

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, Charlie Brown, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys. Councilman Ronald Brewer was absent.

In the Matter of Minutes – January 13, 2026

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

ORDINANCE #1517

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>Calumet Township Assessor 2002</u>		
61190 Part-Time	-\$30,920.00	-\$30,920.00
<u>Center Township Assessor 2003</u>		
61130 Technicians	-\$45,520.00	-\$45,520.00
<u>Hobart Township Assessor 2004</u>		
61190 Part-Time	-\$14,000.00	-\$14,000.00
<u>St. John Township Assessor 2006</u>		
61130 Technicians	-\$48,766.00	-\$48,766.00
County Health Fund 1105		
<u>Health Department 9306</u>		
61120 Professionals	-\$38,219.00	-\$38,219.00
61140 Protective Services	-\$89,143.00	-\$89,143.00
61160 Office & Clerical	-\$32,212.00	-\$32,212.00
61190 Part-Time	-\$9,999.00	-\$9,999.00
61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$72,119.00	-\$72,119.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	-\$572.00	-\$572.00
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$58,000.00	-\$58,000.00
61360 Workman's Comp – Deduction	-\$1,820.00	-\$1,820.00
62210 Petroleum Products	-\$9,258.00	-\$9,258.00
62220 Garage & Motors	-\$1,952.00	-\$1,952.00
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	-\$15,403.00	-\$15,403.00
63190 Other Professional Service	-\$55,000.00	-\$55,000.00
63320 Advertising	-\$149.00	-\$149.00
63330 Photo/Blueprinting	-\$775.00	-\$775.00
63620 Equipment Repair	-\$2,750.00	-\$2,750.00
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	-\$20,909.00	-\$20,909.00

Health Department 9306

61110 Official & Administrators	\$11,750.00	\$11,750.00
61130 Technicians	\$10,173.00	\$10,173.00
61150 Paraprofessionals	\$227,588.00	\$227,588.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$11,007.00	\$11,007.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$962.00	\$962.00
62290 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63120 Medical & Hospital Services	\$414.00	\$414.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$20,705.00	\$20,705.00
63231 Travel – Registration	\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00
63232 Travel – Meals	\$2,775.00	\$2,775.00
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$4,850.00	\$4,850.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$1,249.00	\$1,249.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00
63310 Printing	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	\$2,337.00	\$2,337.00
63910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
64450 Software	\$46,878.00	\$46,878.00

Health Maintenance Fund 1153

Health Department 9306

61190 Part-Time	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
61280 Seasonal Employees	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00
62110 Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00

LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161

Health Department 9306

61150 Paraprofessionals	-\$193,338.00	-\$193,338.00
61210 Longevity – Deduction	-\$180.00	-\$180.00
61290 Supplemental Pay	-\$19,263.72	-\$19,263.72
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$348,000.00	-\$348,000.00
61360 Workman's Comp – Deduction	-\$10,920.00	-\$10,920.00
62110 Office Supplies	-\$11,000.00	-\$11,000.00
62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	-\$176,825.00	-\$176,825.00
63231 Travel – Registration	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
64410 Furniture & Fixtures	-\$9,999.00	-\$9,999.00

Health Department 9306

61120 Professionals	\$30,821.00	\$30,821.00
61140 Protective Services	\$118,062.00	\$118,062.00
61160 Office & Clerical	\$46,947.00	\$46,947.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$9,232.00	\$9,232.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$17,129.00	\$17,129.00
62230 Clothing	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
63210 Freight & Express	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$350.00	\$350.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	\$54,000.00	\$54,000.00
64450 Software	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00

Health Dept Tobacco Settlement Fund 1296

Health Dept/Tobacco Settlement 9311

61140 Protective Services	-\$57,504.00	-\$57,504.00
61340 Group Insurance – Deduction	-\$29,000.00	-\$29,000.00
61360 Workman's Comp. – Deduction	-\$910.00	-\$910.00

Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337

County Assessor 2001

63190 Other Professional Service	\$970,000.00	\$970,000.00
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Calumet Township Assessor 2002

61190 Part-Time	-\$39,000.00	-\$39,000.00
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Center Township Assessor 2003

61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$17,500.00	-\$17,500.00
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Hobart Township Assessor 2004

61100 Overtime	-\$8,393.00	-\$8,393.00
63190 Other Professional Service	-\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00

Ross Township Assessor 2005

61280 Seasonal Employees	-\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	-\$612.00	-\$612.00
63235 Travel – Mileage	-\$800.00	-\$800.00
64440 Motor Vehicles	-\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00

Data Processing Agency 9301

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts	-\$400,000.00	-\$400,000.00
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Co. Cumulative Capital Develop Fund 1651

Data Processing Agency 9301

63995 Other Services & Charges	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
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Adopted this 10th day of February, 2026.

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>Surveyor 1006</u>		
Surveyor’s Corner Perpetuation Fund 1167		
From: 1167-64410 Furniture & Fixtures	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
1167-64440 Motor Vehicles	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
1167-64490 Other Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
To: 1167-63190 Other Professional Service	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
 <u>Lake Sup Court-County Division-Rm 2 4003</u>		
Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143		
From: 2143-61120 Professionals	\$31,122.00	\$31,122.00
To: 2143-63190 Other Professional Services	\$31,122.00	\$31,122.00
 <u>Combined Elections and Registrations 5001</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61196 Election Day Workers	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
To: 1001-64490 Other Equipment	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
 <u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
LCCC Juvenile Detention Grant Fund 9390		
From: 9390-61190 Part-Time	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
9390-61320 FICA – Deduction	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
9390-63920 Food & Lodging	\$430.00	\$430.00
9390 63995 Other Services & Charges	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
To: 9390-63715 Equipment Leasing	\$26,130.00	\$26,130.00

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

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

Dated this 10th day of February, 2026.

Additional

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> Calumet Township Assessor 2002 (-\$30,920.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> Center Township Assessor 2003 (-\$45,520.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> Hobart Township Assessor 2004 (-\$14,000.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve Carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> St. John Township Assessor 2006 (-\$48,766.00)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County Health Fund 1105</u> Health Department 9306 (-\$409,280.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County Health Fund 1105</u> Health Department 9306 (\$396,519.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Health Maintenance Fund 1153</u> Health Department 9306 (\$46,175.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161</u> Health Department 9306 (-\$770,525.72)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Bilski were absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund 1161</u> Health Department 9306 (\$293,141.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Health Dept Tobacco Settlement Fund 1296</u> Health Dept/Tobacco Settlement 9311 (-\$87,414.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> County Assessor 2001 (\$970,000.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Additional

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> Calumet Township Assessor 2002 (-\$39,000.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> Center Township Assessor 2003 (-\$17,500.00)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> Hobart Township Assessor 2004 (-\$11,893.00)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> Ross Township Assessor 2005 (-\$10,412.00)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Reassessment 2015 Fund 1337</u> Data Processing Agency 9301 (-\$400,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Co. Cumulative Capital Develop Fund 1651</u> Data Processing Agency 9301 (\$400,000.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Transfers

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Surveyor 1006</u> Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund 1167 (\$50,000.00)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Lake Sup Court-County Division-Rm 2 4003</u> Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143 (\$31,122.00)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Combined Elections and Registrations 5001</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$14,000.00)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> LCCC Juvenile Detention Grant Fund 9390 (\$26,130.00)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of County Assessor 2001 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to approve the following Revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
13062-001 Assessment Specialist	\$0.00	\$53,265.00	\$53,265.00

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approved Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Superior Court Civil 3001 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee 2026 Adult Guardianship Services Grant (VASIA) – Grant Renewal

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

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 1 4002 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Brown, to approve the following Revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12536-001 Public Defender	\$31,122.00	\$0.00	(\$31,122.00)

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approved Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 2 4003 – Revised 144 – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Brown, to approve the following Revised 144:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12537-007 Pauper Attorney	\$31,122.00	\$0.00	(\$31,122.00)

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approved Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

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

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

- 62230 Clothing
- 64440 Motor Vehicles
- 64450 Software

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Health Department 9306 – Create New Line Items – County Health Fund 1105

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

- 62290 Other Supplies
- 63310 Printing
- 64450 Software

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Health Department 9306 – Create New Line Items – Health Maintenance Fund 1153

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

- 62110 Office Supplies
- 63210 Freight & Express
- 63320 Advertising

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve creation of new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) – Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant – On behalf of Ozinga Slag, LLC

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Maritime Administration (MARAD) – Port Infrastructure Development Program – On behalf of Ozinga Slag, LLC

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

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointments – Unsafe Building Authority

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to postpone to March 10, 2026. Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to postpone to March 10, 2026 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointments – County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

Cid opened nominations.

Bilski nominated Michelle Resendez (Medical Practitioner), Pastor JJ Hairston (Clergy), Christine Cid (Government Agency), Terence Fife (Business Community), Angela Malinowski (Animal Control Officer) and Jerry Ezell (Prosecuting Attorney or Designee)

There were no further nominations.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid reappointed Michelle Resendez (Medical Practitioner), Pastor JJ Hairston (Clergy), Christine Cid (Government Agency), Terence Fife (Business Community), Angela Malinowski (Animal Control Officer) and Jerry Ezell (Prosecuting Attorney or Designee) to the County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Citizen Appointments – Economic Development Commission – Dyer

Cid opened nominations.

Bilski nominated Frank Jachin.

There were no further nominations.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid appointed Frank Jachin to the Dyer Economic Development Commission.

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing February as Black History Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-07

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

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

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

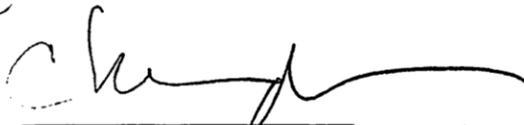
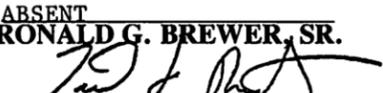
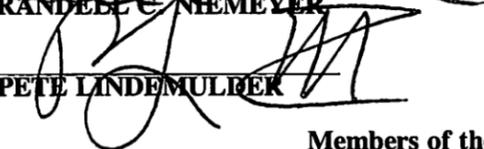
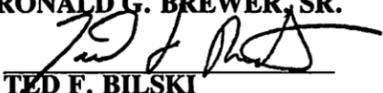
WHEREAS, by 1926, Dr. Woodson and his group established the second week of February as "Negro History Week" to coincide with the birth date of Abraham Lincoln (February 12th) and Frederick Douglas, who calculated his to be February 14th; and

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

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

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

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of February, 2026.

 <u>DAVID HAMM</u>	 <u>CHRISTINE CID, President</u>	 <u>CHARLIE BROWN</u>
 <u>RANDELL C. NEMEYER</u>		<p>ABSENT</p>  <u>RONALD G. BREWER, SR.</u>
 <u>PETE LINDEMULDER</u>		 <u>TED F. BILSKI</u>

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Hobart High School's Corabella Wesley Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 125 Pound Weight Division

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-08

**RESOLUTION HONORING HOBART HIGH SCHOOL'S
CORABELLA WESLEY
INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING
STATE CHAMPION - 125 POUND WEIGHT DIVISION**

WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and

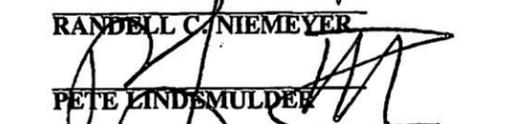
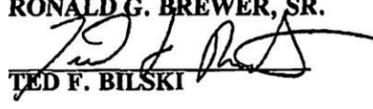
WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and

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, Corabella Wesley, a Hobart High School freshman, won the IHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship - 125 Pound Weight Division, on January 16, 2026 at Corteva Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds; finishing the season with a 42-0 record.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to Corabella Wesley for capturing first place in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Tournament - 125 Pound Weight Division; 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 Corabella Wesley.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 10th day of February, 2026.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Crown Point High School's Ava Strayer Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 130 Pound Weight Division

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to postpone to March 10, 2026. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to postpone to March 10, 2026 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Merrillville High School's Charisma Lawrence Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 145 Pound Weight Division

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-09

**RESOLUTION HONORING MERRILLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S
CHARISMA LAWRENCE
INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING
STATE CHAMPION - 145 POUND WEIGHT DIVISION**

WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and

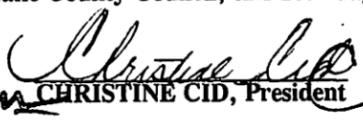
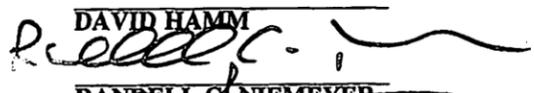
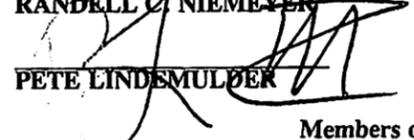
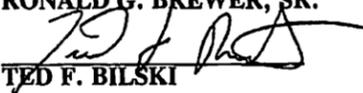
WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and

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, Charisma Lawrence, a Merrillville High School senior, won the IHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship - 145 Pound Weight Division, on January 16, 2026 at Corteva Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds; finishing the season with a 38-1 record.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to Charisma Lawrence for capturing first place in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Tournament - 145 Pound Weight Division; 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 Charisma Lawrence.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 10th day of February, 2026.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Highland High School's Aleksandra Bastaic Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Champion – 155 Pound Weight Division

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-10

**RESOLUTION HONORING HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL'S
ALEKSANDRA BASTAIC
INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING
STATE CHAMPION - 155 POUND WEIGHT DIVISION**

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

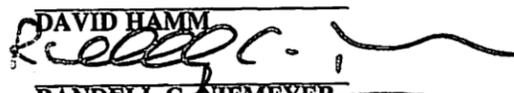
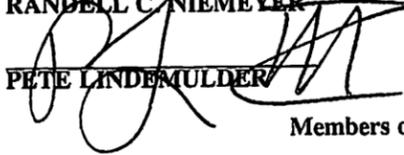
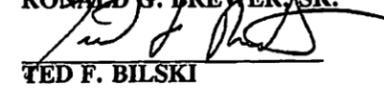
WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and

WHEREAS, Aleksandra Bastaic, a Highland High School Senior, finished the season with a 41-0 record and became the sixth female competitor to join the elite club of winning four State Wrestling Championships; and

WHEREAS, Aleksandra Bastaic won the IHSAA Girls Wrestling State Championship - 155 Pound Weight Division, on January 16, 2026 at Corteva Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds; Aleksandra also received the Mental Attitude Award and concluded her prep career with an unblemished girls wrestling record.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to Aleksandra Bastaic for capturing first place in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Tournament - 155 Pound Weight Division and as the recipient of the Mental Attitude Award; 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 Aleksandra Bastaic.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 10th day of February, 2026.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, County Division III to Pay an Outstanding 2025 Invoice/Debt from the 2026 Budget (1001-4004-63190)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-11

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, COUNTY DIVISION III TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division III is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2025, has not been paid:

<u>1001-4004-63190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Dr. John T. Heroldt, Ed.D. HSPP	\$350.00; and

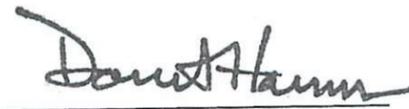
WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division III desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

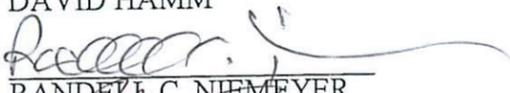
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

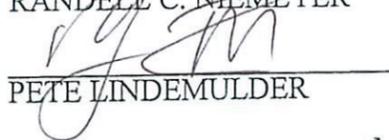
That the following 2025 expense shall be paid from the Lake Superior Court, County Division III's 2026 Budget:

<u>1001-4004-63190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Dr. John T. Heroldt, Ed.D. HSPP	\$350.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of February, 2026.

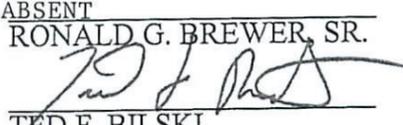

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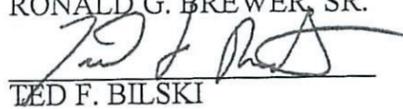

 RANDELL C. NIEMEIER


 PETE LINDEMULDER


 CHRISTINE CID, President


 CHARLIE BROWN

ABSENT

 RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, County Division III to Pay an Outstanding 2025 Invoice/Debt from the 2026 Budget (1208-4004-63130)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-12

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, COUNTY DIVISION III TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division III is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2025, has not been paid:

<u>1208-4004-63130</u>	<u>Toxicology Lab</u>
Cordant Health Solutions	\$ 31.00; and

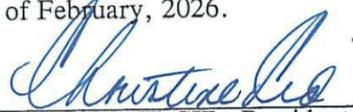
WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division III desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

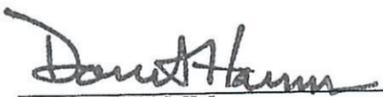
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2025 expense shall be paid from the Lake Superior Court, County Division III's 2026 Budget:

<u>1208-4004-63130</u>	<u>Toxicology Lab</u>
Cordant Health Solutions	\$ 31.00.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10TH day of February, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHARLIE BROWN

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney to Pay Outstanding 2025 Invoices/Debts from the 2026 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26--13

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF
THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2025 have not been paid:

<u>7135-9001-63234</u>	<u>Travel-Transportation/Other</u>
Kenneth Owens	\$35.00
Kenneth Owens	35.00
	<u>\$70.00</u>

<u>7135-9001-63920</u>	<u>Food and Lodging</u>
Kenneth Owens	\$22.67; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

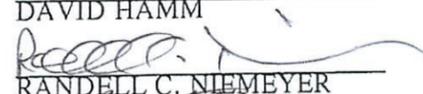
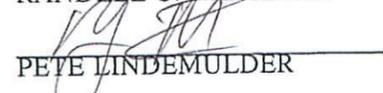
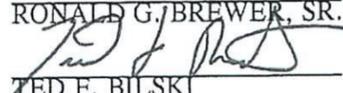
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2025 expenses shall be paid from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's 2026 Budget:

<u>7135-9001-63234</u>	<u>Travel-Transportation/Other</u>
Kenneth Owens	\$35.00
Kenneth Owens	35.00
	<u>\$70.00</u>

<u>7135-9001-63920</u>	<u>Food and Lodging</u>
Kenneth Owens	\$22.67

SO RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the office of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney, IV-D Child Support Division to Pay an Outstanding 2025 Invoice/Debt from the 2026 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-14

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, IV-D CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Office of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2025, has not been paid:

<u>8295-9003-63190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Central Collection Bureau Inc.	\$1,136.55; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney, IV-D Child Support Division desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2025 expense shall be paid from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, IV-D Child Support Division's 2026 Budget:

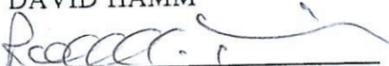
<u>8295-9003-63190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Central Collection Bureau Inc.	\$1,136.55

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President

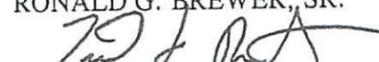

DAVID HAMM


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
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 \$261,000.00 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake Debt Service of 2025 SRF Bond, Fund No. 4359

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-15

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$261,000.00
FROM CEDIT FUND, FUND NO. 4012 TO LAKE
DEBT SERVICE OF 2025 SRF BOND, FUND NO. 4359**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and

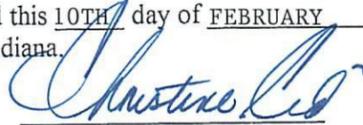
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners request the transfer of \$261,000.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002.

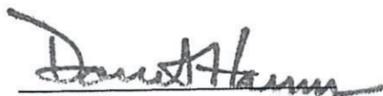
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer \$261,000.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002, representing reimbursement pursuant to Ordinance No. 1492E adopted on February 13, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the sum of \$261,000.00 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 10TH day of FEBRUARY, 2026 by the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana.


Christine Cid, President

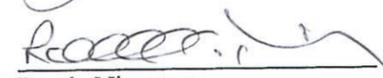

David Hamm

ABSENT
Ronald G. Brewer, Sr.


Charlie Brown


Pete Lindenmulder


Ted F. Bilski


Randy Niemeyer

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Council to Pay an Outstanding 2025 Invoice/Debt from the 2026 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26--16

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2026 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2025, has not been paid:

<u>1001-6001-63910</u>	<u>Dues & Subscription</u>
Indiana County Councils Association	\$ 210.00; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2025 expense shall be paid from the Lake County Council's 2026 Budget:

<u>1001-6001-63910</u>	<u>Dues & Subscription</u>
Indiana County Councils Association	\$ 210.00.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


PETE LINDEMULDER


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution of the Lake County Council Urging Enhanced Transparency in Utility Billing Practices through Detailed Itemization of Delivery Charges and Tracking Mechanisms

President Cid passed the gavel to Lindemulder.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26--17

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL URGING ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY IN UTILITY BILLING PRACTICES THROUGH DETAILED ITEMIZATION OF DELIVERY CHARGES AND TRACKING MECHANISMS

- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council serves as the fiscal body for Lake County, Indiana, with responsibility to promote the financial well-being, affordability, and quality of life for its residents; and
- WHEREAS,** electric and natural gas utilities provide essential services to Lake County households and businesses, and utility costs significantly impact household budgets, economic development, and overall affordability in the county; and
- WHEREAS,** the "delivery charge" (also referred to as distribution, service, or transportation charge) on utility bills often constitutes a substantial or majority portion of a customer's total bill, covering infrastructure maintenance, operations, safety compliance, depreciation, and other system-related costs; and
- WHEREAS,** many Indiana utilities recover additional costs through Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC)-approved rate adjustment mechanisms, commonly known as "trackers" or "riders" (e.g., for fuel and purchased power, demand-side management programs, environmental compliance, capital investments, safety enhancements, and other pass-through expenses), which are frequently embedded within the delivery charge without clear, itemized disclosure on customer bills; and
- WHEREAS,** the current practice of presenting delivery charges in an aggregated or minimally described format limits consumers' ability to understand the specific components of these charges, verify the accuracy and reasonableness of recoveries, identify potential over-recoveries, or engage effectively in rate proceedings before the IURC; and
- WHEREAS,** greater billing transparency—through mandatory, detailed line-item breakdowns of delivery charge components, including separate identification of major tracking mechanisms—would enhance public accountability, empower informed consumer decision-making and advocacy, foster trust in regulated utilities, and align with broader statewide efforts to address utility affordability and consumer protections; and
- WHEREAS,** similar transparency requirements have been proposed or implemented in other jurisdictions and sectors to improve consumer understanding of regulated charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

- Section 1. The Lake County Council hereby expresses its strong support for enhanced transparency in utility billing practices throughout Indiana.
- Section 2. The Council urges the Indiana General Assembly to consider and enact legislation requiring electric and natural gas utilities operating in Indiana to provide a clear, itemized breakdown of all components of the delivery charge (or equivalent) on customer bills, including but not limited to base distribution costs, specific tracking mechanisms/riders (with identification of the associated IURC cause number or approval where applicable), and other recoveries.
- Section 3. The Council further urges the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to adopt rules, guidelines, or tariff requirements mandating such detailed disclosures in a standardized, consumer-friendly format on monthly bills, to promote accountability and facilitate public oversight of utility costs.
- Section 4. A copy of this adopted Resolution shall be transmitted to:
 - The Governor of Indiana;
 - The Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives;
 - The President Pro Tempore of the Indiana Senate;
 - Relevant chairs of legislative committees on utilities, energy, and consumer affairs;
 - The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; and
 - Major utilities serving Lake County (e.g., NIPSCO and others as applicable).
- Section 5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by further action of the Council.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

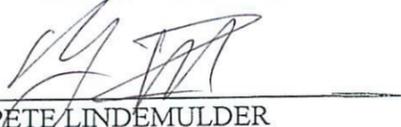

CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER,
SR.


PETE LINDEMULDER


TED F. BILSKI

Member of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Ordinance to Establish Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees for the Lake County Surveyor's Office, County of Lake, State of Indiana, Ordinance No. 1334C

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1334C-1

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH COPY/MAP/ELECTRONIC MAP GENERATION FEES FOR THE LAKE COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF INDIANA, ORDINANCE NO.1334C

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2011, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance to Establish Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees for the Lake County Surveyor's Office, County of Lake, State of Indiana, Ordinance No. 1334C; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Schedule of Fees in Ordinance No. 1334C, the Ordinance to Establish Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees for the Lake County Surveyor's Office, County of Lake, State of Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council establishes a new Schedule of Fees in Ordinance No. 1334C, the Ordinance to Establish Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees for the Lake County Surveyor's Office, County of Lake, State of Indiana. That the Schedule of Fees referred to in Ordinance No. 1334C and attached thereto and any previous Lake County Surveyor's Fee Schedule adopted for Copy/Map/Electronic Map Generation Fees is hereby amended and the following Schedule of Fees is adopted:

**LAKE COUNTY SURVEYOR
SCHEDULE OF FEES**

MAPS AND PLAT BOOKS	
Preprinted Lake County Map	\$ 3.00
Subdivision Plat	\$ 5.00
Sidwell Aerial Print B/W	\$ 5.00
36" x 36" Topographic Tile Print (scaled)	\$ 35.00
Digital topographic tile (Autocad and ESRI format)	\$200.00
CUSTOM MAPS AND COPIES	
<i>County, Municipal and District</i>	
24" by 36" color	\$ 8.00
36" x 36" color	\$ 10.00
42" by 42" color	\$ 12.00
24" x 36" B/W laser	\$ 5.00
36" by 36" B/W laser	\$ 7.00
Oversized (over 42" x 42")	\$ 3.00 per square foot
<i>Small maps - District and Precinct</i>	
11" x 17" color laser map	\$ 3.00
8.5" x 11" color laser map	\$ 2.00

*All maps are available in PDF format.
E-mail or ftp upload is available at no additional charge - CD creation fee is \$5.00.
For parcel information, remember to check out the GIS website

Copies
 Color laser copies
 11" x 17" \$ 3.00
 8.5" x 11" \$ 2.00
 B/W 8.5" x 11" \$ 0.50

MS4 MATERIALS
 Stormwater Ordinance (Paper Only): \$ 25.00
 Technical Standards (Paper. Only) \$ 15.00

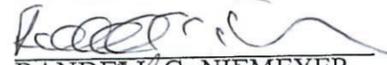
SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.


 CHRISTINE CID, President


 DAVID HAMM

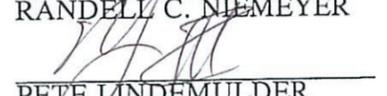

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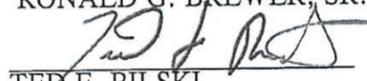
PRESENTED TO
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR


 RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
 RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

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 PETE LINDEMULDER


 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1105)

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

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1513E-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2026 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1513E,
REORGANIZING POSITIONS IN THE
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (9306-1105)

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1513E to establish a revised Form No. 144 to reorganize positions for the Lake County Health Department (9306-1105), retroactive to January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit "A", reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1105), is hereby approved, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

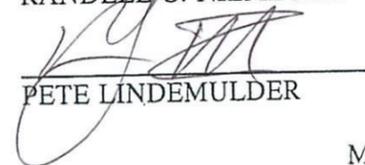

CHRISTINE CID, President

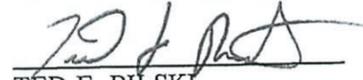

DAVID HAMM


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RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
CALENDAR YEAR 20__

Health Department- 1105 LAKE County, Indiana

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2026:

FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Job Code # and Position #	\$ PRESENT	\$ PROPOSED	\$ DIFFERENCE
1340-001 Health Officer	\$81,350	\$108,000	\$ 26,650.00
13478-001 Deputy Administrator	\$78,877	\$88,000	\$ 9,123.00
13479-001 Administrative Assistant	\$41,938	\$0	\$ (41,938.00)
14320-001 Chief Sanitation Enforcement	\$43,847	\$48,500	\$ 4,653.00
14319-001 Planner	\$64,593	\$67,732	\$ 3,139.00
14321-001 Sanitation Enforcement	\$47,554	\$50,704	\$ 3,150.00
14321-002 Sanitation Enforcement	\$47,554	\$0	\$ (47,554.00)
14321-003 Sanitation Enforcement	\$47,554	\$50,704	\$ 3,150.00
14321-004 Sanitation Enforcement	\$47,554	\$50,704	\$ 3,150.00
14360-001 Educator	\$34,744	\$0	\$ (34,744.00)
14322-001 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-002 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$0	\$ (44,811.00)
14322-003 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-004 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-005 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-006 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-007 Sanitation Foods	\$44,811	\$50,704	\$ 5,893.00
14322-001 Chief Sanitation Foods	\$40,680	\$46,500	\$ 5,820.00
14300-001 Public Health monitor Supv	\$50,578	\$55,482	\$ 4,904.00
15374-001 Director of Nursing	\$40,771	\$77,832	\$ 37,061.00
15372-004 Public Health Nurse	\$34,229	\$35,668	\$ 1,439.00
15372-001 Public Health Nurse	\$33,025	\$33,222	\$ 197.00
15372-002 Public Health Nurse	\$33,025	\$47,202	\$ 14,177.00
15372-003 Public Health Nurse	\$33,120	\$40,202	\$ 7,082.00
15372-001 Tuberculosis Case Manager	\$0	\$33,202	\$ 33,202.00
15372-005 Public Health Nurse	\$34,180	\$33,202	\$ (977.80)
15370-001 Lead Exposure Prevention Medical Assistant	\$0	\$45,000	\$ 45,000.00
15372-007 Public Health Nurse STI Clinic	\$0	\$42,202	\$ 42,202.00
15372-008 Public Health Nurse	\$0	\$42,202	\$ 42,202.00
15380-001 Surveillance Liaison	\$31,178	\$0	\$ (31,178.00)
15370-001 Secretary	\$40,000	\$0	\$ (40,000.00)
15370-002 Secretary	\$40,000	\$41,847	\$ 1,847.00
15370-003 Secretary	\$40,000	\$41,847	\$ 1,847.00
15370-004 Secretary	\$40,000	\$41,847	\$ 1,847.00
15370-005 Secretary	\$40,000	\$41,847	\$ 1,847.00
Totals	\$1,681,891	\$1,681,819	\$ (72.00)

only

PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

Job Code # and Position #	\$	Per	\$
_____	\$	Per	_____
_____	\$	Per	_____
_____	\$	Per	_____
_____	\$	Per	_____
_____	\$	Per	_____

Effective 1-1-26

Submitted by: _____
Date: 1/23/26 20 _____

NOTICE:
(1) This statement must be filed in duplicate with the County Auditor on or before July 1 each year for inclusion and review to be paid in the ensuing year.
(2) The number and salaries to be paid to all full-time officers and employees must be filed by the County Council. The rates of pay for part-time and hourly employees shall be filed by the County Council but the number to be employed is limited only by the funds appropriated hereafter. The amount to be expended in the budget for part-time and hourly employees need not be included in this statement.
(3) The County Auditor shall designate the number and salaries of this item and return same to the officer or head of the department, board or agency which it affects after action taken by the County Council.

Ex. A.

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1161)

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on Second Reading.

Councilman Niemeyer noted the unique aspects of the Health First Indiana Funding, highlighting that while base funding has decreased, the reorganization utilizes carryover funds. Niemeyer noted the proposed staffing changes are designed to meet specific KPIs and commended the proposal as a sustainable, result-driven business model for government.

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1513E-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2026 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1513E,
REORGANIZING POSITIONS IN THE
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (9306-1161)

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E; and

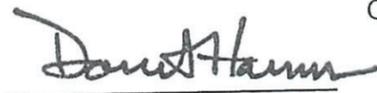
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1513E to establish a revised Form No. 144 to reorganize positions for the Lake County Health Department (9306-1161), retroactive to January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit "A", reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9306-1161), is hereby approved, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

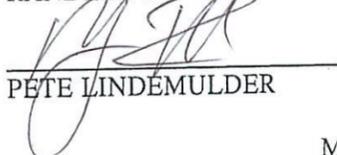

CHRISTINE CID, President

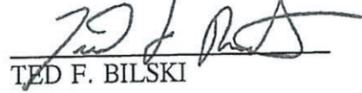

DAVID HAMM


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


PETE LINDEMULDER


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

Form Prescribed by State Board of Accounts

County Form No. 144 (1975)

**STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Health Department-1161, LAKE County, Indiana
(Name of Office, Department, Board Agency)

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2026:

FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

<small>Title of Position or Employee Classification</small>	<small>JOB CODE # AND POSITION #</small>	\$ PRESENT	\$ PROPOSED	\$ DIFFERENCE
14352-008 Sanitarian Foods		\$47,964	\$50,704	\$ 2,740.00
14352-009 Sanitarian Foods		\$47,964	\$50,704	\$ 2,740.00
14351-002 Sanitarian Environment		\$0	\$50,704	\$ 50,704.00
16378-001 Medicaid/Private Insurance Billing Clerk		\$40,000	\$45,000	\$ 5,000.00
14563-001 Vector Control Director		\$57,503	\$65,000	\$ 7,497.00
15379-001 Certified Medical Assistant		\$42,750	\$45,000	\$ 2,250.00
14280-001 Educator		\$0	\$54,714	\$ 54,714.00
12402-001 Administrative Assistant		\$0	\$50,000	\$ 50,000.00
15370-001 Lead Exposure Prevention Medical Assistant		\$40,000	\$0	\$ (40,000.00)
15372-006 Public Health Nurse		\$53,100	\$0	\$ (53,100.00)
16670-001 Secretary		\$0	\$41,947	\$ 41,947.00
15377-001 Tuberculosis Surv Liaison		\$50,400	\$0	\$ (50,400.00)
15372-007 Public Health Nurse STI Clinic		\$52,088	\$0	\$ (52,088.00)
Totals		\$431,769	\$453,773	\$ 22,004.00

Effective 1-1-26

PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

<small>Title of Position or Employee Classification</small>	<small>Rate of Pay</small>
_____	Per _____

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

Submitted by: Sheila Paul 
(Signature)
Administrator
(Title)

Date 01232026 20

NOTES:

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

Ex. A

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E, Reorganizing Positions in the Lake County Health Department (9311-1296)

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1513E-6

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
2026 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1513E,
REORGANIZING POSITIONS IN THE
LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (9311-1296)

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2026 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1513E; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1513E to establish a revised Form No. 144 to reorganize positions for the Lake County Health Department (9311-1296), retroactive to January 1, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

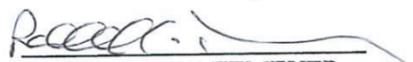
That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit "A", reorganizing positions in the Lake County Health Department (9311-1296), is hereby approved, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

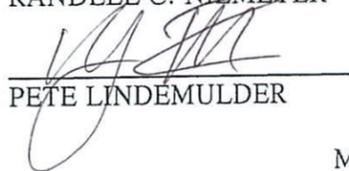

CHRISTINE CID, President

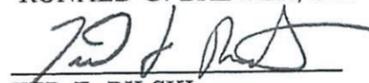

DAVID HAMM


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


PETE LINDEMULDER


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of a General Ordinance of Lake County, Indiana, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, for the purpose of funding certain judgments and settlements entered against the County, together with expenses in connection with the issuance of bonds on account thereof, and appropriating the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds for such purpose. **Second Reading**

Council President Cid opened the floor for public comment. Having received no requests to speak, the President closed the public comment period.

Niemeyer noted plans to meet with Attorney Fech to review settlement data. The purpose is to identify opportunities to reduce future costs and evaluate strategies for litigating claims, citing concerns regarding increasing litigation targeting public funds.

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Niemeyer, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

A copy of the ordinance is available for review via the link below.

<file:///CPC3590/Users/murraj/Documents/1517B.pdf>

In the Matter of Ordinance Requiring Project Labor Agreements for Projects Receiving Economic Incentives **Deferred January 29, 2026**

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Ordinance to Establish Responsible Business Practices and Submission Requirements for Projects Receiving Economic Incentives from Lake County, Indiana and Rescinding, Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 1468B **Deferred January 29, 2026**

NO ACTION

In the Matter of Ordinance Requiring Project Labor Agreements for Lake County Government Construction Projects & All Projects Receiving an Economic Incentive and Rescinding and Repealing Ordinance Numbers: 1135F, 1342A, 1468B and 1468C

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

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1517C

**ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS
FOR LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS AND ALL PROJECTS RECEIVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE
AND RESCINDING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 1135F, 1342A,
1468B and 1468C**

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements have proven to be of economic benefit to property owners, including states and their subdivisions, for their construction, alteration or repair projects (including any closely interrelated series of projects);

WHEREAS, Lake County, Indiana, is required by law to award capital improvement contracts to the "lowest responsive and responsible" bidder;

WHEREAS, applicable state law requires that bidders meet certain minimum requirements in order to be a responsive and responsible bidder;

WHEREAS, Lake County, based upon its experience, passed Ordinance Numbers 1135F, 1342A, 1468B and 1468C having determined that quality workmanship, efficient operation, safety, and timely completion of projects require all bidders meet certain minimum requirements in order to be a responsive and responsible bidder;

WHEREAS, the foregoing Ordinances are no longer adequately comprehensive and reflective of Indiana law and must be amended to conform therewith;

WHEREAS, Lake County continues to seek to enhance its ability to identify responsive and responsible bidders on all Lake County public works construction projects;

WHEREAS, Project Labor Agreements facilitate the timely and efficient completion of projects by (a) making available a ready and adequate supply of highly trained and skilled craft workers, (b) permitting public and private owners and contractors and subcontractors to accurately determine project labor costs at the outset and to establish working conditions for all construction crafts for the duration of such Projects, (c) allowing for the negotiation of specialized terms and conditions which, because of the particular circumstances relating to a specific project, may be required for the effective construction of the project, and (d) providing a negotiated commitment which is a legally enforceable means of assuring labor stability and labor peace over the life of such Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Government of Lake County, Indiana is dedicated to obtaining an economic benefit to its community and its citizens, while at the

same time ensuring that its projects have a ready and adequate supply of highly trained and skilled craft workers, understands the need to accurately determine Project labor costs at the outset and to insure that decent working conditions exist for the working people who supply their labor on its Projects and desires to assure labor stability and labor peace on its Projects; and

WHEREAS, there are economic and quality of life benefits to be gained from and protected by Project Labor Agreements by our citizens and our community; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Public Construction Act, IC. 36-1-12, *et. seq.*, allows the use of Project Labor Agreements by political subdivisions of the State of Indiana when the political subdivision is the owner of property upon which a construction project will take place; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is authorized to grant or approve various economic incentives, including but not limited to: tax increment financing, tax credit, tax deduction, tax exemption, property tax abatement, a grant, loan, loan guarantee, and all other financial and/or economic development assistance and abatements, whether for taxes, development, equipment, building or contracting services, whether considered specialized or not (hereinafter collectively referred to as “economic incentive(s)”) to Contractors and Developers in order to support and encourage economic development projects in Lake County;

WHEREAS, Lake County has determined that establishing criteria to enhance its ability to identify responsible businesses applying for “economic incentives” shall promote Lake County 's economic health and welfare, shall promote public safety and workforce development, and is in the public interest;

WHEREAS, this new Ordinance shall preserve administrative resources and ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars by insuring that only qualified contractors and subcontractors are awarded contracts on public works construction projects and for projects which receive “economic incentives” from Lake County;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall ensure that no contractor awarded work under this Ordinance or any subcontractor at any tier working on a project awarded pursuant to this Ordinance, and who received an “economic incentive” from Lake County, Indiana, engages in payroll fraud, including the misclassification of employees as independent contractors to avoid paying state, federal or local payroll taxes, workers compensation insurance, unemployment insurance premiums and failing to pay overtime and wages as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners is the executive

body for Lake County and executes all contracts, except as otherwise provided by law, where Lake County, Indiana, or any of its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity with a property interest is the owner or lessee of the property upon which the construction projects takes place; and the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body of Lake County, Indiana and is responsible for funding county construction projects, and;

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Lake County Council desire that Project Labor Agreements be used in all county owned public works construction projects in Lake County, Indiana, and any of its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity and for any projects in which Lake County, Indiana, provides a Contractor or Developer with an “economic incentive,” and that all Project Labor Agreements covering Lake County, Indiana, be negotiated by and through the local labors unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The foregoing “**WHEREAS**” statements, definitions and meanings are fully incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance, which is hereby enacted and shall read as follows:

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

2. It is the policy, as expressed herein, of the Lake County Council and Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, to provide for the negotiation of mutually acceptable Project Labor Agreements with local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers covering construction, alteration or repair work (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Projects”), where Lake County, Indiana, or any of its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity with a property interest is the owner or lessee of the property upon which the construction takes place (or lessee or the beneficiary or a separate corporation which is created to perform construction, alteration or repair work for their benefit).

3. All solicitation for bids issued by the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, or any of its agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity with a property interest (or a corporation created to benefit Lake County) for Projects shall, except as otherwise provided herein, including the following language:

“Each successful bidder and all levels of subcontractors, regardless of tier, as a condition of being awarded a contract or subcontract, shall agree to abide by the provisions of the (_____) Project Labor Agreement as executed and effective _____,

_____, by and between the Project Manager and/or Construction Manager authorized to negotiate and enter into such a Project Labor Agreement and the local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers and will be bound by the provisions of that Project Labor Agreement in the same manner as any other provision of the contract.”

4. Any “Instructions to Bidders” or like document for Projects shall, except as otherwise provided herein, include the following language:

“The general contract (and all independent subcontracts, i.e., subcontracts not included within a general contract and regardless of tier) will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder complying with the conditions and requirements provided in the Instructions, bids forms, and other bid documents. A responsible and responsive bidder is a bidder demonstrably possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary to faithfully perform the work called for by the contract, based upon a determination of competent workmanship and financial soundness in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-9-3, *et. seq.* or any successor statute. An eligible bidder is a bidder who is not debarred from bidding under any applicable law, and which shall certify that it is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed on the project. In the interests of such harmony, the long-term supply of skilled labor, and to provide a legally enforceable means of assuring labor stability and labor peace over the life of the project, each successful bidder and any and all levels of subcontractors, regardless of tier, as a condition of being awarded a contract or subcontract, shall be required to enter into a Project Labor Agreement for the (_____) with local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers for the development and construction of the project, and will be bound by the provisions of that Project Labor Agreement in the same manner as any other provision of the contract.”

5. The Lake County Council and Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, and their agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity with a property interest, retains their inherent authority to adopt means to enforce compliance by any contractor or subcontractor, regardless of tier, with the provisions of any Project Labor Agreement entered into on its behalf.

6. The Project Labor Agreements shall contain provisions indicating that there shall be no strikes, picketing, work stoppages, slow downs or other disruptive activity for any reason by the Union,

its Affiliated Local Union(s) or by any employee and there shall be no lockout by any Contractor or the Owner and all parties to the Agreement, including all Unions, Affiliated Unions, Employees, Contractors, Developers and Owners shall be bound by these prohibitions.

PROJECTS RECEIVING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES

7. It is the policy of Lake County, Indiana, as expressed herein, to provide for the negotiation of mutually acceptable Project Labor Agreements with Contractors and/or Developers and/or Owners who receive an “economic incentive” from Lake County, Indiana, with local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers covering construction, alteration or repair work.

8. All projects within Lake County, Indiana, in which Contractors and/or Developers and/or Owners receive an “economic incentive” from Lake County, Indiana, for construction, alteration or repair shall, shall require and include the following language:

“All contractors and all levels of subcontractors, regardless of tier, as a condition of being awarded an economic incentive, as defined in Indiana Statute or Lake County, Indiana Ordinance, from Lake County, Indiana, shall agree to abide by the provisions of a Project Labor Agreement as executed and effective by and between the Project Manager and/or Construction Manager authorized to negotiate and enter into such a Project Labor Agreement and the local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers and will be bound by the provisions of that Project Labor Agreement in the same manner as any other provision of the contract.”

9. Any “Instructions” or like document given to Contractors and/or Developers who receive an “economic incentive” from Lake County, Indiana, shall include the following language:

“The general contractor (and all independent subcontractors, regardless of tier) shall certify that it is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed on the project. In the interests of such harmony, the long-term supply of skilled labor, and to provide a legally enforceable means of assuring labor stability and labor peace over the life of the project, each such general contractor (and all independent subcontractors, regardless of tier), as a condition of being awarded an economic incentive, as defined in Indiana Statute or Lake County Ordinance, shall be required to enter into a Project Labor Agreement with local labor unions representing experienced and skilled construction workers

for the development and construction of the Project, and will be bound by the provisions of that Project Labor Agreement in the same manner as any other provision of the contract."

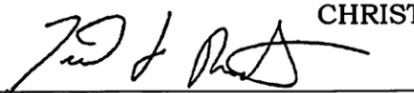
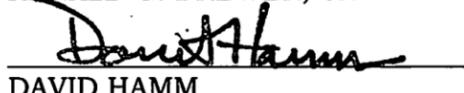
10. The County Council and Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, and their agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or any other County entity granting an "economic incentive", retains their inherent authority to adopt means to enforce compliance by any contractor or subcontractor, regardless of tier, with the provisions of any Project Labor Agreement entered into on its behalf. The same provisions with respect to strikes, work stoppages, slow downs or other disruptive activity for any reason by the Union, its Affiliated Local Unions or by any employee and the prohibition from any lockouts by the Contractor, Owner or Developer as set forth in Paragraph 6 above shall apply to economically incentivized projects.

11. This Ordinance rescinds and replaces Ordinance Numbers 1135F, 1342A, 1468B and 1468C in their entirety.

ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

SIGNATURES:

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, COUNCIL:

	
TED F. BILSKI	CHARLIE BROWN
	ABSENT
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER	RONALD G. BREWER, Sr.
	
PETE LINDEMULDER	DAVID HAMM

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

In the Matter of Ordinance Petitions for Establishment and Posting of Stop Signs – East and West Bound Jay Street to Stop for Ruth Street – County Highway

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on First Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Hamm were absent. Motion to approve on First Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to Suspend Rules. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Hamm were absent. Motion to Suspend Rules carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve on Second Reading. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Hamm were absent. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

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STOP FORM

ORDINANCE 1517A

Tom Florek 1405 Joyce St
708-785-0306
Uncontrolled Intersection

ORDINANCE PETITION

FINDING OF FACT

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE HAVE BEEN

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STOP SIGN(S) AT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED INTERSECTION(S)

east and west bound Jay St TO STOP FOR Ruth St

TO STOP FOR

TO STOP FOR

FINDING OF FACT:

- 1) AN ENGINEERING STUDY WAS PERFORMED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER (AN INDIANA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDIANA UNIFORM TRAFFIC MANUAL FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AS REQUIRED BY INDIANA CODE 9-21-3. THE STUDY WAS COMPLETED ON Oct 7, 2025 AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE STOP SIGN(S) ~~(ARE)~~ ~~(ARE NOT)~~ WARRANTED AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOCATION (S) IN UNINCORPORATED LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.
- 2) AFTER A REVIEW OF THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ~~(ARE)~~ ~~(ARE NOT)~~ JUSTIFIED ACCORDING TO THE ENGINEERING STUDY AND THE INDIANA UNIFORM TRAFFIC MANUAL AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOCATION(S). SEE ATTACHED ENGINEERING STUDY.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDING OF FACTS AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTS RECOMMEND THE ORDINANCE PETITION BE APPROVED () DENIED ()

RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

THIS 21st DAY OF January 2026

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF _____ DATE _____
 LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT _____ DATE 10/15/2025
 LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER _____ DATE 10/15/2025

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1 _____
 LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2 _____
 LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3 _____

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED THAT BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDING OF FACTS AND OTHER RELEVANT FACTS THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH AND POST (A) STOP SIGN(S) AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOCATION(S) IS APPROVED () DENIED ()

SO ORDAINED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 5

ABSENT
LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 2

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 3

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 4

ABSENT
LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 1

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 7

Public Comment:

Darren Washington, a seven-year member of the United Auto Workers, spoke in support of the recently passed labor agreement, describing it as an excellent community opportunity. Additionally, Mr. Washington recommended that the County Council consider appointing a representative from Indiana Adult Protective Services to the County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, noting a rise in senior fatalities.

Randy Palmateer, manager of Northwestern Indiana Building and Construction Trades Council, recognized the two council members not seeking reelection, stating their absence will be a loss to Lake County, the building trades, and the working class. He expressed gratitude for their service, wishing them luck in their future endeavors and offering congratulations on their retirement.

Dr. Michaela Spangenburg: Commented on the need for increased voter education regarding Council responsibilities. She spoke in support of recent discussions on utility and data center issues and noted that current electoral competition is helping residents better understand how the Council impacts their daily lives.

Jeff Rosignol (Highland): Expressed support for the Council's position regarding the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) and thanked the members for their efforts on this matter.

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