house, and then a 300-page amendment came back. It just didn’t feel right for me. My hope is, if it’s ok with you, Mr. Schmal, we’ll be going down on Thursday to meet with Senator Niemeyer, Representative Slater, and myself along with Krista Ricci, who’s part of the analyst for our taxes; she’s aware of our concerns. She understands there might be an issue. Also, one of my colleagues did reach out to Scott and explained what some of the issues are, and he understands. So, we’re going to see what we can do to work and try to get this issue resolved. Of course, government could always use a haircut, but when it hurts local government, that really hits me hard. I was one of the 22 that voted against it. There are a lot of people that think there might be some waste, and of course we can find places that we can do better, right? But I think this county is run pretty well. I think the seven of you have done a great job, and I appreciate that. I also think a lot of our towns and school districts have done well too. But, we’re going to see what we can do, and Mr. Schmal I do appreciate your help on this and look forward to you being out there. This is going to be one of our many meetings over the next several months so we could present something to my colleagues, all 49 of them, along with myself, and get something done. Please don’t hesitate to call me.

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