



# Lake County Council

May 13, 2025

Regular Meeting – 10:00 AM

Agenda

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2293 N. Main St.

Commissioners Court Room/Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Building A

Crown Point, IN 46307

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## 1: Opening

Moment of Reflection

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of County Council Members

County Council Secretary – Auditor's Office

## 2: Minutes

April 8, 2025

Regular Meeting

## 3: Awards/Resolutions

Resolution proclaiming May 15-21, 2025 as National Police Week.

## 4: Acknowledgments/Announcements

A. The Lake County Sheriff issued the following commendations and special recognitions:

**Patrol Officers of the Month** (January, February and March)

- Officers Matt Anderson, John Garreffa, and Morgan Kral.

**Outstanding Felony Case Support**

- Detective Shane Ratkovich, Detective Sergeant Cody Mansfield, and Officers James Madere and Eric Smith Jr.

**Sustained Superior Performance**

- Detective Sergeants Michael Hinch and Joseph Molina.

**Outstanding Law Enforcement Support**

- Reserve Police Officers Michael Tabor and Ashley Coniglio.

B. The School City of East Chicago earns honor in 2025 Magna Awards Program for Innovation. (CID)

C. The Lake County Veterans Treatment Court received national recognition for being named one of just five National Mentor Courts by All Rise's Justice for Vets division and the U.S. Department of Justice. (HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

## 5: Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 – 4004

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

### Revised 144 – General Fund – 1001

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
13608-003 Court Reporter	\$ 37,604.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 2,396.00
<b>Total(s):</b>	<b><u>\$ 37,604.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 40,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,396.00</u></b>

## 6: Juvenile Court – 4005

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

### Ordinance

Ordinance creating The Lake County Juvenile Center Flower Farm Project Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

## 7: Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. – 4006

(HAMM, LINDEMULDER & CID)

### A. Create New Line Item – LC C.A.S.A. Capacity Building Grant Fund – 9377

62410 Other Supplies

### B. Transfer – LC C.A.S.A. Capacity Building Grant Fund – 9377

From: 63320 Advertising	\$ 3,000.00	
To: 62410 Other Supplies		\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,000.00</u></b>	

## 8: Planning Commission – 5004

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

### A. Planning Commission Ordinance(s)

1. Ordinance No. 2585 – Pam Purkey, Owner, Phillip Purkey, Petitioner, 4/16/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 5-0).
2. Ordinance No. 2586 – Alyssa and Joshua Thompson, Owners/Petitioners, 4/16/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 5-0).

## 9: Weights & Measure – 5005

(LINDEMULDER, NIEMEYER & HAMM)

### Appropriation – Weights & Measures User Fees Fund – 7255

64440 Motor Vehicles	\$ 32,402.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,402.00</u></b>

## 10: County Highway – 7002

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

### Ordinance

Ordinance establishing the 2024-2 Lake County Local Roads and Bridges Matching/INDOT Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund.

## 11: Cumulative Bridge – 7006

(NIEMEYER, BILSKI & BROWN)

### Appropriation – Cumulative Bridge Fund – 4350

63650 Cumulative Bridge Project \$ 2,000,000.00

**Total: \$ 2,000,000.00**

## 12: Sheriff – 8001

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### A. Create New Line Item – Sheriff’s Firearm Training Fund – 1125

64490 Other Equipment

### B. Transfer – Sheriff’s Firearm Training Fund – 1125

From: 63995 Other Services & Charges \$ 35,000.00  
To: 64490 Other Equipment \$ 35,000.00

**Total: \$ 35,000.00**

### C. Transfer – LC Sheriff’s DCE/SP Fund – 9342

From: 61100 Overtime \$ 15,779.37  
To: 63620 Equipment Repair \$ 15,779.37

**Total: \$ 15,779.37**

## 13: JAG 2022 Grant (Sheriff) – 8011

(CID, BROWN & NIEMEYER)

### Transfer – Justice Assistance Grant Fund – 8262

From: 64490 Other Equipment \$ 24,960.00  
To: 62410 Other Supplies \$ 24,828.39  
63995 Other Services & Charges \$ 131.61

**Total: \$ 24,960.00**

## 14: Prosecutor – 9001

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

### Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee

Community Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Grants – Geminus Community Partners =  
Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Program New Grant Application.

## 15: Prosecutor IV-D – 9003

(CID, LINDEMULDER & HAMM)

### A. Ordinance

Ordinance amending The Lake County 2025 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1500F, establishing salary increases for seventeen (17) full-time positions in the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D department. (Department 9003)

### B. Transfer – General Fund – 1001

From: 61150 Paraprofessionals	\$ 137,796.00	
61190 Part-Time	\$ 20,000.00	
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$ 12,644.00	
To: 61125 Discretionary Salaries		\$ 170,440.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 170,440.00</b>	

## 16: Community Corrections – 9101

(LINDEMULDER)

### A. Grant Application(s) & Grant Approval(s) – Grant Oversight Committee

1. Indiana Department of Corrections – Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment (CCJR) Grants = 2026 CCJR Grant Renewal Application.
2. Indiana Supreme Court – Problem-Solving Courts Program = 2026 Problem-Solving Courts Grant Renewal Application.
3. Supporting Addiction-Free Environments (SAFE) Collaboration – Administered by Geminus = FY 2025-2026 SAFE Grant Renewal Application.

## 17: Parks & Recreation – 9203

(NIEMEYER, CID & BILSKI)

### A. Create New Line Item(s) – Cumulative Park Building Fund – 1650

63145 Legal Services  
63320 Advertising  
64110 Land Purchases  
64120 Land Improvements

### B. Appropriation – Cumulative Park Building Fund – 1650

63145 Legal Services	\$ 20,000.00
63320 Advertising	\$ 5,000.00
64110 Land Purchases	\$ 375,000.00
64120 Land Improvements	\$ 450,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 850,000.00</b>

## 18: Emergency Management – 9304

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

### Resolution

Resolution permitting Lake County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency to pay outstanding 2023 invoices/debts from the 2025 budget.

## 19: Health Department – 9306

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

Revised 144 – LC Health Dept. Local Public Health Services Fund – 1161

<u>Effective (01-01-2025)</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
14241-001 Health First Indiana Project Manager	\$ 57,750.00	\$ 72,100.00	\$ 14,350.00
<b>Total(s):</b>	<b><u>\$ 57,750.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 72,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,350.00</u></b>

## 20: Economic Development – 9307

(BROWN, CID & NIEMEYER)

### A. Create New Line Item – General Fund – 1001

63630 Maintenance & Service Contracts

### B. Transfer – Economic Development Cares Act CDBG CV Fund – 9346

From: 64220 Building Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	
To: 62410 Other Supplies		\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,000.00</u></b>	

## 21: Lake County Commissioners – 6002

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

### Interlocal Governmental Agreement

Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Cedar Creek Township, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for roof repairs in Cedar Creek Township, Lake County, Indiana.

## 22: County Council – 6001

(CID, BREWER & BROWN)

### A. Citizen Appointment(s)

#### 1. **County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team:**

- County Ordinance 1337A-Created 7/12/2011
- The County Council shall appoint a Judge who hears civil or criminal cases.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
"Resigned 4/2025"	December 12, 2023	2 Years	December 2025

#### 2. **Library Boards:**

- I.C. 36-12-2-9 and I.C. 36-12-2-18
- (1) One member appointed by the County Council in which the library district is located.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
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#### **Gary:**

Robert Farag	May 11, 2021	4Years	May 2025
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#### **Hammond:**

Tom Novak	May 14, 2024	4 Years	May 2025
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### 3. Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority:

- I.C. 36-7.5-2-3(b)(2)(D)
- The Lake County Council and the Lake County Board of Commissioners select initial appointment.

<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Next Appointment</u>
Randy Palmateer	May 10, 2022	3 Years	May 2025

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## Public Comments:

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