

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 – June 10, 2025

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

In the Matter of Acknowledgments/Announcements

- The council sent their congratulations to Niah Maduakolam of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team for earning the top rankings in the final round of Dramatic Interpretation and placing third overall in the nation at the National Speech and Debate Championship in Des Moines, IA.
- Lindemulder presented the Syd Garner Scholarship Award to Sierra Barron
- The Council sent their congratulations to Lake County Emergency Management for earning the official designation as a StormReady County by the National Weather Service

ORDINANCE #1509

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>Auditor 1002</u>		
63150 Consulting Fees	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
63830 Matching Funds	\$80,500.00	\$80,500.00
<u>IV-D Court 4007</u>		
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$3,000.00	WITHDRAWN
Comm. Tax Certificate Sale Fund 1385		
<u>Auditor 1002</u>		
63190 Other Professional Service	\$86,500.00	\$86,500.00
Check Deception Collection Fee Fund 7279		
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$3,529.09	\$3,529.00
LC Juvenile Center's High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund 9130		
<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$172.12	\$172.12
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$319.50	\$319.50
62410 Other Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

LC Juvenile Alternatives Initiative Grant Fund 9370

<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
62410 Other Supplies	\$3,390.00	\$3,390.00
63195 Contractual Services	\$38,500.00	\$38,500.00
63232 Travel – Meals	\$200.00	\$200.00
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$120.00	\$120.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$270.00	\$270.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$7,110.00	\$7,110.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$14,560.00	\$14,560.00

LC Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Fund 9390

<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
61190 Part-Time	\$56,160.00	\$56,160.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$4,679.00	\$4,679.00
63715 Equipment Lease	\$41,950.00	\$41,950.00
63920 Food & Lodging	\$430.00	\$430.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00

LC Juvenile Life Work Self-Discovery Storytelling Program Adv Grant Fund 9394

<u>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
63195 Contractual Services	\$14,550.00	\$14,550.00

Adopted this 8th day of July, 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>LC Superior Court IV 4001</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$2,115.08	\$2,115.08
To: 1001-64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$2,115.08	\$2,115.08
<u>Cooperative Extension Service 5002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63710 Equipment Rental	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
To: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
<u>Commissioners 6002</u>		
Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196		
From: 1196-64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
To: 1196-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00

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 8th day of July, 2025.

	<u>Additional</u>		
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
Auditor 1002	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
(\$180,500)			
<u>IV-D Court 4007</u>			
(\$3,000)	WITHDRAWN		

<u>Comm. Tax Certificate Sale Fund 1385</u>			
Auditor 1002 (\$86,500)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Check Deception Collection Fee Fund 7279</u>			
Prosecutor 9001 (\$3,529)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Juvenile Center’s High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund 9130</u>			
Juvenile Court 4005 (\$25,241.62)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Juvenile Alternatives Initiative Grant Fund 9370</u>			
Juvenile Court 4005 (\$65,350)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Fund 9390</u>			
Juvenile Detention Center 8003 (\$113,719)	Brown	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>LC Juvenile Life Work Self-Discovery Storytelling Program Adv Grant Fund 9394</u>			
Juvenile Court 4005 (\$14,550)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Transfers</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>LC Superior Court IV 4001</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$2,115.08)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Cooperative Extension Service 5002</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$1,340)	Lindemulder	Niemeyer	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
<u>Commissioners 6002</u>			
Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196 (\$150,000)	Brewer	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Items – LC Juvenile Center’s High-Risk Outreach Program Grant Fund 9130

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

- 61290 – Supplemental Pay
- 61320 – FICA – Deduction
- 61330 – PERF – Deduction
- 62410 – Other Supplies
- 63195 – Contractual Services
- 63995 – Other Services & Charges

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

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Items – LC Juvenile Alternatives Initiative Grant Fund 9370

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

- 62410 – Other Supplies
- 63195 – Contractual Services
- 63232 – Travel-Meals
- 63233 – Travel-Lodging
- 63234 – Travel-Trans/Other
- 63235 – Travel-Mileage
- 63920 – Food & Lodging
- 63995 – Other Services & Charges

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

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Create New Line Items – LC Community Corrections Juvenile Detention Grant Fund 9390

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

- 61190 – Part-Time
- 61320 – FICA – Deduction
- 63715 – Equipment Lease
- 63920 – Food & Lodging
- 63995 – Other Services & Charges

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

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

Brewer made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to approve the following Revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
XXXXX-XXX Information Systems Technical Lead	\$ 0.00	\$120,000	\$120,000

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

In the Matter of L.C. Superior Court IV 4001 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Problem-Solving Court Grants CY 2026 – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – SAFE – Cardio Over Cannabis – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – SAFE – Lake County Sheriff Department Narcan and Essentials Bag – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – School Violence Prevention Program – Lake County Safer Schools – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointment – Library Board – Lake County District

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated Wendy Mis.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid declared Wendy Mis to the Lake County Public Library Board.

In the Matter of Councilmanic Appointment – Lake County Public Safety Communications Commission

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated Christine Cid with Larry Blanchard as her proxy.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid declared herself and Larry Blanchard as her proxy to the Lake County Public Safety Communications Commission.

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Andrean High School Boys Baseball Team IHSA Class 3A State Champions

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

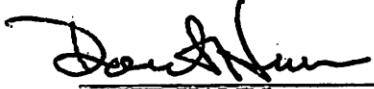
RESOLUTION NO. 25-34

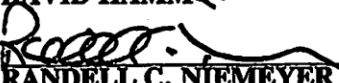
**RESOLUTION HONORING ANDREAN
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM
IHSA CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONS**


- WHEREAS,** students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and
- WHEREAS,** Andrean High School Boys Baseball Team with a record of 31-3, captured the IHSA Class 3A Baseball State Championship in a 4-3 victory over the Jasper Wildcats on June 20, 2025 at Victory Field in Indianapolis; the victory gave the 59ers their ninth State Title, all nine championships have come the last 20 years.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students, teachers, coaches and trainers but most particularly to the young men of the Andrean High School Baseball Team, the IHSA Class 3A Baseball State Champions; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council and an official copy be delivered to the Andrean High School Boys Baseball Team.


DATED THIS 8th day of July, 2025.

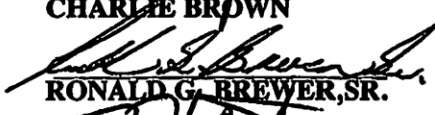

DAVID HAMM



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 Resolution Honoring Addison Ellis of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team
2025 ISSDA State Champion in Declamation

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

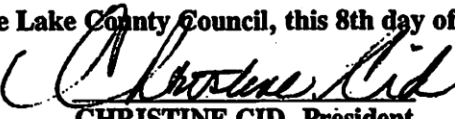
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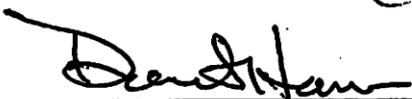
RESOLUTION HONORING ADDISON ELLIS
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM
2025 ISSDA STATE CHAMPION IN DECLAMATION

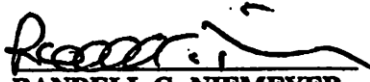
- WHEREAS, students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and
- WHEREAS, ADDISON ELLIS, a member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team captured the ISSDA State Championship in Declamation on March 8, 2025 at Fishers High School in Fishers, Indiana.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to ADDISON ELLIS of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2025 ISSDA State Championship in Declamation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to ADDISON ELLIS.


DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 8th day of July, 2025.



CHRISTINE CID, President



DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHARLIE BROWN


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BUSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Ava Fefferman of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team 2025 ISSDA State Champion in Dramatic Interpretation and Prose Interpretation

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-36

RESOLUTION HONORING AVA FEFFERMAN
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM
2025 ISSDA STATE CHAMPION
IN DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION AND PROSE INTERPRETATION

WHEREAS, students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and


WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and

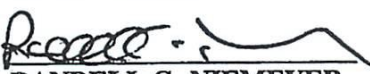
WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and


WHEREAS, AVA FEFFERMAN, a member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team captured the ISSDA State Championship in Dramatic Interpretation and Prose Interpretation on March 8, 2025 at Fishers High School in Fishers, Indiana; winning dramatic interpretation for three consecutive years, the first student to accomplish this feat and setting a team and state record by capturing her 5th individual State title.

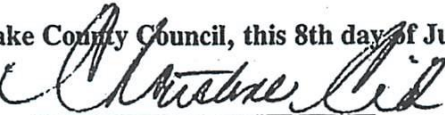
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to AVA FEFFERMAN of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2025 ISSDA State Championship in Dramatic Interpretation and Prose Interpretation; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to AVA FEFFERMAN.


DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 8th day of July, 2025.



DAVID HAMM



RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Claire Han of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team
2025 ISSDA State Champion in International Extemporaneous Speaking

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


RESOLUTION NO. 25-37

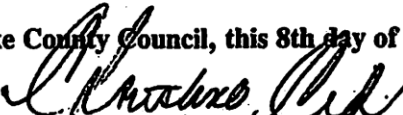
RESOLUTION HONORING CLAIRE HAN
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM
2025 ISSDA STATE CHAMPION IN
INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING


- WHEREAS, students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and
- WHEREAS, CLAIRE HAN, a member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team captured the ISSDA State Championship in International Extemporaneous Speaking on March 8, 2025 at Fishers High School in Fishers, Indiana.

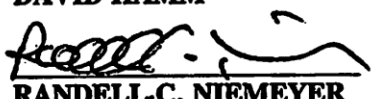
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to CLAIRE HAN of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2025 ISSDA State Championship in International Extemporaneous Speaking; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to CLAIRE HAN.


DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 8th day of July, 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 Honoring Fotini Tsataros of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team 2025 ISSDA State Champion in Radio-Broadcasting

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

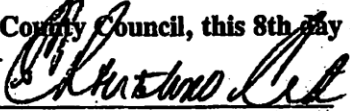
RESOLUTION NO. 25-38

RESOLUTION HONORING FOTINI TSATAROS
OF THE MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM
2025 ISSDA STATE CHAMPION IN RADIO-BROADCASTING

- WHEREAS, students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited youth to compete in academic contests in this State, the Nation and the World; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in academic contests demands; and
- WHEREAS, FOTINI TSATAROS, a member of the Munster High School Speech and Debate Team captured the ISSDA State Championship in Radio-Broadcasting on March 8, 2025 at Fishers High School in Fishers, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to FOTINI TSATAROS of the Munster Speech and Debate Team for winning the 2025 ISSDA State Championship in Radio-Broadcasting; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to FOTINI TSATAROS.


DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 8th day of July, 2025.

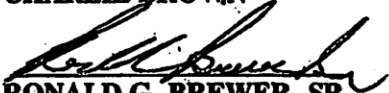

CHRISTINE CID, President


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to pay an outstanding 2019 Invoice/Debt from the 2025 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-39

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2019 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration, is currently operating in the 2025 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2019 has not been paid:

<u>1001-5001-61196</u>	<u>Election Day Worker</u>
Irene Doukas	\$ 240.00; and

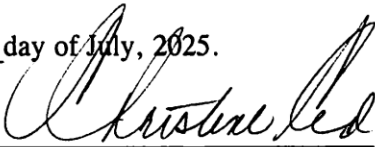
WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2019 expense shall be paid from the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration's 2025 Budget:

<u>1001-5001-61196</u>	<u>Election Day Worker</u>
Irene Doukas	\$ 240.00

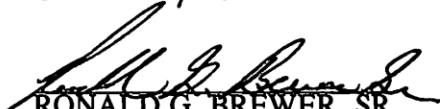
SO RESOLVED THIS 8th day of July, 2025.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


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 to approve the transfer of \$287,500.00 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake Debt Service of 2025 SRF Bond, Fund No. 4359

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-40

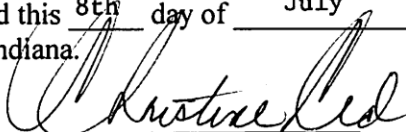
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$287,500.00
FROM CEDIT FUND, FUND NO. 4012 TO LAKE
DEBT SERVICE OF 2025 SRF BOND, FUND NO. 4359

- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council by Resolution my permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and
- WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners request the transfer of \$287,500.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002.
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer \$287,500.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002, representing reimbursement pursuant to Ordinance No. 1492E adopted on February 13, 2024.

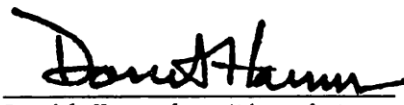
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:


That the sum of \$287,500.00 is hereby transferred from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002 representing reimbursement to the Debt Service Reserve Account pursuant to Ordinance No. 1492E.

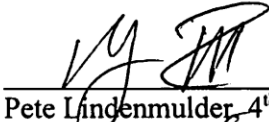
So Resolved, Passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2025 by the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana.

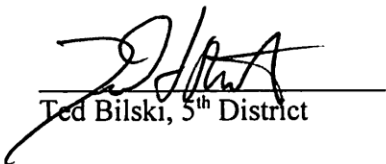

Christine Cid, President – 5th District

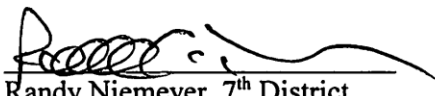

Ronald G. Brewer, Vice-President, 2nd District


David Hamm, 1st District


Charlie Brown, 3rd District


Pete Lindenmulder, 4th District


Ted Bilski, 5th District


Randy Niemeyer, 7th District

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between The City of Lake Station, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for improvement costs which will be incurred by The City for Ridge Road Repaving Improvement Project in Lake County, Indiana

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

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JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR IMPROVEMENT COSTS WHICH WILL BE INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR RIDGE ROAD REPAVING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

THIS JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR IMPROVEMENT COSTS WHICH WILL BE INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR REPAVING RIDGE ROAD (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement") is made and entered into in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between the CITY OF LAKE STATION , Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation, by its CITY COUNCIL as its executive and fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "LAKE STATION"), and LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, a unit of local government, by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as its executive and its COUNTY COUNCIL as its fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, LAKE STATION is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over real property located within the Municipal Corporate Boundaries of LAKE STATION; and

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

WHEREAS, LAKE STATION 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, LAKE STATION 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, LAKE STATION 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, for improvement costs which will be incurred by the City to repave Ridge Road, hereafter referred to as the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, LAKE STATION, and COUNTY have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for the PROJECT is a public improvement in the best interests of the residents of LAKE STATION and COUNTY, and therefore, have determined that it is

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advisable to enter into and become a participating unit under such a joint interlocal cooperation agreement pursuant to the applicable provisions of State Law, as amended from time to time.

COVENANTS

NOW, **THEREFORE, LAKE STATION 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 its effective date to completion and acceptance of the Project as defined herein.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of LAKE STATION and COUNTY concerning the PROJECT.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this act shall be after the agreement has been signed by a majority of the elected officials of each party necessary to constitute an official act and a copy of the executed agreement is placed on record and filed with the Lake County Recorder.

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEFINED.

This Project is for improvement costs to repave Ridge Road that will improve public health and economic conditions which will benefit the citizens of Lake County, Indiana.

SECTION 5: PROJECT FUNDING.

COUNTY agrees to pay to LAKE STATION within thirty (30) days of LAKE STATION commencing the Project, the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$150,000.00) to help fund the Project. This contribution of COUNTY is solely for improvement costs LAKE STATION will incur for the PROJECT improvement.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

- A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:
- 1) LAKE STATION shall use the funds for improvement costs which will be incurred by the City to repave Ridge Road.

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- 2) With the \$150,000.00 received from LAKE COUNTY, LAKE STATION shall use the funds to repave Ridge Road.
- B. The CLERK-TREASURER OF THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. LAKE STATION shall use the funds in accordance with all state and local rules and laws.
- D. Because the COUNTY will have no supervisory responsibility for the purchases made by LAKE STATION, the COUNTY will not be in privity of contract with any person or company contacted by LAKE STATION to complete the project, and COUNTY'S only involvement during the project is to provide funding, the County of Lake and any and all of its elected officials, appointed officials, offices, departments, divisions, employees, to include those of the Lake County Highway Department shall not be liable for and LAKE STATION shall hold the aforementioned unit, bodics, and persons harmless from any loss or damage to any party that may occur during this PROJECT.
- E. The project will be deemed completed when LAKE STATION certifies to COUNTY the project has been completed and provides COUNTY with a detailed list of how the funds were used for the project.

SECTION 7: 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 8: AMENDMENTS.

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

SECTION 9: FORCE MAJEURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, LAKE STATION 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 LAKE STATION and COUNTY, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

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SECTION 10: NOTICES.

All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and deemed sufficient to each Party when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the following:

Lake Station City Council	Commissioner Mike Repay	Councilwoman Christine Cid
Council President	2293 North Main Street	2293 North Main Street
1969 Central Avenue	Crown Pt., In 46307	Crown Pt., In 46307
Lake Station, In 46405		

SECTION 11: CAPTIONS.

The captions and section designations herein set forth are for convenience only, and shall have no substantive meaning.

SECTION 12: 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 13: ENTIRETY OF 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 14: MATERIAL DISPUTE.

The parties agree that LAKE STATION 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 fees, absent any applicable provision of law to the contrary.

SECTION 15: COUNTERPARTS.

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This Agreement shall be signed in counterparts and each of said counterparts shall be considered an original.

SECTION 16: RECORDING AND FILING.

- A. Before this Agreement takes effect, it must be recorded with the Office of the Lake County Recorder.
- B. No later than sixty (60) 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.

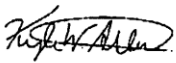
SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

- A. Because there exists a situation where time is of the essence, the parties will have their respective elected officials sign the agreement to make it effective and then ratify it at a public subsequent meeting.
- B. To be effective with the retroactive ratification, the following must occur at a public meeting:
 - 1) The City Council as the executive and fiscal body of the City of Lake Station, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation.
 - 2) The Lake County Council as the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
 - 3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.


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

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


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Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District



Michael C. Repay, 3rd District



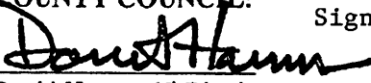
Jerry Tippy, 2nd District

ATTEST:


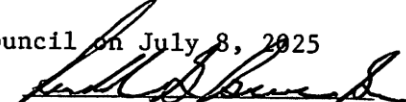
Peggy Katona, Auditor

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL:

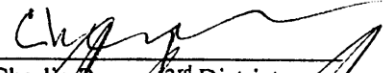
Signed by Lake County Council on July 8, 2025



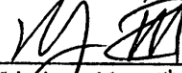
David Hamm, 1st District



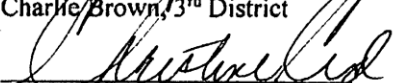
Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., 2nd District



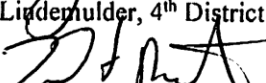
Charlie Brown, 3rd District



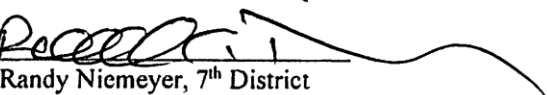
Pete Lindemulder, 4th District



Christine Cid, 5th District



Ted Bilski, 6th District



Randy Niemeyer, 7th District

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

LAKE STATION, INDIANA
CITY COUNCIL:

Carlos Luna, 1st District

Lisa Krebs, 2nd District

Kelli Williams, 3rd District

Erika Castillo, 4th District

Rick Long, 5th District

Jason Pedroza, At-Large

Rebecca Sanders, At-Large

ATTEST:

Brenda Samuels,
Clerk-Treasurer

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between The South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority “SSCVA” and Lake County, Indiana for The Gary Air Show located in Lake County, Indiana

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

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JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY (“SSCVA” AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE GARY AIR SHOW LOCATED IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

THIS JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE GARY AIR SHOW (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement") is made and entered into in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between the SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION & VISITORS AUTHORITY , in Lake County, Indiana, a Convention and Visitors Bureau created under Indiana statute, by its BOARD as its executive and fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "SSCVA "), and LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, a unit of local government, by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as its executive and its COUNTY COUNCIL as its fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, SSCVA is a Convention and Visitors Bureau created under Code § 6-9-2-3, located in Lake County, Indiana; and

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

WHEREAS, SSCVA 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, SSCVA and COUNTY are political subdivisions created by Indiana statute, 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, SSCVA 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, for costs which will be incurred by SSCVA for the Gary Air Show (hereinafter referred to as “Air Show”); and

WHEREAS, SSCVA, and COUNTY have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for the AIR SHOW is in the best interests of SSCVA and COUNTY, and therefore, have determined that it is advisable to enter into and become a participating unit under such a joint interlocal cooperation agreement pursuant to the applicable provisions of State Law, as amended from time to time.

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COVENANTS

NOW, **THEREFORE**, **SSCVA** 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 its effective date to completion and acceptance of the Project as defined herein.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of **SSCVA** and **COUNTY** concerning the **AIR SHOW**.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this act shall be after the agreement has been signed by a majority of the elected officials of each party necessary to constitute an official act and a copy of the executed agreement is placed on record and filed with the Lake County Recorder.

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEFINED.

This Project is funding for the Gary Air Show.

SECTION 5: PROJECT FUNDING.

COUNTY agrees to pay to **SSCVA** within thirty (30) days of **SSCVA** commencing the Project, the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$25,000.00)** to help fund the Project. This contribution of **COUNTY** is solely for costs **SSCVA** will incur for the **AIR SHOW**.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

- A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:
 - 1) **SSCVA** shall use the funds for costs which will be incurred by **SSCVA** for the **AIR SHOW**.
 - 2) With the \$25,000.00 received from **LAKE COUNTY**, **SSCVA** shall use the funds for the **AIR SHOW**.
- B. The **SECRETARY OF SSCVA**, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.

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- C. SSCVA shall use the funds in accordance with all state and local rules and laws.
- D. Because the COUNTY will have no supervisory responsibility for the purchases made by SSCVA, the COUNTY will not be in privity of contract with any person or company contacted by SSCVA to complete the project, and COUNTY'S only involvement during the project is to provide funding, the County of Lake and any and all of its elected officials, appointed officials, offices, departments, divisions, employees, to include those of the Lake County Highway Department shall not be liable for and SSCVA shall hold the aforementioned unit, bodies, and persons harmless from any loss or damage to any party that may occur during the AIR SHOW.
- E. The project will be deemed completed when SSCVA certifies to COUNTY the funds were used for the AIR SHOW as outlined in this Agreement.

SECTION 7: 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.

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

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SECTION 10: NOTICES.

All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing, and deemed sufficient to each Party when sent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, to the following:

SSCVA Chairman	Commissioner Mike Repay	Councilwoman Christine Cid
7770 Corinne Drive	2293 North Main Street	2293 North Main Street
Hammond, In 46323	Crown Pt., In 46307	Crown Pt., In 46307

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SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

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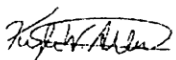
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2) The Lake County Council has the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.

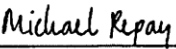
3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 6/18/2025 day of _____, 2025.


LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:




Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District



Michael C. Repay, 3rd District

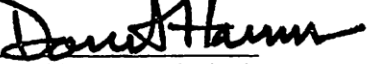


Jerry Tippy, 2nd District

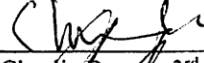
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Peggy Katona, Auditor

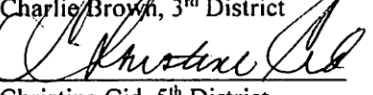
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL: Signed by Lake County Council on July 8, 2025



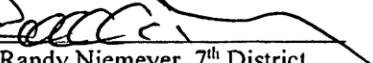
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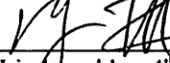
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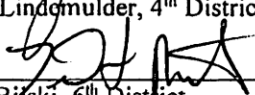
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Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., 2nd District



Pete Lindemulder, 4th District



Ted Biski, 6th District

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

SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

Andy Qunell, Chairman

Brent Brashier, Vice President

Chareice White, Secretary

Matthew Maloney, Treasurer

Matthew Blackwell

Taryl Bonds

John Bushemi

Christine Cash

Salvador “Sal” Espino

Shane Evans

Bernard Grisolia

Karen Holmes

Peter Klideris

Deann Patena

Kymberli Roberts

Matthew Schuffert

Elliot Segarra

Doug Spencer

Terry Velligan

Andrew Kyres, Parliamentarian

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center’s 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

Brown 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. 1509A

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER’S 2025-2027 JUVENILE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
COMPETITIVE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM 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’s Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program was established to support jurisdictions, particularly in rural areas, to evaluate a child’s behavioral health needs and divert the child from formal court involvement and out-of-home placement into community or school-based mental health treatment; and
- WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Detention Center has been awarded a grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute in the sum of \$184,985.00; pursuant to the grant the funds shall be used for salaries and wages for psychiatric services for probation and detention youth for threat assessment, psychiatric evaluations and for work with the mental health court; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center’s 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program 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 Detention Center’s 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program Fund, a non-reverting fund for the deposit \$184,985.00.
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 Detention Center’s 2025-2027 Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Pilot Program Fund, a non-reverting fund, subject to appropriation by the Lake County Council.
3. In the event future Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program grants are awarded to the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Detention Center, such grants may be accounted for using this Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th DAY OF July, 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 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1209C, The Ordinance Establishing Payment for Veterans' Grave Markers – **Second Reading**

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve on Second Reading with the amendment that the claim needs to be filed within two years of the death. Majority voted yes. Motion to approve on Second Reading with the amendment that the claim needs to be filed within two years of the death carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1209C-2

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1209C,
THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING
PAYMENT FOR VETERANS' GRAVE MARKERS

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2000, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Establishing Payment for Veterans' Grave Markers, Ordinance No. 1209C; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be ordained as follows:

That Ordinance No. 1209C be amended as follows:

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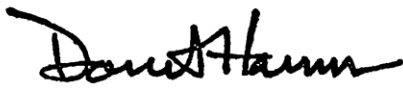



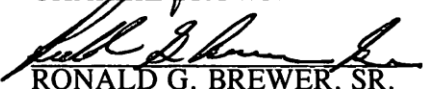
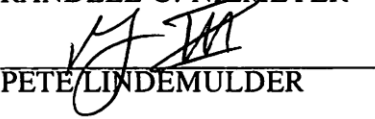
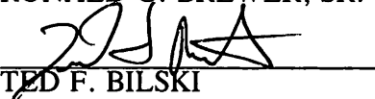
1. That any interested party may file a claim with the Lake County Board of Commissioners for a burial allowance and/or an allowance for a grave marker for a deceased veteran or spouse of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States who was at the time of his or her death a resident of Lake County, Indiana.
2. That the burial allowance for the deceased veteran is One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) dollars and the burial allowance for the deceased spouse of a veteran is One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.
3. That the grave marker allowance for a deceased veteran and/or the deceased spouse of a veteran is Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars.
4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

INSERT:

1. That any interested party may file a claim with the Lake County Board of Commissioners for a burial allowance and/or an allowance for a grave marker for a deceased veteran or spouse of a veteran of the armed forces of the United States who was at the time of his or her death a resident of Lake County, Indiana. A claim submitted pursuant to this Ordinance must be made within two years of the date of death of a veteran or spouse of a veteran.
2. That the burial allowance for the deceased veteran is Two Hundred Twenty-Five (\$225.00) dollars and the burial allowance for the deceased spouse of a veteran is One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars.

- 3. That the grave marker allowance for a deceased veteran and/or the deceased spouse of a veteran is Ninety (\$90.00) Dollars.
- 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th day of July, 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 Planning Commission Ordinances – Ordinance No. 2588 – David Vanderzee, Owner/Petitioner, 6/18/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0)

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

ORDINANCE #2588
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 June 18, 2025).

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 David Vanderzee to allow for a proposed residential subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately one mile west of White Oak Street on the north side of W. 151st Avenue, a/k/a 13916 W. 151st Avenue in West Creek Township.


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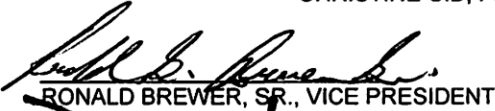
PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH RANGE 9 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST BASIS OF BEARINGS, 631.59 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6 TO AN INTERSECTION POINT WITH THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE CENTER LINE OF A DITCH RUNNING SOUTHERLY THROUGH THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE ON THE FOLLOWING 8 COURSES ALONG SAID EXTENSION OF THE DITCH CENTER LINE AND THE DITCH CENTER LINE (1) SOUTH 4 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST, 236.45 FEET (2) SOUTH 12 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST, 54.13 FEET, (3) SOUTH 20 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 01 SECONDS WEST, 137.62 FEET (4) SOUTH 17 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 158.50 FEET, (5) SOUTH 12 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 140.63 FEET, (6) SOUTH 2 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST 387.04 FEET, (7) SOUTH 1 DEGREE 54 MINUTES 14 SECONDS EAST, 116.27 FEET AND (8) SOUTH 10 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST, 181.83 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6 THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, 410.58 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST, 1391.30 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 6, BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 16.1061 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

IS HEREBY x BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 8th DAY OF July , 2025.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

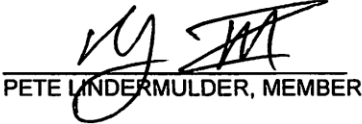

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PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER


RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinances – Ordinance No. 2589 – Dion and Charity Viola, Owners, Dion Viola, Petitioner, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 9-0)

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

ORDINANCE #2589
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 June 18, 2025).

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 and by Dion and Charity Viola and petitioned by Dion Viola to allow for a proposed residential subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 2/10 of a mile east of Montgomery Street on the north side of E. 157th Avenue, a/k/a 7482 E. 157th Avenue in Winfield Township.

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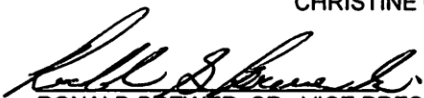
PART OF THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE WEST 1089 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 544.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 400.59 FEET, TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE WEST 1089 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 535.27 FEET, TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE WEST 1089 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 44 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE WEST 1089 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH 400 FEET OF THE WEST 1089 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 5; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 5, A DISTANCE OF 545.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 4.954 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ALL IN WINFIELD TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

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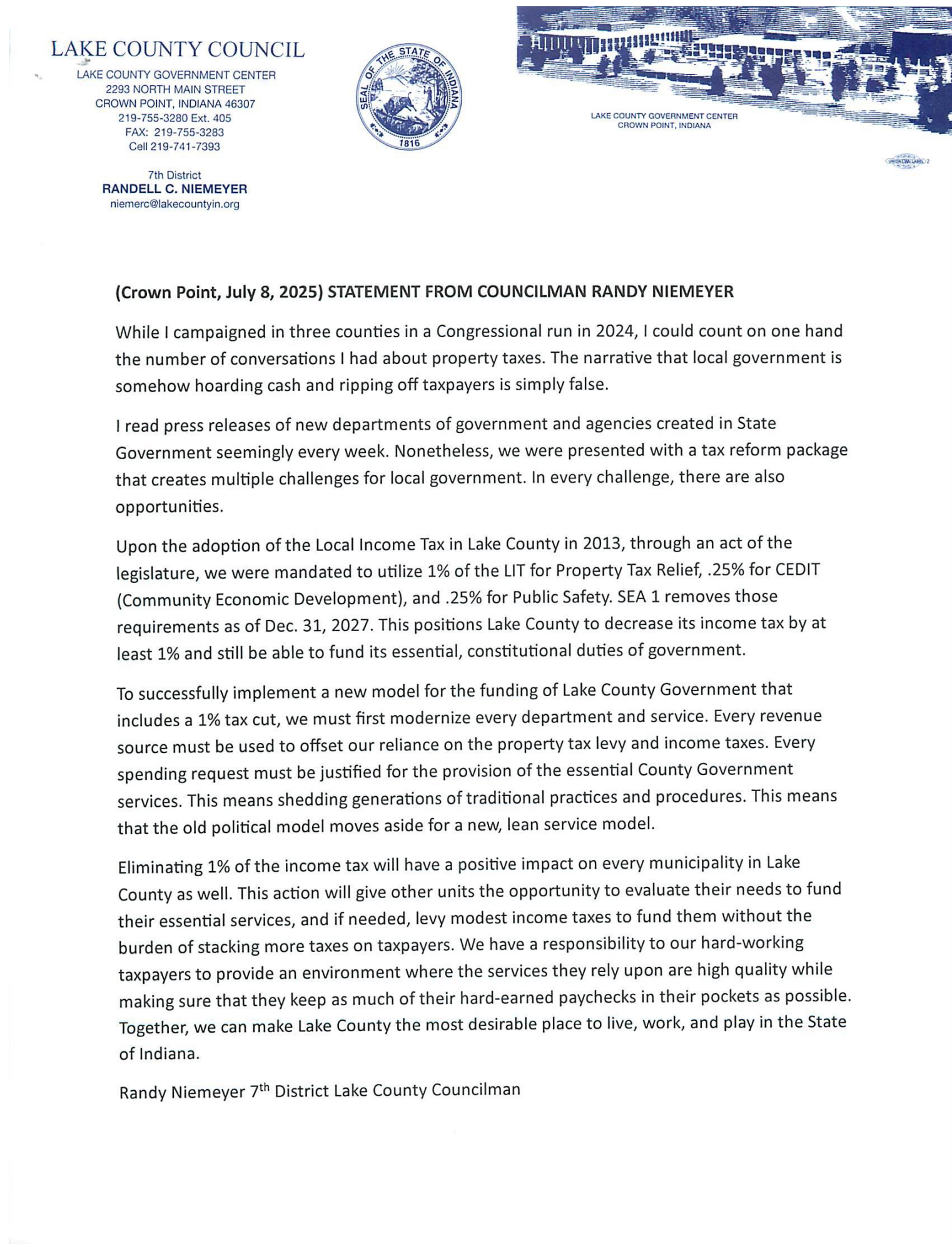

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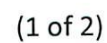

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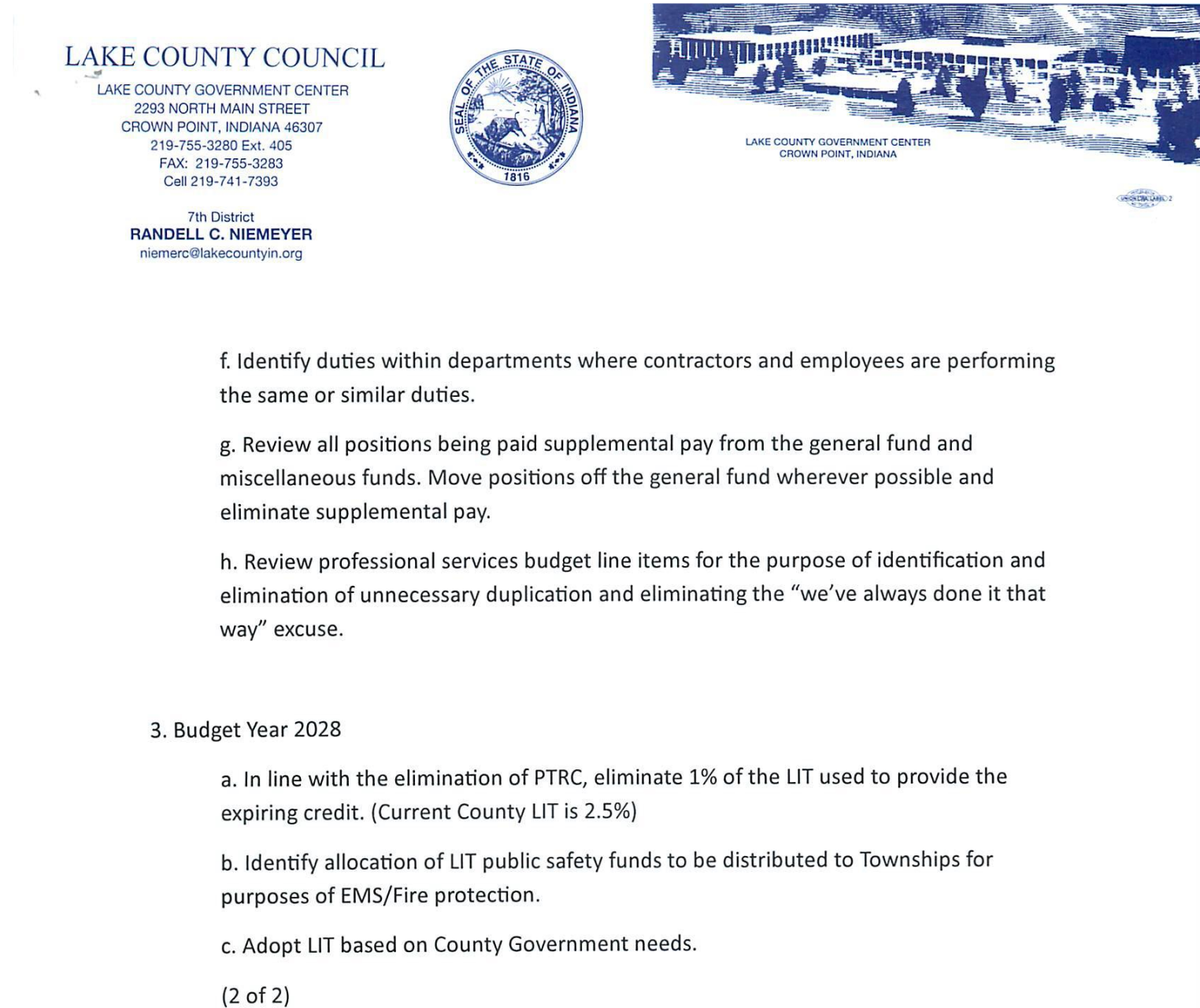

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Additional council comment continued:

Niemeyer – Last meeting, I made a statement relating to some things I was concerned about in our elections and registration office. There is a letter in your packet that describes it, so I'll just read that. The folder is meant to show that I've illustrated where these things have happened with evidence and proof. I made a statement at the end of the meeting alleging there has been misuse of government employees and possible payroll issues occurring in the election and voter registration office. Upon further investigation, it is my determination that there have been multiple violations of county policy, ethical government practices, and possibly law. On February 28, 2025, I was made aware that several Democrat employees of the election and voter registration office were actively participating in the setup of the Democrat Party organizational caucus to be held in the commissioner's courtroom. The following day, March 1, 2025, I immediately placed a call to the chairman-elect of the Democratic Party, Mike Repay. I was informed that the party would reimburse the county for the time of the government employees; that did not happen. Through examination of payroll records and security video footage, it is clear to me that none of the employees were on vacation or compensatory time while performing political duties. This behavior is a tradition at Lake County that has landed people in legal trouble in the past. It is also against internal HR policies of the county. You'll see in your folder we have highlighted those policies that back up that claim. On May 6, 2025, there was an election conducted in two school districts. When there are elections in Lake County, the party majority, the Democrats, appoint election inspectors, judges, and clerks. The minority party, Republicans, appoint judges and clerks only. For each election, worker training is required under state statute and under locally adopted procedures. Election inspectors are required by statute to attend training. Their record of attendance is maintained by the election office. The election board does have discretion to waive the training requirement if certain circumstances arise. No vote of the board was taken to waive this requirement; see Indiana Code 3-6-6-40. Within county policies it is written that inspectors are to be paid \$210 base and \$30 for training. Following the May election, it was brought to my attention that several inspectors who did not attend the training were paid the full \$240, although it is clearly written in policy that they were not eligible. In an abundance of due diligence, I went back through the records from 2024, and I found that this is not an isolated incident. This practice of paying people for services not rendered occurred in 2024 as well. This is clearly a systemic issue that must be addressed. The good people of Lake County deserve a government that conducts itself with integrity in all aspects. As a lifelong resident of Lake County, I'm tired of being the punchline to a joke about bad government in Indiana. I have always believed that this county, full of diversity of people and industry, is the best county in the state. Although large sums of money were not involved in these cases, unethical and potentially illegal behavior was. The old political machine had its day. That day must come to an end for the good of all citizens of Lake County. In your folder you will find the supporting documents that back up my claim, I believe. Again, this was just for reporting purposes. If given the time, I will also be reporting this to the election board next Tuesday. I think that at the end of the day, the thing I really enjoy doing in government is the budgetary work. The thing I dislike about government is when I have to report on things like this. The goal in this is to not see people hauled away out of this building; the goal is to make sure that we are following our own rules and laws and that we hold ourselves to a high ethical standard and that the execution of the services to the public is done so in a lawful manner and that we don't blend the political with service. Government goes astray when government becomes a political organization rather than a service business. I want to see this sort of behavior stop. I want to see people do the right things because they are the right things to do.

Bilski – I couldn't agree more. I think everybody on the planet agrees. What are we looking for on this? Do we want to fire everybody? Do we go down there and find the people that arbitrarily went on their own to this party? Our chairman needs to be made aware that you can't do this. Everybody should know this. But the bottom line is, do everybody involved there need to be terminated because they violated? Do we fire everybody and start over? Is that going to stop this? Is that where it needs to start? What is the end result for this? Another slap on the wrist? Or do you come in there with some teeth and say, "This is not tolerated"; you're gone? How many people were setting this up? How many hours are we talking? It sounds like there was a promise made that there would be a reimbursement for the assistance. Is there a reason they didn't do it? I wish Commissioner Repay, who is also in the title of chairman, was here because that's really who should speak on it. I know some of this came from the guy running for sheriff; I'm not going to mention his name, but what I saw in his propaganda paperwork that got mailed out to everyone, there was no disclaimer on that. None. No disclaimer saying it came from the CTE or boosters. That's a direct violation, and it's out there circulating. It needs to be policed up here all the way across.

Niemeyer – I'm not hoping for people to be fired. I've been running for election since 2008 and have always found the election staff to be very helpful and good people. I think a lot of times employees just do what they are asked to do. So, I'm not blaming individuals. You notice in my statement, I didn't mention names of any election employees because I'm not looking to isolate individuals. I'm looking to isolate behavior and make sure that this stuff gets corrected. And you're right, if there was propaganda sent by a Republican candidate without a CTE on it, that should be addressed by the election board as a violation of campaign law.

Hamm – I received one as well from the fella that's running for sheriff. This individual one was sent to the Hammond City council asking for a resolution to be adopted to support Randy Niemeyer in this cause.

Niemeyer – I was never aware of any of that.

Cid – Are there any internal controls within the department where, when the money's paid out like that, both the Republican director and the Democratic director sign off on it? I don't know what occurred exactly, but are there any controls like that?

Michelle Fajman – This is the first time I've seen this. I've heard that he has his allegations. This is very political in nature. As I look through these pictures, not playing tit for tat, Republicans also borrow ballot boxes for their reorganization. I see this is very one-sided. The county requests voting machines through a public request form. We requested voting machines. They are programmed as we have done since 1990. They ratified that when we got the new voting machines to state that there are a certain number of them that are set off to the side for use by whomever. Local unions come in and borrow our voting machines, and we program them. Schools come in and use them for educational purposes. In this case the political party requested voting machines through the proper procedures in the commissioners, and that was approved. Therefore, the only people that can program those would be county employees because average Joe citizens cannot come off the street and program a voting machine. That is done for whatever organization requests those. That is a policy that has been in place since 1990. And again, ratified. In regard to other employees doing stuff, we did not use, as you know, you have the roles as well as Beth does. We have no sign-in sheets. There was nothing to set up, as the voting machines did not even go down until Saturday. The county political party paid individuals to come in and run those voting machines on Saturday. Any staff that was there on Saturday assisting with sign-in did so on their own time. They did not request pay, and they did not receive pay. Tables and chairs were also requested through the proper procedure of asking the county commissioners for those. At which time, the county maintenance team set those up on the side and dropped them off down there. We could not set up in advance because they would block the prosecutor's office and the clerk's office. And so if staff was going down there, they're going down to make sure that stuff was delivered because at 3 o'clock, I believe the maintenance team leaves, and after that we have no access to any of those documents. So, if you see people coming and going, they could be going downstairs and getting those items, making sure that they're there, or walking on break time. I see pictures of Joel; maybe he went to council. I just find it very interesting that this is all coming out up here instead of coming to us and asking questions. There are reasons for what is being done. We also let people come in our office and borrow signs that say "register to vote." We also let them borrow pens and ballot boxes. It was the Republican Party that was borrowing the ballot box for your election. You choose to do yours the old-fashioned way on paper; we choose to do ours electronically. Again, that is something that has been done since 1990; this is not new. Employees were not doing anything political, as we did not have anything to do because again voting machines were not delivered down there until Saturday. They did not set up tables until Saturday. We did not have any sign-in sheets for Saturday. The most they would have would be if the county also borrows handicap signs because the first row of seats down there does not have handicap. We made up our own handicap signs that we also use for training sessions when our inspectors come. So, all those issues, all those matters, have an answer to them, but instead of coming and asking us, it's the political show up here for the media and so forth. That's what this really is. In regard to poll workers, we can get into that. We have early voting workers who serve for a month at a time. They go through one week of training. A lot of those poll workers also work the polls on election day. They have been exempted from coming due to the fact that they've already attended the training for a week' time. They had been doing this for a month at that point in time. For our training sessions, we increased them in 2015 to sit there and say we had 7pm voting. So, our early voting workers, working Thursday night until 7pm, can't come to our training session.

Bilski – How many people would you say fall into that category?

Fajman – Minimum probably about forty-four. Maybe more with backup workers. Could someone have slipped through? Absolutely. We had a system in place that would have worked. It was called Konnech. A few of the Republican Party came to our meetings with flags and so forth, claiming that the company was sending our information over to Chinese servers, which was 100% false. The gentleman won his suit in Los Angeles, but in the meantime, we lost that system because our board felt they didn't want to deal with it. So yes, we had a system that was in place that would have tracked all these people. They could do their training online; they would answer questions. We got rid of that. We do things by hand. We trust the judges and clerks at their word to sit there and tell us if they did the training because their training could be done online. We are taking them at their word. Every single inspector picks up their equipment, they sign their oath, and they deliver it. Our main thing throughout all of the elections is you treat everybody the same. So, if I trusted you as a judge to sit there and say you attended, and Mr. Hamm says yes, I attended as inspector, we're going to sit there and follow that. We do cross-reference. But again, there are many people; in fact, he had two of his Republican judges who did not come but served as early voting workers, and yes, we paid them. After working for a month' time, I think you know what you're doing. In fact, on a couple of them we did cross-reference; we looked at their paperwork, and almost every one of them had a perfect report.

Bilski – Michelle I agree with you wholeheartedly, and I'd like to address it through our attorney. Do we need to amend or do we need to create an ordinance that says that when personnel fall into that category, they qualify for it? Can we do that to make that policy ok?

Fajman – That could be something that we give to our board members and see if they can do it. I don't think it needs to be done at this level.

Bilski – It's no different than a teacher with continuing education to maintain their teaching license. Most of you that are involved in this realize how hard it is. You can sit back and complain all you want about what happens at the polling places. Be a precinct committee person and try to get someone to come there and work twelve hours that day for nothing. You think that's big money? It's hard work. I've bought for both parties. I've bought coffee, donuts, and pizza to feed them because the money there is peanuts.

Fajman – There is a lot of time and effort involved. I applaud them. We are looking at another system similar to what we had with Konnech. We will be bringing it before our board soon to see if they will approve it. I would hope that this board approves the funding for it because that would put the things back in place that we had at one time until a lot of Republicans came to the meeting with their flags and demanding that their stuff was put on Chinese servers, which it was not because we had never even loaded our data at that point. So again, false accusations cost that company their business. Every single time someone is walking out of our office, it doesn't mean that they're going to do something political. Did Jerry go in there and grab the side cages? Yes. Those items were requested of the county for use along with the voting machines. It did not cost the county anything, and it was done through proper procedures, as I can show if you need the written request that was from the county chairman to the county commissioners. Their signatures are on there authorizing these uses. Keep in mind, these are used for unions, schools, and special elections. Pretty much anyone who wants to use it is able to come in and ask for them. We want them to be for educational purposes.

Bilski – Well that's a pretty good explanation on why chairman Repay said that there's nothing to reimburse.

Fajman – Well, he paid for the mechanics that came in, who are not working for us right now. He did pay them. I'm sure we could probably get a copy of that check where he paid those individuals to come and run the voting machines on Saturday. He's not reimbursing the county because they were there on Saturday, and they were not under our pay. They are part-time mechanics. Any full-time employee that was there on Saturday did so on their own free will and did not ask for any reimbursement. Again, nothing to set up on Friday with the voting machines. Did they get a couple pieces out? Yes, because the door would be locked, and certain things require a double lock and key. I can't get in there on a Saturday because the Republicans are not present. It takes two keys to get in there. When else would you get them out other than on a Friday? There are legitimate explanations, but instead we're doing a political show here, which is what this really is.

Niemeyer – This is not for show. Using government workers is different than the rental agreement or some type of agreement for equipment. These are two different things. The equipment that was used at the Republican caucus was not brought out of the election offices. I believe it was you, Jessica, that took that equipment that was agreed upon for us to use, but that was done after the office had closed. Our caucus was off-site on Saturday, and the pictures in this packet show that on the 27th and the 28th there was equipment being moved for the purposes of a political caucus by government workers on government time. I don't know what signs were held up by people in different parts of the country. I don't care about that. This is just about following the county procedures. That's it. That's all I'm asking.

Fajman – Certain things are maintained in a ballot room. Voting machines are kept under double lock and key. Those again are not things we can get out on a Saturday; otherwise, I'd really be breaking the law by trying to get into a room that is locked by two keys, and I would never expect the Republicans to come in here on a Saturday to open the door. There's no other way to get those materials out. Therefore, if you look at the time stamps, he walked in and got the little circular things out. What does that take? One minute? Two minutes?

Niemeyer – If one of the Republican candidates for an office is illegally circulating material, I suspect the election board will address that by law. I expect that. But this was just not just one or two minutes. I made the call on the day to Commissioner Repay to ask what was going on. It wasn't coming here first. I came to Commissioner Repay on the day as soon as I found out that this was happening, and it was blown off completely. I just waited to see how payroll was processed and to see all that stuff that came through, and then I put this together because there was just no interest in addressing it. So, those accusations against me are false that I somehow am doing a political show. No. I patiently waited for information to come in, and the information that came in was not satisfactory to county policy.

Fajman – And you never brought them to me as the director for what reason?

Niemeyer – I brought them here because there was no interest by the democratic party to address this. I had addressed it with the chairman who is my counterpart. I talked to Mike that day, we had a good conversation and I wanted to see how it played out and it didn't play out the way it was said it would.

Fajman – Mike was not county chairman at the time you had the discussion with him. He was probably not privy to how things happened.

Niemeyer – That's untrue too. He said this is how we always do it.

Fajman – We always borrow voting machines yes. Every single caucus.

Niemeyer – But setting up on a Friday during government time, I just have a problem with that.

Brown – Does this in any way involve the county council?

O'Donnell – The financial aspect of it, yes. We appropriate the money for this. From the standpoint of the employees, the employees are employees of Lake County, which means they're employees of the commissioners.

Brown – How do we resolve this? Does this just languish out there forever? Or is there a response that we need to get out?

Cid – Usually election complaints are held at the election board. You've done this in the past where, because of their experience, you still pay them as if they went through the training. Is that right?

Fajman – Because they did go through training for a week, and they've had the on time of doing it. Again, by working the voting early, the times we were doing the sessions, they were not able to attend.

Cid – There's no policy that states that?

Fajman – I will take the information that he has given. I will take it to the board and see if they would like to do a resolution or an ordinance of any kind to put that in writing.

Bilski – There have been some serious accusations of not only moral malfeasance but also fiscal malfeasance, and maybe to solve this problem the prosecutor needs to look at this and complete an investigation and a report. If there's that much malfeasance going on and no one's addressing the gorilla in the room, then we need to go to the prosecutor and have them do a detailed investigation. Is that a way to solve this, and would the prosecutor do something like that so we can just say this was wrong and it's corrected? And in my opinion, that would be a way for us to step back and have an independent review of it.

Niemeyer – The director is correct that there is discretion under Indiana code for the election board to adopt a policy that will allow for waiver of training given certain circumstances. One of those circumstances is if a person has experience and has already done it. That's a circumstance we can waive, but the board has to take the action. So, this is something that needs to go in front of the election board, I think, from a policy standpoint. You see in the packet, it has nothing to do with the use of county property. I've looked at those rental agreements, and that's all fine. The use of the commissioner's courtroom and the election equipment is customary, and there are written documents for that, but it's the use of personnel during work hours. That's my whole presentation. It has nothing to do with any other election accusations. I'm not accusing anyone of necessarily breaking the law. I don't know that law. I'm not a lawyer. I can read the statutes. All I want is for this stuff to get in front of the right people so that policy corrections can be made and we can have faith that this stuff won't happen again.

Fajman – Do you have a dollar amount that's associated with this?

Niemeyer – Not offhand. The records only go back to 2023 that I could find, but I could have a dollar amount prepared for the election board meeting.

Cid – You mean for the county employees that were allegedly working the party the election?

Niemeyer – Are you talking about the election workers?

Fajman – You threw out two different allegations; I was just wondering if there was a fee or a dollar amount.

Niemeyer – Are you talking about the poll workers or the election office?

Fajman – Either one.

Niemeyer – The election office workers can be documented based on the cameras in the election office for how long they were gone.

Fajman – Again, so we're making an assumption that if they are out of the office, they are doing something political?

Niemeyer – When they carry out election equipment, where else are they going?

Fajman – They may drop off stuff down at the garage. It's just interesting that this supposedly happened in March and we're just hearing about this.

Niemeyer – Again, you’re not just hearing about it now. It was brought to Mr. Repay’s attention when it happened.

Brown – It sounds like this issue should be before the election board, which has the authority over this.

Niemeyer – I don’t disagree, Charlie, but this is the only stage that I have where I can present things like this. I can’t guarantee that I can be put on the agenda of the election board because this isn’t an election complaint; this is an internal county policy complaint. So, I don’t have any standing at the election board to place myself on the agenda for a complaint that’s not necessarily election related. Its administrative related. So that’s why I brought it here. I just wanted to report on this, and hopefully if the election board is interested, I’m fine to talk with them about all this. I’m happy to have disagreements too. I’d like to see this come to some resolution, that’s all. Not looking for anybody to be fired or anything like that; it’s a matter of let’s just correct it.

O’Donnell – The county council does have investigative authority, so it could issue subpoenas. There would have to be a majority of the council that votes yes on moving forward with that.

Niemeyer – And again, this is not a hearing. This is me reporting on something. This has nothing to do with subpoenas or investigative powers. It’s me as an elected official doing my due diligence.

Brown – But this becomes public. In fact, with these computers now, it’s probably out there already. That still besmirches a couple of elected offices and bodies. This needs to be resolved in terms of who can investigate and who can determine whether there was some wrongdoing.

Niemeyer – As a private citizen and an elected official, if something is brought to me, I do have the ability to look into stuff, and I did. It has nothing to do with creating any sort of means for prosecution of any sort. It’s simply me reporting to my colleagues what I see as violations of policy. Again, there may be disagreements. I don’t know how it will be resolved, but the matter of course for me was to report this, get it fixed, and move on. I’m hoping that the election board takes this up from a policy standpoint as it relates to the training, and I hope that the practice of using government employees during government time for any sort of purpose that is related to government work discontinues. I’m happy that if the director and the board give me time at the upcoming board of elections meeting, I’d be happy to have this dialogue with them as well.

Bilski – I’m in favor of turning this over into a full investigation. I think you put it to the board, and then I would say the prosecutor looks at it, and if there’s merit to pursue, then let them make the determination. They have the investigative skills to do it. I don’t.

Brewer – I will support Councilman Niemeyer in this effort, and I think that the proper step should be taking it to the election board to see if he could get some resolve. If he does not get some resolve by the next council meeting, I will support an investigation.

**Poll Workers (Inspectors) Being Paid for
Training That They Are Required By Law to
Attend but Did Not Attend
(May 2024, November 2024, & May 2025)**

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Indiana Code Title 3. Elections § 3-6-6-40

Sec. 40. (a) The county election board shall conduct a training and educational meeting for precinct election officers.

(b) The board shall require inspectors to attend the meeting and may require other precinct election officers to attend the meeting. The board shall maintain a record of the attendance of each individual at the meeting conducted under this subsection.

(c) The meeting required under this section must include information:

(1) relating to making polling places and voting systems accessible to elderly voters and voters with a disability; and

(2) relating to the voting systems used in the county.

The meeting may include other information relating to the duties of precinct election officers as determined by the county election board.

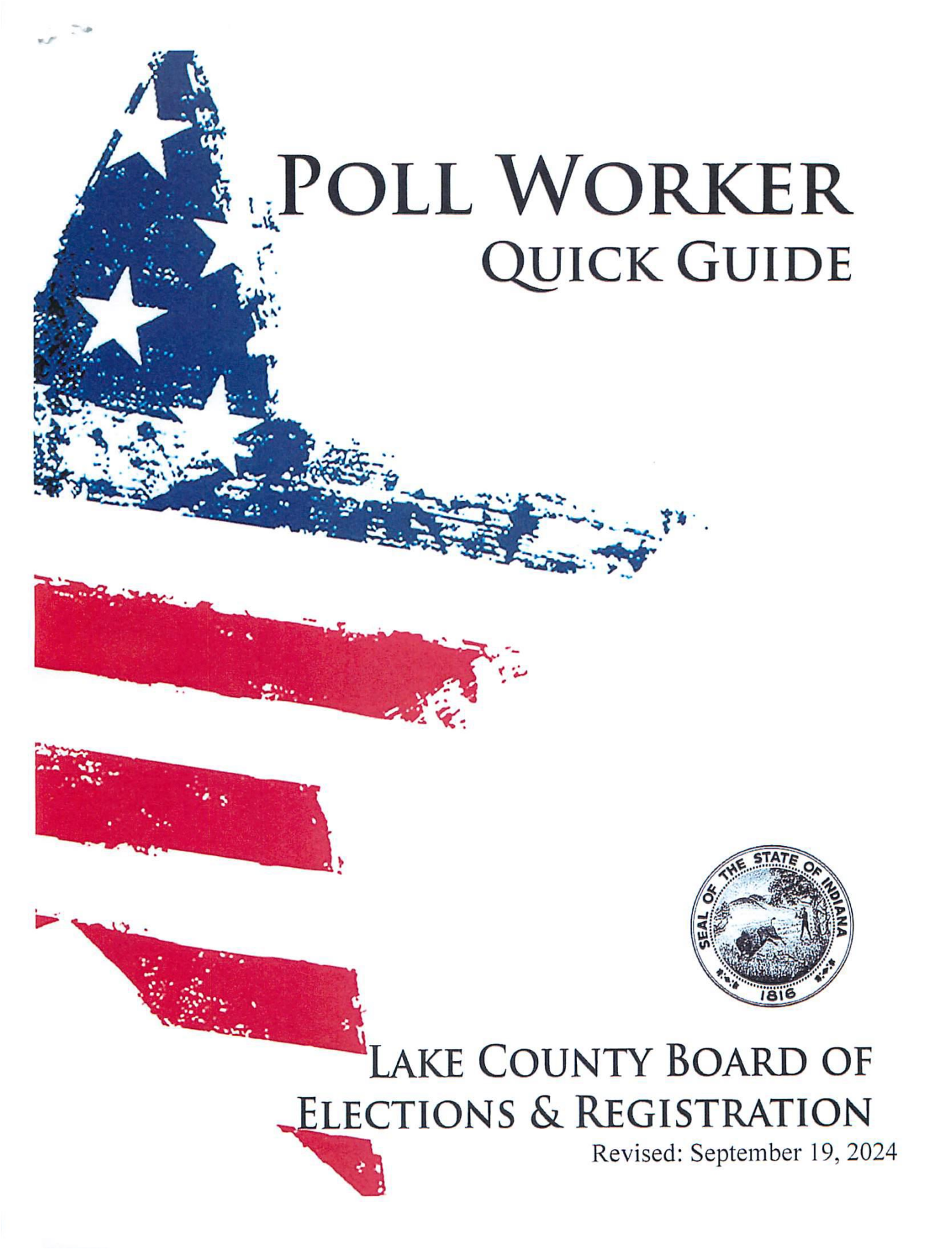
(d) The meeting required by this section must be held not later than the day before election day.

(e) If an individual:

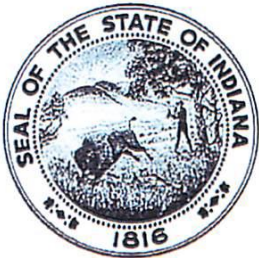
(1) is appointed as a precinct election officer after the training and educational meeting conducted under this section; or

(2) demonstrates to the county election board that the individual was unable to attend the meeting due to good cause;

the county election board may authorize the individual to serve as a precinct election officer if the county election board determines that there is insufficient time to conduct the training required by this section.



POLL WORKER QUICK GUIDE



LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF
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Poll Worker Information, Training, and Recruitment

- All poll workers must sign and complete the Statement of Expense in the Inspector Kit. Failure to provide a social security number will cause a delay in processing the check.
- **Inspector and the Judge of the Opposite Party return the equipment and must sign both the CEB 1B and the CEB 1D when returning supplies to receive the additional pay!**

Lake County Pay Schedule				
Position	Base Pay w/ Meal	Training	Opposite party Judge returning Elec. Equip.	Total Pay
Inspector	\$210.00	\$30.00		\$240.00
Democrat Judge	\$145.00	\$30.00		\$175.00
Republican Judge	\$145.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$200.00
Democrat Clerk	\$145.00	\$30.00		\$175.00
Republican Clerk	\$145.00	\$30.00		\$175.00

Poll Worker Training

- **Every inspector must attend in-person training**
- Judges and Clerks must attend training either in-person OR by watching the on-line training videos.



LCBER Video Training QR Code

Turn on the camera of your smartphone

Place QR Code within camera view and click the link to view the YouTube training video

If you are interested in working as a **Democrat** poll worker, please send an email to:
LakeCountyDemPollWorkers@gmail.com

If you are interested in working as a **Republican** poll worker, please send an email to:
LakeCountyGOPPollWorkers@gmail.com



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CHECK THE LABEL ON THE
OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE
FOR IMPORTANT
INFORMATION ON YOUR
PRECINCT NUMBER AND JOB
TITLE!

FIND YOUR POLL LOCATION:
WWW.LAKECOUNTYIN.ORG
GO TO: GOVERNMENT
GO TO: ELEC & VOTER REG BOARD
GO TO: POLLING PLACES

POLL WORKER TRAINING!

INSPECTORS MUST ATTEND IN-PERSON TRAINING

JUDGES & CLERKS CAN DO IN-PERSON OR ON-LINE TRAINING

IN-PERSON:

CHOOSE 1 from below:

Saturday, April 27, 2024
10:00am – Noon
Jean Shepherd Community Center
3031 J.F. Mahoney Dr, Hammond, IN 46323

Thursday May 2, 2024
5:00pm- 7:00pm
Lake Co. Government Complex, Auditorium
2293 N. Main St., Crown Point

Inspector Saturday, May 4, 2024
8am-10am OR 10:30am-12:30pm
Lake Co. Government Complex, Auditorium
2293 N. Main St., Crown Point

ON-LINE:



GO TO: YOUTUBE
TYPE IN SEARCH BAR: LCBER
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TRAINING VIDEO
(PRIMARY ELECTION) FOR MAY PRIMARY OR
(GENERAL ELECTION) FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL

INSPECTORS... PICK UP YOUR INSPECTOR KITS ON INSPECTOR SATURDAY, **May 4, 2024**
YOU MUST CALL ALL OF THE WORKERS AND INVITE THEM TO SET UP THE EQUIPMENT!!


2024 PRIMARY PAYROLL						
POSSIBLY 84 INSPECTORS WITH NO IN-PERSON TRAINING. ALL BUT 1 GOT PAID FOR TRAINING.	precinct	position	train?	name	city	salary
	EC 08	INSPECTOR	no	ALBURTO-APARICIO, ANTON	EAST CHICAGO	240
	H3-16	INSPECTOR	no	ANDERSON, ZINA	HAMMOND	240
	CP 29	INSPECTOR	no	ARCEO, JULIAN	CROWN POINT	240
	H1-08	INSPECTOR	no	BANEGAS, MARISA	DYER	240
	GR 15	INSPECTOR	no	BARIENTOS, PATRICIA	GRIFFITH	240
DEMOCRAT REPLACEMENT - NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	CL 05	INSPECTOR	no	BIEL, JEFFERY J	CEDAR LAKE	240
	G4-25	INSPECTOR	no	BRITT, KENNETH W	GARY	240
	CP 10	INSPECTOR	no	BRUCKMAN, SUSAN	CROWN POINT	240
NO IN-PERSON TRAINIG	SJ 09	INSPECTOR	no	BULLOCK, LUCRETIA	ST JOHN	240
	H5-14	INSPECTOR	no	BUNNER, ROB	HAMMOND	240
	H5-14	INSPECTOR	no	BUNNER, ROB	HAMMOND	240
	H6-10	INSPECTOR	no	CAMPOS, SABRINA	HAMMOND	240
	H1-05	INSPECTOR	no	CATLIN, DANIEL J	WHITING	240
	HO 22	INSPECTOR	no	CAVAZOS, GABRIELLA	HOBART	240
	HL 26	INSPECTOR	no	CLARK, MELODY ANN	HIGHLAND	240
	SJT 04	INSPECTOR	no	DIEBEL, JOHN	DYER	240
	D 01	INSPECTOR	no	FINNEGAN, THOMAS	DYER	240
NO BIPARTISAN DROP OFF - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	G3-19	INSPECTOR	no	FULLER, GLENDA	GARY	240
	M 12	INSPECTOR	no	GARCIA, CRAIG	HAMMOND	240
	SCH 09	INSPECTOR	no	GORMAN, ANDREW	SCHERERVILLE	240
	MER 30,30A	INSPECTOR	no	GRAHAM, SHIRLEY	MERRILLVILLE	240
	HO 16	INSPECTOR	no	GUEVARA JR, JOSE	HOBART	240
	EC 03	INSPECTOR	no	GUEVARA, ROBERT	EAST CHICAGO	240
	G5-13	INSPECTOR	no	HALL, JUNIFER	GARY	240
	SCH 10	INSPECTOR	no	HARRISON, MARK	SCHERERVILLE	240
NO BIPARTISAN DROP OFF - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	CP 09	INSPECTOR	no	HART, PATRICIA	GARY	240
	H4-05	INSPECTOR	no	HAUSELE, MEREDITH	GARY	240
	MER 09	INSPECTOR	no	HAWKINS, HOWARD	GARY	240
REPUBLICAN worked in Democrat Position-NO BIPARTISAN DROP-OFF-NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	GR 12	INSPECTOR	no	HERRERA, ABIGAIL V	CROWN POINT	240
	G2-17	INSPECTOR	no	HIGHSMITH, ALTON	GARY	240
	SJT 02	INSPECTOR	no	HIGHTOWER, BREANNA	DYER	240
NO BIPARTISAN DROP OFF - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	EC 35	INSPECTOR	no	HILL, DENEITRICE	EAST CHICAGO	240

	G5-14	INSPECTOR	no	HILL, PEGGY	GARY	240
	H6-12	INSPECTOR	no	HUERTA, EVA	WHITING	240
	EC 36	INSPECTOR	no	JACKSON, SHARENE	EAST CHICAGO	240
	CL 01	INSPECTOR	no	JOSTES, DAVID	CEDAR LAKE	240
	CL 04	INSPECTOR	no	JOSTES, SYDNEY	CEDAR LAKE	240
DEMOCAT REPLACEMENT - NO BIPARTISAN DROP-OFF - NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	SJT 08	INSPECTOR	no	KALLAY, ALEXIS	SCHERERVILLE	240
	M 22	INSPECTOR	no	KARRAS, CONSTANCE	MUNSTER	240
	HO 06	INSPECTOR	no	KELLY, SHAWN P	HOBART	240
	G5-06	INSPECTOR	no	KINDRED, RHOKIA	GARY	240
	HO 19	INSPECTOR	no	KOLCZAK, THERESA	HOBART	240
	CP 31	INSPECTOR	no	KOLODZIEJ, ESPERANZA	CROWN POINT	240
	H2-03	INSPECTOR	no	KOLODZIEJ, WALTER	HAMMOND	240
	GR 01	INSPECTOR	no	KRICK, KENNETH	GRIFFITH	240
REPUBLICAN worked in Democrat Position-NO BIPARTISAN DROP-OFF-NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	GR 10	INSPECTOR	no	KUBIAK, LINDA	GRIFFITH	240
	G1-22	INSPECTOR	no	LAWRENCE, DONSHAY	GARY	240
DUPLICATE: SAME AS SJT 08 INSPECTOR-NO BIPARTISAN DROP-OFF-NO IN-PERSON TRAINIG	SJT 07	INSPECTOR	no	LINDSEY-BRANDT,KAREN	SCHERERVILLE	240
	MER 33	INSPECTOR	no	LUCAS, BONITA	MERRILLVILLE	240
	HL 09	INSPECTOR	no	MAGLEY, CHRISTINE	HIGHLAND	240
	EC 23	INSPECTOR	no	MAGNUS, FREDDY	GARY	240
DEMOCRATS SCHEDULED - NO SHOW? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	CL 05	INSPECTOR	no	MANTER, SARA	HAMMOND	none
	SJ 07,13,18,19	INSPECTOR	no	MCQUAY, TERRY	GARY	240
	HL 16	INSPECTOR	no	MELLENDEZ, MELISSA	HIGHLAND	240
	H6-09	INSPECTOR	no	MILLER, OWANA	HAMMOND	240
	MER 16	INSPECTOR	no	MIRIN, MICHAEL A	MERRILLVILLE	240
	EC 33	INSPECTOR	no	MOBLEY, KENNETH	EAST CHICAGO	240
	G3-17	INSPECTOR	no	MOORE, CINDY	GARY	240
	EC 05	INSPECTOR	no	MOORE, IRENE	EAST CHICAGO	240
	G1-20	INSPECTOR	no	NEAL, RHONDA	GARY	240
	MER 29	INSPECTOR	no	NIEVES, ANGELA	MERRILLVILLE	240
	H4-18	INSPECTOR	no	NORMAN, KIMBERLY	HAMMOND	240
	G2-11	INSPECTOR	no	OUTLAR, CYNTHIA	MERRILLVILLE	240
	HO 04	INSPECTOR	no	PAHR, NANCY	HOBART	240
SAME PERSON paid twice!	CAL 06	CLERK D		PARKES, MONA	GARY	175
SAME PERSON paid twice!	CAL 06	JUDGE D		PARKES, REMONA	GARY	175

	SCH 27	INSPECTOR	no	PAUL, PETER	CROWN POINT	240
WAS HE PAID? HE WORKED AND THEN DROPPED-OFF AT BOER!!!	CAL 06	JUDGE R		PETERSON, MARK	MERRILLVILLE	???
	HL 08	INSPECTOR	no	PROWELL, KAYLA	MUNSTER	240
BOER MOVED FROM WT 08 Judge R? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	WT 01	INSPECTOR	no	REYNOLDS, CHASE G 2	CROWN POINT	240
DEMOCRAT REPLACEMENT - NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	MER 03	INSPECTOR	no	RODRIGUEZ, MARK A	MERRILLVILLE	240
	CP 30	INSPECTOR	no	ROSS-JONES, DESIRE'	GARY	240
	H2-14	INSPECTOR	no	SALINAS III, ALFONSO	HAMMOND	240
INACTIVE REGISTRATION? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINIG	GR 05	INSPECTOR	no	SANDERS, SHERNETTE	GARY	240
	H4-07	INSPECTOR	no	SARAGOSA, CELESTE	EAST CHICAGO	240
	HL 05	INSPECTOR	no	SCHROEDER, KATHY	HIGHLAND	240
	SCH 22	INSPECTOR	no	SMART, ILYA	GRIFFITH	240
DEMOCRATS SCHEDULED - NO SHOW? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	H5-17	INSPECTOR	no	SMITH, OLA	HAMMOND	none
	G4-14	INSPECTOR	no	SPANN, TERESA	GARY	240
	WCT 03	INSPECTOR	no	SPIVAK, DIANA	LOWELL	240
	CT 04	INSPECTOR	no	SWANSON, MICHELLE R	MERRILLVILLE	240
DEMOCRATS SCHEDULED - NO SHOW? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	CP 09	INSPECTOR	no	THOMAS, MATTISON	CROWN POINT	none
	D 04	INSPECTOR	no	VEGA, ROSEANNE	DYER	240
DEMOCRATS SCHEDULED - NO SHOW? - NO IN-PERSON TRAINING	SJ 09	INSPECTOR	no	WALSH, ELEANOR	SAINT JOHN	none
REPUBLICAN worked in Democrat Position - NO BIPARTISAN DROP-OFF - NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	H3-05	INSPECTOR	no	WELLS, SCOTT	HAMMOND	240
	H1-01	INSPECTOR	no	WIENKE, BONNIE	WHITING	240
	G1-16	INSPECTOR	no	WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY	GARY	240
NOT REGISTERED? DEMOCRATS SCHEDULED - NO IN-PRSON TRAINING	HO 25	INSPECTOR	no	WILLIS, MATTIE	MERRILLVILLE	240
	D 06	INSPECTOR	no	WINDERS, MARA	DYER	240
	GR 06	INSPECTOR	no	WOFFORD, TUMORIA L	MERRILLVILLE	240

2024 GENERAL PAYROLL	POTENTIALLY 55 INSPECTORS WITH NO IN PERSON TRAINING. ALL BUT 1 GOT PAID FOR TRAINING.						
	precinct	position	train?	name	city	pay	
scheduled/worked	CL 01	INSPECTOR	NO	JOSTES, DAVID	CEDAR LAKE	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	CL 05	INSPECTOR	NO	RIVERA, JOSHUA	CEDAR LAKE	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	CP 07	INSPECTOR	NO	FAJMAN, MAKAYLA	CROWN POINT	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: THOMAS, MATTISON-Worked CP 14 INSPECTOR	CP 09	INSPECTOR	NO	GNESEVICH, RACHEL	CROWN POINT	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	CP 10	INSPECTOR	NO	BRUCKMAN, SUSAN K	CROWN POINT	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	CP 13	INSPECTOR	NO	BYRD, ROBYN	CROWN POINT	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: BECKER, ROBERT	CP 14	INSPECTOR	NO	THOMAS, MATTISON	CROWN POINT	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	CP 30	INSPECTOR	NO	ROSS-JONES, DESIRE	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	D 05	INSPECTOR	NO	WOODLOCK, ROBERT	DYER	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	EC 07	INSPECTOR	NO	IDOWU, NATALIE	HAMMOND	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	EC 08	INSPECTOR	NO	ABURTO-APARICIO, ANTONIO	EAST CHICAGO	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	EC 28	INSPECTOR	NO	SNEAD, FAYE V	EAST CHICAGO	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	ECT 01,02	INSPECTOR	NO	TAYLOR, JOYCE	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G1-16	INSPECTOR	NO	WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY A	GARY	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: LAWRENCE, DONSHAY	G1-22	INSPECTOR	NO	GOMEZ, MARIALUISA	GARY	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: JOSEPH, GERALD-DIED? Per Ron Segert	G3-15	INSPECTOR	NO	RUSHING, BRENDA	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G3-16	INSPECTOR	NO	NIXON, TOMMIE	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G3-17	INSPECTOR	NO	MOORE, CINDY	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G3-19	INSPECTOR	NO	FULLER, GLENDA	GARY	\$240.00	
NOT REGISTERED? DOB: 07/1969?	G3-21	INSPECTOR	NO	HAYYIM, PATRICE	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G4-01	INSPECTOR	NO	CARROLL, DAVID	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G4-14	INSPECTOR	NO	SPANN, TERESA	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G4-25	INSPECTOR	NO	BRITT, KENNETH W	GARY	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	G5-14	INSPECTOR	NO	HILL, PEGGY	GARY	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: MANFREDY, YVETTE	GR 07,17	INSPECTOR	NO	BRIGHAM, MARIA	GARY	\$210.00	
scheduled/worked	GR 10	INSPECTOR	NO	KUBIAK, LINDA	GRIFFITH	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	GR 15	INSPECTOR	NO	BARRIENTOS, PATRICIA	GRIFFITH	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	H1-08	INSPECTOR	NO	BANEGAS, MARISA	DYER	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	H2-06	INSPECTOR	NO	SALINAS III, ALFONSO	HAMMOND	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	H2-14	INSPECTOR	NO	SANTANA, ANITA	HAMMOND	\$240.00	
scheduled/worked	H3-03	INSPECTOR	NO	REYES, ELIZABETH	HAMMOND	\$240.00	
REPLACEMENT NOT REGISTERED! DOB: 03/04/1986 - scheduled: BROWN, MONICA	H3-05	INSPECTOR	NO	ZELENKA, AUBREY	HAMMOND	\$240.00	

scheduled/worked	H4-05	INSPECTOR	NO	RARDIN, DRAGANA	HAMMOND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	H5-17	INSPECTOR	NO	YOUNG, RAMONA	HAMMOND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	H6-09	INSPECTOR	NO	MILLER, OWANA	HAMMOND	\$240.00
	H6-10	INSPECTOR	NO	CAMPOS, SABRINA	HAMMOND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HL 06	INSPECTOR	NO	SALINAS, PRISCILLA	HIGHLAND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HL 09	INSPECTOR	NO	MAGLEY, CHRISTINE	HIGHLAND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HL 11	INSPECTOR	NO	VAN RAMSHORST, JOHN D	HIGHLAND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HL 16	INSPECTOR	NO	MELLENDEZ, MELISSA	HIGHLAND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HO 05	INSPECTOR	NO	WHITE, ASHLEY	MERRILLVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	HT 03	INSPECTOR	NO	STIMSON, MELISSA	SCHERERVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	M 21	INSPECTOR	NO	PAGAN, MINERVA	HIGHLAND	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	M 24	INSPECTOR	NO	MONGERIE, FELISHA	MUNSTER	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	MER 02	INSPECTOR	NO	JOHNSON, NORMAN	MERRILLVILLE	\$240.00
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: CLINTON, ARNEISHA	MER 07,7A	INSPECTOR	NO	ROBINSON, RACHEL	MERRILLVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	MER 10	INSPECTOR	NO	MABON, LATOYA	GARY	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	MER 21	INSPECTOR	NO	CONNELLY, FAYE RENEE	MERRILLVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	SCH 10	INSPECTOR	NO	HARRISON, MARK	SCHERERVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	SJ 09	INSPECTOR	NO	RIZO, THERESA	CROWN POINT	\$240.00
REPLACEMENT-scheduled: NONE	SJ 12	INSPECTOR	NO	McQUAY, TERRY	GARY	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	SJ 16	INSPECTOR	NO	O'CONNOR, CLARENCE	SAINT JOHN	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	SJT 07	INSPECTOR	NO	LINDSEY-BRANDT, KAREN	SCHERERVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	SJT 08	INSPECTOR	NO	KALLAY, ALEXIS	SCHERERVILLE	\$240.00
scheduled/worked	W 03	INSPECTOR	NO	CREEI, SARAH	WHITING	\$240.00



**Special Election 2025 - See Attached.*

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Special Election 2025 Poll Worker Training

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1.) GOVERNMENT

2.) LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REG.

3.) POLLING PLACES

INSPECTORS: PICK UP YOUR INSPECTOR KITS ON INSPECTOR SATURDAY,
MAY 3, 2025

YOU MUST CALL ALL OF THE WORKERS AND INVITE THEM TO SET UP THE EQUIPMENT,
A BIPARTISAN TEAM OF INSPECTORS AND JUDGES MUST BE PRESENT IN ORDER TO
OPEN THE VOTING MACHINE.

INSPECTORS & STUDENTS MUST ATTEND IN-PERSON TRAINING.
JUDGES & CLERKS CAN DO IN-PERSON OR ON-LINE TRAINING.

IN-PERSON

CHOOSE 1 TRAINING SESSION:

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Lake Co. Govt Complex, Auditorium
2293 N. Main St., Crown Point

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Lake Co. Govt Complex, Auditorium
2293 N. Main St., Crown Point

ONLINE



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1.) COMPLETE POLL WORKER
TRAINING VIDEO

SESSIONS INCLUDE: VIDEO, LIVE Q&A, PLUS MACHINE, EPOLLBOOK, AND VVPAT DEMOS!

2025 SPECIAL ELECTION PAYROLL (MAY 2025)				
POSSIBLY 12 INSPECTORS WITH NO IN PERSON TRAINING, BUT PAID ANYWAY.				
CP 13	INSPECTOR	BYRD, ROBYN	9 WALNUT PWY	CROWN POINT
CP 14	INSPECTOR	THOMAS, MATTISON	9 WALNUT PWY	CROWN POINT
CP 15	INSPECTOR	HADOW, KATHARINE	421 WIRTZ RD	CROWN POINT
CP 20	INSPECTOR	GOSSER, RICK	13515 MARSHAL PL	CROWN POINT
CT 06	INSPECTOR	BURNES, APRIL	17317 CAMELOT DR	LOWELL
HO 02	INSPECTOR	BARRASAS, ANGELA	208 E 12TH ST	HOBART
HO 11	INSPECTOR	BILSKI, THADDEUS	9274-B NORRIS DR	HOBART
HO 22	INSPECTOR	BATALIS, ANDREW	3956 ALABAMA ST	HOBART
SJ 13, 19	INSPECTOR	HERRERA, ABIGAIL	1325 W 98TH AVE	CROWN POINT
WT 08	INSPECTOR	HAWKINS, HOWARD	4520 HARRISON ST	GARY
WT 09	INSPECTOR	MONGERIE, FELISHA	PO BOX 3112	MUNSTER
WT 10	INSPECTOR	MONGERIE, ARROYA	.O BOX 3426	MUNSTER

**Democrat Office Workers Setting Up for
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(February 27 & 28, 2025)**

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Lake County Employee Handbook

§ 3.13 EMPLOYEE ETHICS

(D) *Political Activities Conducted On Government Time*

(1) Political activity on government time is strictly prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to: soliciting contributions or anything of value for a political candidate or cause; distributing literature, badges, buttons, signs, or stickers promoting or opposing any political candidate or cause; and, organizing, planning, or in any other way participating in the administration of any political campaign, including speaking in favor of or in opposition to any political candidate or cause.

(2) Working time includes the working time of both the employee conducting political activities and the employee to whom such activities are directed, but does not include break, lunch, or other duty-free periods of time.

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Former Lake County surveyor Van Til gets 18 months in prison

 By **TERESA AUCH SCHULTZ**
UPDATED: May 13, 2019 at 4:50 AM CDT

HAMMOND—Former Lake County Surveyor George Van Til, a self-described “agent of change,” will spend 18 months in prison for using his public office and employees to run his re-election campaigns.

U.S. District Judge James Moody rejected on Thursday Van Til’s request for a sentence of probation and home confinement after hearing evidence about how Van Til’s workers struggled under the increased workload and about how Van Til sought to retaliate against South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority CEO Speros Batistatos after finding out the official alerted the FBI to his crimes.

He also ordered Van Til to pay \$26,502.

Van Til apologized to his family and voters for his actions during his five-hour long sentencing hearing at the U.S. District Court in Hammond.

“I’m here to say I broke the law and more than once,” Van Til said.

The long-time politician remained adamant, however, that the government had not portrayed him correctly, looking to deflect testimony and recordings by others who said he pressured them to perform campaign work while on the county’s dime and to buy a new hard drive to get rid of incriminating evidence.

“I’m not the person they try to portray me as,” he told the judge.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip Benson argued otherwise. He disputed Van Til’s argument that he “fell into” his crime, instead of making a choice.

“It appears he dove in head-first because he’s been doing this for 20 years,” Benson said after providing evidence that some employees said they started doing campaign work for Van Til soon after he took office in the mid 1990s.

Benson also pointed to actions Van Til took against Batistatos soon after Van Til pleaded guilty in December 2013. According to evidence, Batistatos called the FBI in June 2012 after he heard a former employee of Van Til speak about the campaign work.

Van Til was given a copy of the FBI’s report of that call as part of the evidence of his case, and his former chief deputy, Greg Sanchez, testified that Van Til gave him that report, pointing out what Batistatos did.

“We had a brief conversation about, ‘Can you believe this?’” Sanchez testified.

He added that Van Til told him he should tell Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott Jr., who was then also chairman of the Lake County Democratic Party. Benson argued that McDermott's political position means he could have sought to hurt Batistatos' role with the SSCVA as its board members are all political appointments, including one that McDermott appoints.

"There's no other reason on earth that Mr. Van Til would have done this other than to get even," Benson argued.

Sanchez did give McDermott the report, who alerted the FBI about it.

Van Til admitted he gave Sanchez the report but denied that he did so in retaliation. Sanchez also testified that Van Til never told him why he should give it to McDermott.

Moody granted the government's request to take away Van Til's credit of responsibility over the Batistatos report.

Other evidence showed that Lake County Prosecutor Bernie Carter also at some point alerted the FBI to possible crimes by Van Til.

The government also read testimony to a grand jury by a former employee of Van Til's, John Mroczkowski, who was in the hospital Thursday.

Mroczkowski told the grand jury that around primary elections, he could spend as much as 50 percent of his time at the surveyor's office working on Van Til's campaign.

According to the transcripts, he told the jury that election season was "very crazy" and that Van Til expected employees to work extra hard.

"It just took away from doing regular work," he said.

Benson pointed to the problems Van Til's employees faced in asking that he serve time in prison.

"They were forced to break the law to keep their jobs, and that's wrong," he said.

Others spoke in favor of Van Til. Highland Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin testified that he has known Van Til for decades and that the two friends would often talk about ethics in government. Van Til supported a state law that banned local government public officials from also working for the cities and counties they represented. He also supported efforts of the U.S. Attorney's office.

"He was a big advocate for it," Griffin said, acknowledging the irony of Van Til's case.

Defense attorney Scott King also argued for leniency by Moody, noting that Van Til now suffers from myriad of health problems. Van Til said in court that he has lost 55 pounds in the last year.

"He did bad, but the good substantially, incredibly substantially, outweighs the bad," King said.

Moody rejected that request.

Van Til was ordered to report to prison April 30.

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Lake County GOP chair alleges Dems set up for caucus during work hours



By ALEXANDRA KUKULKA | akukulka@chicagotribune.com | Post-Tribune
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Lake County Republican Party Chairman and county councilman Randy Niemeyer raised concerns Tuesday about Democratic employees setting up for the party's caucus during work hours and paying student election workers for training they didn't attend.

Lake County Board of Elections and Registration Director Michelle Fajman said the set-up for the caucus took place over the weekend, and that student election workers have a different training sign-in and payment process compared to other election workers.

Niemeyer, R-Cedar Lake, said during the council's Tuesday meeting five or six Democratic employees spent three hours setting up for the county Democratic Party caucus, which was held Saturday, March 1, at the Lake County Government Center auditorium, during work hours Friday, February 28.

The county's employee handbook says "that activity is deemed improper," Niemeyer said, so he'd like to look into why the employees set up the caucus during work hours, what has been done to correct the action, and who paid for the workers' time.

"That is not allowed to happen on government time even if there is someone else paying for it," Niemeyer said. "I don't think it's ever good practice for government workers to be participating in political work during their work hours."

Lake County has a history of employees doing political work in the office, Niemeyer said, like former Lake County Surveyor George Van Til who was convicted in federal court for using county resources to run his campaign.

"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."

Employees did not spend three hours setting up for the caucus during business hours. The voting machines and tables were delivered that Friday, Fajman said, but all set up was done Saturday morning.

Fajman said some employees could've walked into the auditorium to see if the equipment was in the room ready to be set up the next day. Employees like to walk the government campus during their breaks, so it's possible some employees could've walked by the auditorium, she said, but no set-up was done.

During the May special Crown Point and Hobart school referendum elections, Niemeyer said he was concerned about inspectors and students being paid for training, which they have to attend by law, but records indicate that some didn't receive training.

"We've got some discrepancies there in processes and systems that need to be looked into," Niemeyer said.

Fajman said that special elections are paid for by the entity holding the election, so all payments of election workers would be paid for by the school districts. Initially, the money comes out of the county's general fund, and then the schools reimburse the county for the elections.

Under Indiana law, clerks and judges can complete election training online or in person, Fajman said. Inspectors have to do training in person, she said.

Further, Indiana law dictates that students have to attend training, Fajman said, so they can pick in person or online.

Fajman said when election workers go to training, they show their driver's license and check in on a poll pad against voter registration data.

Because some students aren't old enough to vote yet, Fajman said they are checked in manually. To get paid, students on Election Day sign a pay claim and mark on the claim that they attend training.

Inspectors could have a discrepancy in training attendance because there could be situations where an inspector had to back out of working the election – but remains on the record – and another inspector fills in, Fajman said.

The election office has been working toward coming up with a system to better track attendance and payments, Fajman said, and hopes to launch it by the next general election.

"Right now, there's no foolproof method that we have, but we're looking into it right now," Fajman said.

Ted Bilski, D-Hobart, said he supports Niemeyer raising questions about what occurred in the election office and during the special election. But there's "agencies out there to police that," Bilski said.

Bilski said the situations should be looked into and see what the investigations find.

Charlie Brown, D-Gary, said since Sen. Dan Demulc, R-Highland, was in the audience of the meeting, maybe the legislature could look into election training criteria to make it more clear who can and can't do which type of training.

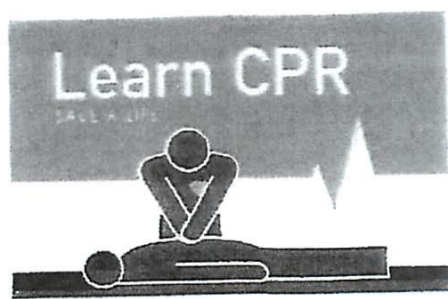
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CARDIO TECH

CPR TRAINING



"Keep The Beat"
(219) 677-3777



Free American Heart Association CPR/AED classes are
available at the Lake County Government Center.

Register on-line at herbiecruz@earthlink.net or

Call or Text (219) 677-3777 Maximum 16 students.

Location: Media room (A-099) Lower level,
Southeast corner of Building A, behind the cafeteria.

Date: Friday February 28, 2025

Time: 1:30pm – 4:00pm



***Jerry, Election Admin: Preparing Caucus Supplies
Thursday, February 27, 2025
Approximately 9:23 AM to 9:33 AM***

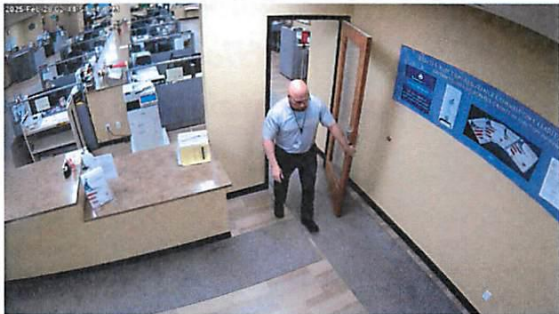


***Jerry, Election Admin: Preparing Caucus Items Thursday,
February 27, 2025
Approximately 1:17 PM***

***At this time, the cameras were disabled in the Ballot Room for
repair.***

***2024 Election Materials are being housed in the Ballot Room at
this time due to construction in the “Garage.”***

Friday, February 28, 2025



**Jessica, Assistant Director:
Leaves for CPR Training
Approximately 1:24 PM**

**Joel, Registration Admin: Leaves
Office
Approximately 2:44 PM**



**Jerry, Election Admin: Getting Supplies from Ballot Room and Leaving
Approximately 2:53 PM**



Joel, Regis. Admin: Return to Office
Approximately 3:26 PM



Jerry, Election Admin: Return to Office
Approximately 3:28 PM



Joel, Regis. Admin & Jerry, Election Admin: Leaving Office
Approximately 3:30 PM



**Jessica, Assistant Director:
Returns from CPR Training
Approximately 3:32 PM**



**Jessica, Assistant Director:
Leaves Office to go to
Auditorium per Niemeyer
Approximately 3:35 PM**



**Jessica, Assistant Director:
Returns to Office after
confirming situation in
Auditorium
Approximately 3:42 PM**



**Joel, Regis. Admin: Return to
Office
Approximately 3:49 PM**



Joel, Regis. Admin: Leaves Office
Approximately 3:55 PM



Joel, Regis. Admin: Returns to Office
Approximately 4:13 PM



Employees Begin to Leave for the Day
Approximately 4:26 PM



Jerry, Election Admin: Return to Office
Approximately 4:35 PM



***Jerry, Election Admin: In Ballot Room Alone, Returning Some Equipment
Approximately 4:35 PM***



***Jerry, Election Admin & Joel, Regis. Admin: Leave for the Day
Approximately 4:44 PM***

Employee Name	Payroll Relationship Number	Payroll
Joel Rodriguez	8729	LC Biweekly Payroll
Person Number	Assignment Number	Salary Basis Name
8729	E8729	Hourly Rate
Hire Date	Job Title	Tax Reporting Unit Name
3-May-2013	Registration Admin.	Lake County, Indiana
Employee Address	Position	Tax Reporting Unit Address
[REDACTED] EAST CHICAGO, IN 46312 US	Registration Admin.	2293 N. Main Street Crown Point, IN 46307 US

Description	Start Date	End Date	Quantity	Type	Rate	Multiple	Amount
Compensatory Entitlement Earnings Results			1.25	Hours	26.50	1.00	33.13
Regular Time Earnings Results			62.75	Hours	26.50	1.00	1,663.14
Vacation Leave Entitlement Earnings Results			16.00	Hours	26.50	1.00	424.07

^^Comp Time Explained: 0.25 hrs late on 2/28/2025 and 1 hr one 3/5/2025

^^Vacation Time Explained: March 6 & March 7

Employee Name	Payroll Relationship Number	Payroll
Jerome Schmitt	22255	LC Biweekly Payroll
Person Number	Assignment Number	Salary Basis Name
22255	E22255	Hourly Rate
Hire Date	Job Title	Tax Reporting Unit Name
2-Jul-2018	Election Admin.	Lake County, Indiana
Employee Address	Position	Tax Reporting Unit Address
[REDACTED] CROWN POINT, IN 46308 US	Election Admin.	2293 N. Main Street Crown Point, IN 46307 US

Description	Start Date	End Date	Quantity	Type	Rate	Multiple	Amount
Overtime - Regular Earnings Results			40.00	Hours	27.71	1.00	1,108.34
Regular Time Earnings Results			80.00	Hours	27.71	1.00	2,216.69

Employee Name	Payroll Relationship Number	Payroll
Andre Manzo	19489	LC Biweekly Payroll
Person Number	Assignment Number	Salary Basis Name
19489	E19489	Hourly Rate
Hire Date	Job Title	Tax Reporting Unit Name
22-Sep-2014	Chief Mechanic	Lake County, Indiana
Employee Address	Position	Tax Reporting Unit Address
[REDACTED] CROWN POINT, IN 46307 US	Chief Mechanic	2293 N. Main Street Crown Point, IN 46307 US

Description	Start Date	End Date	Quantity	Type	Rate	Multiple	Amount
Regular Time Earnings Results			80.00	Hours	19.88	1.00	1,590.26

Public Comment:

Sheila Madjecki of Schererville – I just wanted to say how I appreciate all of you. I've been coming to council, commissioner, and election meetings for several years now, and I just want to reiterate something. We are unstoppable when we work together. I love it when things are transparent. I love it when I see people working through things. What I don't love is when we sling things at each other in a nonpartisan environment. It doesn't work well. When we looked into the Konnech incident, we found that Michelle Fajman said on the radio that she had already sent over all our information to China. She's already done all of the paperwork. It was election integrity; it was never a Republican or a Democrat thing. It was; let's do the best for our people in our community. The world noticed that things weren't right in the prior four years on several levels. There is a distrust for the federal government, and they recommended starting locally to see what we could do, and sometimes we find things, and sometimes we don't. I'm very proud to say that in Lake County, we often do not find issues. Can we make it better? Absolutely. We have to work together. We have to come together, and that's what I want. I want to thank all of you for your hard work.

Cid – For the record, I believe we have a very good election office. We have not had any incidents of election fraud. We run very good elections here.

Recorder Mike Brown – First let me thank you for your commitment you have for this county, and I really appreciate everyone that's up here. I appreciate all the input that I've seen today, and I would suggest that we reach out to our chairman of the election board so we can put you on the agenda because we are here to serve the community. We're here to serve people, and we're going to do everything in our power to be fair. We're going to have disagreements. That's ok. We're here to serve the public. I've been here for over thirty years. It's been a great ride, and I'm excited about the things that we could get done. We have to work together, and I really appreciate the council being patient in this matter instead of just acting on it. You're allowing the election board an opportunity to see it and try to address the matter. I promise you, we will be fair.

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