

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Lake 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, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys. Councilman Charlie Brown was absent.

In the Matter of Minutes – April 14, 2026

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

Councilwoman Cid mentioned up the Lake County blood drive, running June 8th through the 10th, and let members know they can sign up through Carrie in the council office.

Councilman Brewer added that he plans to participate and made a point to encourage African Americans in particular to donate. He explained that blood donations from African American donors are especially valuable for sickle cell patients who are in critical need.

Councilman Bilski thanked the correctional officers for attending and took the opportunity to encourage the Board of County Commissioners to bring binding arbitration to the table in their contract negotiations, expressing hope that the officers' concerns get addressed soon.

ORDINANCE #1520

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	Approved
County General Fund 1001		
<u>County Council 6001</u> 63830 Matching Funds	\$519,000.00	\$519,000.00
OPIOID Restricted Fund 1237		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u> 63190 Other Professional Service	\$742,811.31	\$742,811.31
Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143		
<u>LC Superior Court IV 4001</u> 61190 Part-Time	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
LADOS Division 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398		
<u>LADOS Division 2 4009</u> 63190 Other Professional Service	\$10,690.00	\$10,690.00
LC Prosecutor's Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Grant Fund 9128		
<u>Prosecutor 9001</u> 62410 Other Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
63310 Printing	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
63390 Other Services	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

2026 LC Local Roads & Bridges/INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 9380

Local Roads & Streets 7007

64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$1,567,691.70	\$1,587,691.70
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LC Veterans Court (VTC) Endowment Fund 9398

Lake Sup Court-County Division Rm 3 4004

63233 Travel – Lodging	\$1,903.00	\$1,903.00
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Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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>Juvenile Court 4005</u>		
LC Juvenile Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund 9370		
From: 9370-63195 Contractual Services	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00
9370-63920 Food & Lodging	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
9370-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
To: 9370-62410 Other Supplies	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00
 <u>County Council 6001</u>		
Gambling Tax Admission Fund 1196		
From: 1196-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$425,000.00	\$425,000.00
To: 1196-63830 Matching Funds	\$425,000.00	\$425,000.00

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Additional

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u>			
County Council 6001 (\$519,000.00)	Brewer	Bilski	Majority voted yes to approve. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
 <u>OPIOID Restricted Fund 1237</u>			
Lake County Commissioners 6002 (\$742,811.31)	Brewer	Bilski	Majority voted yes to approve. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
 <u>Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143</u>			
LC Superior Court IV 4001 (\$25,000.00)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes to approve. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
 <u>LADOS Division 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398</u>			
LADOS Division 2 4009 (\$10,690.00)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes to approve. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
 <u>LC Prosecutor's Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Grant Fund 9128</u>			
Prosecutor 9001 (\$13,300)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes to approve. Brown was absent. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

2026 LC Local Roads & Bridges/INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 9380

Local Roads & Streets 7007  
(\$1,587,691.70)

Niemeyer

Bilski

Majority voted yes to approve.  
Brown was absent.  
Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

LC Veterans Court (VTC) Endowment Fund 9398

Lake Sup Court-County Division Rm 3 4004  
(\$1,903.00)

Lindemulder

Hamm

Majority voted yes to approve.  
Brown was absent.  
Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Transfers

Made Motion

Seconded

Juvenile Court 4005

LC Juvenile Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Grant Even-Numbered Year Fund 9370  
(\$5,750.00)

Lindemulder

Hamm

Majority voted yes to approve.  
Brown was absent.  
Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

County Council 6001

Gambling Tax Admission Fund 1196  
(\$425,000.00)

Brewer

Bilski

Majority voted yes to approve.  
Brown was absent.  
Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of L.C. Superior Court IV 4001 – Create New Line Item – Supplemental Adult Probation Fund 2143

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

61190 Part-Time

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to create new line item carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

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

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-001 Probation Officer	\$64,321.00	\$70,755.00	\$6,434.00

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

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

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
16674-001 Office Manager	\$42,448.00	\$40,000.00	(\$2,448.00)
13607-001 Chief Court Reporter	\$54,197.00	\$56,645.00	\$2,448.00

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001 – **Effective (05-04-2026)**

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the following Revised 144 with an effective date of 5/4/2026:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12431-001 Intake Supervisor	\$72,537.00	\$82,828.00	\$10,291.00

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve Revised 144 with an effective date of 5/4/2026 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of LADOS Division 2 4009 – Create New Line Item – LADOS Division 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398

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

63190 Other Professional Service

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

In the Matter of Local Roads & Streets 7007 – Create New Line Item – 2026 LC Local Roads & Bridges/INDOT Community Crossing Matching Grant Fund 9380

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

64500 Construction & Reconstruction

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

In the Matter of Prosecutor 9001 – Create New Line Items – LC Prosecutor’s Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Grant Fund 9128

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

62410 Other Supplies  
63310 Printing  
63390 Other Services

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

In the Matter of Health Department 9306 – Revised 144 – County Health Fund 1105

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12519-001 Planner	\$57,712.00	\$0.00	(\$57,712.00)
14351-XXX Sanitarian Environment	\$0.00	\$50,704.00	\$50,704.00

Majority voted yes. Brown was absent. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Create New Line Item – Gambling Tax Admission Fund 1196

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

63830 Matching Funds

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

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Office of Court Services – Problem-Solving Court Grants CY 2027 – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Department of Justice (DOJ) – FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG)-Local Solicitation – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) – FY27 CHIRP Grant – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Economic Revitalization Area Deductions – United States Cold Storage, Inc. – Approval of State Form CF-1 (Form 51766) for 2025 Pay 2026 Tax Abatement

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

In the Matter of Economic Revitalization Area Deductions – United States Cold Storage, Inc. – Approval of State Form CF-1 (Form 51766) for 2026 Pay 2027 Tax Abatement

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

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 26-27

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY  
AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the United States since 1949 to increase understanding of mental health conditions, reduce stigma, and promote access to mental health services and support; and

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being, affecting how individuals think, feel, act, and relate to others in every stage of life; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans face the daily reality of living with mental health conditions, and many more are affected as family members, friends, colleagues, and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, mental illnesses can affect anyone, regardless of their background or circumstances and no person should have to face these challenges alone; and


WHEREAS, recognizing the signs, fostering open dialogue, and showing compassion are essential steps in addressing mental health challenges and supporting those who face them; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to proclaim May as Mental Health Awareness Month in an effort to encourage residents, community organizations, and institutions to join in raising awareness, fostering understanding, and supporting those affected by mental health conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

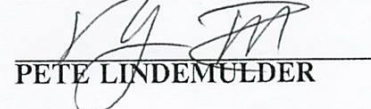
That the Lake County Council proclaims May as Mental Health Awareness Month; furthermore the Lake County Council encourages The citizens of Lake County to seek counsel and input from any person or group with knowledge and expertise in mental health matters.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th day of May, 2026.

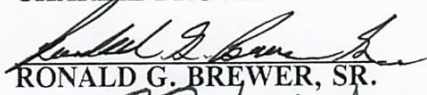
  
CHRISTINE CID, President

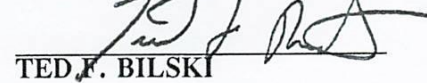
  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing Lonnie Randolph, Jr. Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame 2026 Men's Silver Anniversary Team Honoree

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-28**

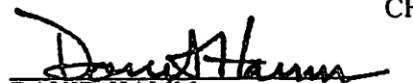
**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LONNIE RANDOLPH  
INDIANA BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME  
2026 MEN'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY TEAM HONOREE**

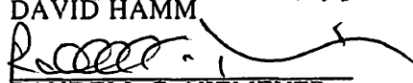
- WHEREAS,** eighteen men were named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2026 Silver Anniversary Team, based on outstanding accomplishments as a senior basketball player 25 years ago; honorees are all 2001 high school graduates; and
- WHEREAS,** Lonnie Randolph was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame 2026 Men's Silver Anniversary Team at the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 64<sup>th</sup> Men's Awards Banquet held on March 18, 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** Lonnie Randolph was seventh on Merrillville's career scoring list with 1,018 points while adding 385 assists in 96 games over four seasons for teams that went 80-20 and won three Duneland Conference titles, three sectionals and two regionals for coach Jim East; and
- WHEREAS,** after high school, Lonnie went to Drake University, totaling 1,065 points, 316 rebounds, 383 assists and 190 steals in 116 games for teams that went 49-67 over four seasons; he was a 2005 team captain and was named 2004 second-team all-Missouri Valley Conference, 2004 MVC all-defensive team and a two-time MVC Scholar-Athlete; and
- WHEREAS,** after earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Drake in 2005, Mr. Randolph played professional basketball from 2005-2010 for the Gary Steelheads, Quad City Riverhawks, Pittsburgh Explosion and Dallas Defenders; and
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Randolph graduated from Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2013, and has been an attorney and managing partner for Randolph & Randolph, P.C. of East Chicago.

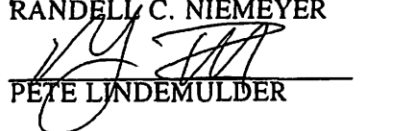
**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE** Lake County Council and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations to Lonnie Randolph for being named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's 2026 Silver Anniversary Team; and that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to Lonnie Randolph.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026


  
CHRISTINE CID, President

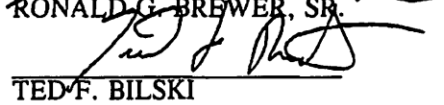
  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

~~ABSENT~~  
~~CHARLIE BROWN~~

  
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 – Room No. 4 to pay an outstanding 2025 invoice/debt from the 2026 budget

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

RESOLUTION NO26-29

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, COUNTY DIVISION - ROOM NO. 4 TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2026 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division - Room No. 4 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>1001-4001-63231</u>	<u>Travel-Registration</u>
Franciscan WorkingWell	\$ 150.00; and

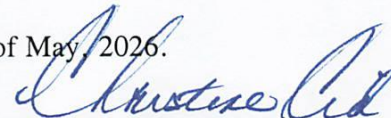
WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, County Division - Room No. 4 desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2025 expense shall be paid from the Lake Superior Court, County Division - Room No. 4's 2026 Budget:

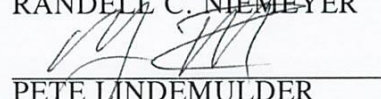
<u>1001-4001-63231</u>	<u>Travel-Registration</u>
Franciscan WorkingWell	\$ 150.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

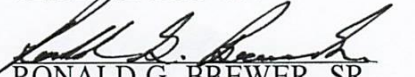
  
CHRISTINE CID, President

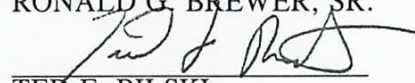
  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay outstanding 2025 invoices/debts from the 2026 Budget (Johnson Controls)

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

RESOLUTION NO26-30

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2026 BUDGET  
(JOHNSON CONTROLS)**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

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

<u>1001-8002-63620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Johnson Controls	\$ 1,346.43; and

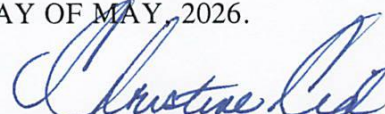
WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

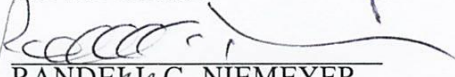
That the Lake County Sheriff's Department shall pay from its 2026 Budget the following invoices/debts incurred in the calendar year 2025 as follows:


<u>1001-8002-63620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Johnson Controls	\$ 1,346.43

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.

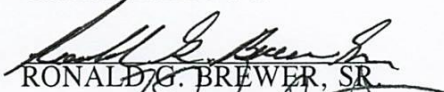
  
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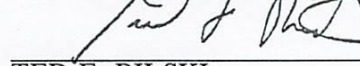
  
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RANDEEL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting Lake County Sheriff to pay outstanding 2025 invoices/debts from the 2026 budget (Franciscan WorkingWell)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2526-31

RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2025 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2026 BUDGET  
(FRANCISCAN WORKINGWELL)

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2026 Budget; and

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

<u>1001-8002-63188</u>	<u>Employment Testing</u>
Franciscan WorkingWell	\$ 11,296.00; and

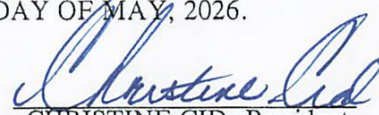
WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff's Department shall pay from its 2026 Budget the following invoices/debts incurred in the calendar year 2025 as follows:

<u>1001-8002-63188</u>	<u>Employment Testing</u>
Franciscan WorkingWell	\$ 11,296.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MAY, 2026.


  
CHRISTINE CID, President

  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

ABSENT  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Amending Resolution No. 21-33, the Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-33N**

**RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-33,  
THE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FUNDS DORMANT AND  
TRANSFER REMAINING CASH BALANCES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS**

**WHEREAS,** on May 11, 2021, Lake County Council adopted the Resolution to Declare Funds Dormant and Transfer Remaining Cash Balances to Appropriate Funds, Resolution No. 21-33; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to amend Resolution No. 21-33 in order to add the following funds as dormant and transfer remaining cash balances to appropriate funds:

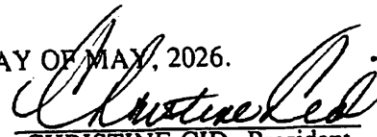
<u>Dormant Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer Fund</u>
Fund #8188 CDBG Recapture Loans Fund	\$581.66	Fund #8180 EDC Loans Fund
Fund 271 (Oracle #8271) HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund (Ord. No. 1310A).	\$269.60	Fund #8284 HUD NSP-3 Grant Fund

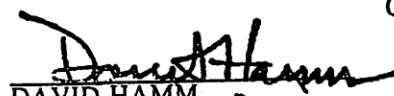
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:


That Resolution No. 21-33 shall be amended by adding the following funds as dormant and transfer the balances as follows:

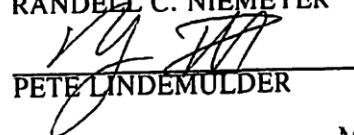
<u>Dormant Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer Fund</u>
Fund #8188 CDBG Recapture Loans Fund	\$581.66	Fund #8180 EDC Loans Fund
Fund 271 (Oracle #8271) HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund (Ord. No. 1310A).	\$269.60	Fund #8284 HUD NSP-3 Grant Fund

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026.

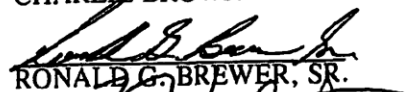
  
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TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1459B, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Not Created by Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1459B-9

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1459B,  
THE ORDINANCE DECLARING FUNDS NOT  
CREATED BY ORDINANCE AS DORMANT AND INACTIVE

**WHEREAS,** on May 11, 2021, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Declaring Funds not Created by Ordinance as Dormant and Inactive, Ordinance No. 1459B; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1459B in order to add the following fund not created by Ordinance as dormant and inactive:

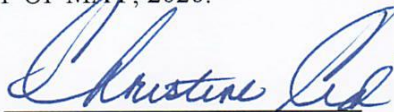
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NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

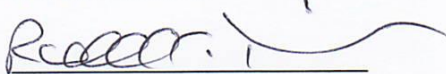
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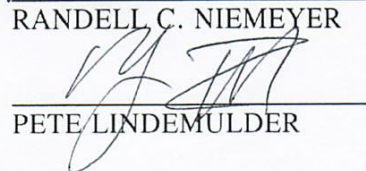
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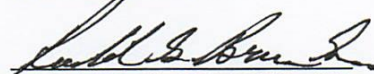
  
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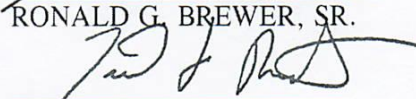
  
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1459C, the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1459C-17

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1459C, THE  
ORDINANCE DECLARING FUNDS DORMANT AND  
REPEALING AND RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FUNDS

**WHEREAS,** on May 11, 2021, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Declaring Funds Dormant and Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing the Funds, Ordinance No. 1459C; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1459C in order to add the following fund created by Ordinance as dormant and repealing and rescinding the Ordinance establishing the fund:


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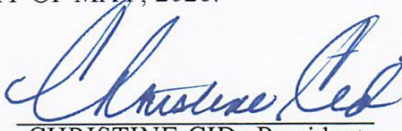
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:


That Ordinance No. 1459C shall be amended by adding the following fund created by Ordinance as dormant and repealing and rescinding the Ordinance establishing the fund:

Fund 271                      HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund,  
(Oracle #8271)                      Ordinance No. 1310A.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2026.


  
DAVID HAMM

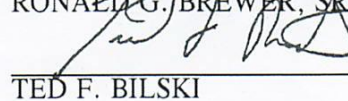
  
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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2600 – Martin Butler, Owner/Petitioner, 4/15/2026, R-3 to B-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2600  
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 April 15, 2026).

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

**ZONE CHANGE** from R-3 (One to Four Family Dwelling Zone) to B-1 (Neighborhood Business Zone) owned and petitioned by Martin Butler to allow for the proposed sale of firewood on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 3/10 of a mile east of State Line Road on the north side of W. 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue, a/k/a 15504 W. 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue in St. John Township.

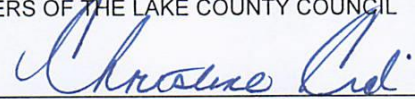
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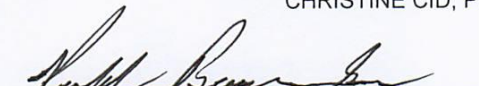
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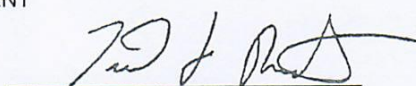
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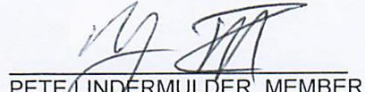
  
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PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER

  
RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance No. 2601 – Greg Jessup, Owner/Petitioner, 4/15/2026, CD to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 6-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2601  
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 April 15, 2026).

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

**ZONE CHANGE** from CD (Conditional Development Zone) to R-1 (Residential Single-dwelling 1 Zone) owned and petitioned by Greg Jessup to allow for a proposed single-family residential subdivision on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately ½ mile north of W. 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue on the east side of Parrish Street, a/k/a 15049 Parrish Street in West Creek Township.

PARCEL DESCRIPTIONS PER TRUSTEE'S DEED DOCUMENT NUMBER 2025-502003:

**PARCEL 1:**

PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE NORTH, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 350 FEET; THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET; THENCE NORTH, PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 250 FEET; THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 70 FEET; THENCE SOUTH PARALLEL TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 600 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE WEST, ALONG THE AFORESAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 470 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN WEST CREEK TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

**PARCEL 2:**

PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, 600 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH, ALONG SAID WEST LINE A DISTANCE OF 426.68 FEET TO A POINT LYING 180.0 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE EAST, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET; THENCE SOUTH, A DISTANCE OF 430.19 FEET TO A POINT LYING 600 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE WEST PARALLEL TO THE AFORESAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 400 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN WEST CREEK TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

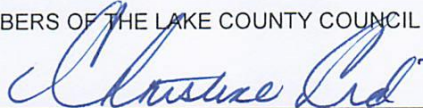
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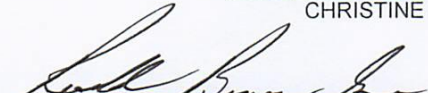
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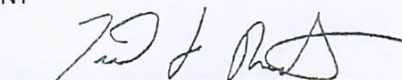
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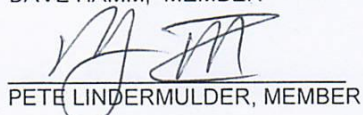
  
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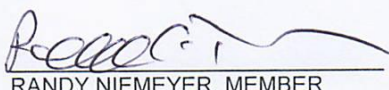
  
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Public Comment: Naomi Frisch, Attorney for Lake County Correctional Officers Union, came before the council to outline some concerns, that since the last collective bargaining agreement expired in December 2025, the county's representatives have not been engaging in sincere negotiations. She pointed out that talks stopped even further following the warden's resignation and took months to begin. She went on to state that the county rejected the union's most recent request, which called for a 6% raise overall, in lieu of zero percent. She claimed that this goes against Lake County's own bargaining ordinance and urged the council to utilize its clout to force the county to meet with representatives who genuinely have decision-making power.

Christopher Rock, a correctional officer for 9 years and vice president of the Lake County Correctional Association Local 11, followed with a firsthand account of daily conditions. He described sections designed for 32 inmates now holding 42, two officers at times responsible for floors housing over 300 inmates, and officers regularly being held over to work 16-hour days due to staffing shortages. He noted that a weapon was recently found on an inmate during a rare search, and that assaults on officers have increased as a result of overcrowding and understaffing.

Chris Aikey, president of the Lake County FOP, added that many officers leave the jail for better pay on the police side, and that police officers have been stepping in to help cover jail shifts just to meet minimum safety standards. He also asked the council to consider an ordinance honoring Corrections Week and Police Week by ordering flags at half-staff.

Tom Ostrowski, a former correctional officer for eight years, suggested the council look into Indiana Code 5-11-1-27, which he believes gives the fiscal body the authority to form a committee and ensure ordinances are being followed. He also recommended the council create an ordinance requiring contracts signed by public officials to be recorded with the Lake County Recorder's Office for greater public access.

David Crane, a retired police cadet who first worked in the jail in 1981, noted that problems in the jail are not new and have been overlooked for decades. He urged the council to get involved and warned that without action, the jail could face a federal mandate.

Council members expressed concern for the safety of officers and inmates. Several members were straight forward about the limits of their authority. The council members acknowledged they hold influence through the budget process and noted that they have historically acted quickly when requests were brought forward - including approving pay increases aimed at addressing staffing shortages but a legal ruling gave the sheriff independent contract authority, limiting what outside bodies can do.

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.

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President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

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Peggy Holinga Katona,  
Lake County Auditor