

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in regular session at this time, for the purpose of considering additional appropriations, a written notice was sent to each member of the Council, and proper advertisement made, and all other acts performed in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

And now in obedience to such call, come Christine Cid, President, David Hamm, Ronald Brewer, Pete Lindemulder, Ted Bilski and Randy Niemeyer, County Councilpersons, together with Tom O'Donnell and Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorneys. Councilman Brown was present via WebEx

In the Matter of Minutes – August 13, 2024

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

Acknowledgements: The council shared their condolences to the family of Earline Rodgers who was a former City Councilperson, State Representative and State Senator who passed away on September 5, 2024. Councilman Brewer requested the flag be lowered to half-staff in her remembrance.

ORDINANCE #1499

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 |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| LADOS Div. 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398 | | |
| <u>LADOS Division 2 4009</u> | | |
| 62110 Office Supplies | \$6,308.00 | \$6,308.00 |
| LC Juvenile Geminus Community Partners Prevention Reimbursement Grant-Life Skills Grant Fund 9392 | | |
| <u>Juvenile Court 4005</u> | | |
| 62410 Other Supplies | \$15,445.00 | \$15,445.00 |
| 63920 Food & Lodging | \$3,280.00 | \$3,280.00 |
| 63995 Other Services & Charges | \$5,700.00 | \$5,700.00 |
| 64490 Other Equipment | \$13,375.00 | \$13,375.00 |
| LC Juvenile Life Work Self-Discovery Storytelling Program Grant Fund 9394 | | |
| <u>Juvenile Court 4005</u> | | |
| 63195 Contractual Services | \$14,550.00 | \$14,550.00 |
| Superior Court Criminal Division's Safe Grant Fund 9448 | | |
| <u>Criminal Court 3002</u> | | |
| 63190 Other Professional Service | \$19,379.35 | \$19,379.35 |

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2024.

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 |
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| <u>Auditor 1002 Postponed from 8/13/2024</u> | | |
| County General Fund 1001 | | |
| From: 1001-62110 Office Supplies | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 |
| To: 1001-62410 Other Supplies | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 |

Center Twp. Assessor 2003 Postponed from 8/13/2024

General Fund 1001

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| From: 1001-62110 Office Supplies | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| To: 1001-62410 Other Supplies | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |

Criminal Courts 3002

County General Fund 1001

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|---|------------|------------|
| From: 1001-61130 Technicians | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 |
| 1001-62230 Clothing | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 1001-63630 Maintenance & Service Cont. | \$514.00 | \$514.00 |
| To: 1001-63190 Other Professional Service | \$2,500.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 1001-63290 Other Comm. & Trans. | \$2,014.00 | \$2,014.00 |

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006 Postponed from 8/13/2024

General Fund 1001

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|--|-------------|-------------|
| From: 1001-61120 Professionals | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| To: 1001-61100 Overtime | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 1001-63630 Maintenance & Service Cont. | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |

Combined Election & Registration 5001

General Fund 1001

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|---|-------------|-------------|
| From: 1001-63210 Freight & Express | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| To: 1001-61233 Election Worker Per Diem | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 1001-61280 Seasonal Employees | \$10,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |

Sheriff 8001

General Fund 1001

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| From: 1001-61140 Protective Services | \$60,000.00 | \$60,000.00 |
| To: 1001-61190 Part-Time | \$60,000.00 | \$60,000.00 |

Jail 8002

County General Fund 1001

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|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| From: 1001-61140 Protective Services | \$1,050,000.00 | \$1,050,000.00 |
| To: 1001-61100 Overtime | \$1,000,000.00 | \$1,000,000.00 |
| 1001-61190 Part-Time | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| 1001-61238 Proficiency/Specialty Pay | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |

Prosecutor IV-D 9003

County General Fund 1001

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|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| From: 1001-61150 Paraprofessionals | \$5,650.00 | \$5,650.00 |
| To: 1001-63240 Telephone | \$650.00 | \$650.00 |
| 1001-63910 Dues & Subscriptions | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |

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

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

Dated this 10th day of September, 2024.

Additional

| | Made Motion | Seconded | |
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| <u>LADOS Div. 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398</u> | | | |
| LADOS Division 2 4009 (\$6,308) | Bilski | Hamm | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>LC Juvenile Geminus Community Partners Prevention Reimbursement Grant-Life Skills Grant Fund 9392</u> | | | |
| Juvenile Court 4005 (\$37,800) | Hamm | Brewer | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>LC Juvenile Life Work Self-Discovery Storytelling Program Grant Fund 9394</u> | | | |
| Juvenile Court 4005 (\$14,550) | Hamm | Bilski | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Superior Court Criminal Division's Safe Grant Fund 9448</u> | | | |
| Criminal Court 3002 (\$19,379.35) | Hamm | Bilski | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |

Transfers

| | Made Motion | Seconded | |
|--|-------------|----------|---|
| <u>Auditor 1002 Postponed from 8/13/2024</u> | | | |
| County General Fund 1001 (\$7,500) | Hamm | Bilski | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Center Twp. Assessor 2003 Postponed from 8/13/2024</u> | | | |
| General Fund 1001 (\$500) | Bilski | Hamm | Majority voted yes to approve Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Criminal Courts 3002</u> | | | |
| County General Fund 1001 (\$4,514) | Hamm | Bilski | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006 Postponed from 8/13/2024</u> | | | |
| General Fund 1001 (\$10,000) | Hamm | Brewer | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Combined Election & Registration 5001</u> | | | |
| General Fund 1001 (\$15,000) | Lindemulder | Hamm | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Sheriff 8001</u> | | | |
| General Fund 1001 (\$60,000) | Niemeyer | Brewer | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Jail 8002</u> | | | |
| County General Fund 1001 (\$1,050,000) | Niemeyer | Hamm | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |
| <u>Prosecutor IV-D 9003</u> | | | |
| County General Fund 1001 (\$5,650) | Lindemulder | Hamm | Majority voted yes to approve. Motion carried 7-0. |

In the Matter of Auditor 1002 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001

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

62410 Other Supplies

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

Center Township Assessor 2003 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001 Deferred August

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

62410 Other Supplies

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

Criminal Courts 3002 – Create New Line Item – Superior Court Criminal Division SAFE Grant Fund 9448 Deferred August

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

63190 Other Professional Service

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

Juvenile Court – 4005 – Create New Line Item(s) – LC Juvenile Geminus Community Partners Prevention Reimbursement Grant-Life Skills Grant Fund 9392– **Deferred August**

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Brewer, to create the following new line items:

- 62410 Other Supplies
- 63920 Food & Lodging
- 63995 Other Services & Charges
- 64490 Other Equipment

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

Juvenile Court 4005 – Create New Line Item – Life Work Self-Discovery Storytelling Program Grant Fund 9394

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

- 63195 Contractual Services

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

Juvenile Court/C.A.S.A. 4006 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001 – **Deferred August**

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

- 61100 Overtime

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

LADOS Division 2 4009 – Create New Line Item – LADOS Div. 2 SAFE Grant Fund 8398 – **Deferred August**

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

- 62110 Office Supplies

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

Emergency Management 9304 – Grant Application – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Transportation – Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) = Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Program (ALN:20.703) – FY2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application

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

County Council 6001 – Citizen Nomination – Economic Development Commission: (1) Merrillville – **Deferred August**

Cid opened nominations.

Bilski nominated Dan C. Stevenson Sr.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid declared Dan C. Stevenson Sr. to the Economic Development Commission

Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority and Lake County, Indiana for The Gary Air Show located in Lake County, Indiana

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

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

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

RECITALS

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, SSCVA and COUNTY each seek to enter into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement based upon the terms and provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, together, for costs which will be incurred by SSCVA for the Gary Air Show (hereinafter referred to as "Air Show"); and

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

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COVENANTS

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

SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Agreement shall be from its effective date to completion and acceptance of the Project as defined herein.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

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

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

SECTION 4: PROJECT DEFINED.

This Project is funding for the Gary Air Show.

SECTION 5: PROJECT FUNDING.

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

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:

- 1) SSCVA shall use the funds for costs which will be incurred by SSCVA for the AIR SHOW.
- 2) With the \$25,000.00 received from LAKE COUNTY, SSCVA shall use the funds for the AIR SHOW.

B. The SECRETARY OF SSCVA, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.

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

SECTION 7: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS.

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

SECTION 9: FORCE MAJEURE.

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

SECTION 10: NOTICES.

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

SSCVA Chairman
7770 Corinne Drive
Hammond, In 46323

Commissioner Mike Repay
2293 North Main Street
Crown Pt., In 46307

Councilman Charlie Brown
2293 North Main Street
Crown Pt., In 46307

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SECTION 11: CAPTIONS.

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

SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 13: ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT.

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

SECTION 14: MATERIAL DISPUTE.

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

SECTION 15: COUNTERPARTS.

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

SECTION 16: RECORDING AND FILING.

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

SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

- A. Because there exists a situation where time is of the essence, the parties will have their respective elected officials sign the agreement to make it effective and then ratify it at a subsequent public meeting.


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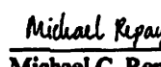
B. To be effective with a retroactive ratification, the following must occur at a public meeting:

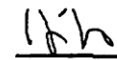
- 1) The South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority Board as the executive and fiscal body of SSCVA, Lake County, Indiana, a Municipal Corporation.
- 2) The Lake County Council has the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
- 3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.

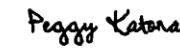
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 21st day of August, 2024.

**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**



 Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District

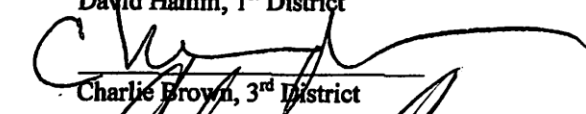

 Michael C. Repay, 3rd District

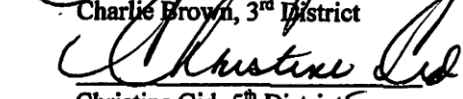

 Jerry Tippy, 2nd District

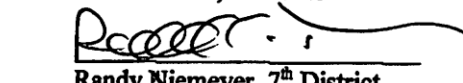
ATTEST:

 Peggy Katona, Auditor


**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL:**

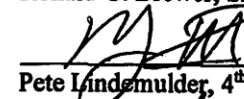

 David Hamm, 1st District



 Charlie Brown, 3rd District


 Christine Cid, 5th District


 Randy Niemeyer, 7th District


 Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., 2nd District


 Pete Lindemulder, 4th District


 Ted Bilski, 6th District

Signed by Lake County Council on 9/10/2024

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 15th day of August, 2024.

SOUTH SHORE CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY

Andy Cunett
Andy Cunett, Chairman
Chareice White
Chareice White, Secretary

Brent Brashier
Brent Brashier, Vice President
Matthew Maloney
Matthew Maloney, Treasurer

Taryl Bonds
Christine Cash
Christine Cash
Bernard Grisolia
Bernard Grisolia

John Bushemi
Salvador "Sal" Espino
Karen Holmes
Karen Holmes

Peter Klideris
Deann Patena
Deann Patena
Mathew Schuffert
Mathew Schuffert

Darnail Lyles
Kymberli Roberts
Kymberli Roberts

Doug Spencer

Elliot Scgarra
Terry Velligan
SIVONE EVANS

Andrew Kyres, Parliamentarian

Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the River Forest Community School Corporation and Lake County, Indiana for Equipment and Improvements for River Forest High School Athletics in Lake County, Indiana

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

JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC'S IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

THIS JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC'S (hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement") is made and entered into in accordance with Indiana Code §36-1-7, *et seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between the RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION, Lake County, Indiana, an Indiana School, by its board (hereinafter referred to as "RFCSC"), and LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, a unit of local government, by its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS as its executive and its COUNTY COUNCIL as its fiscal body (hereinafter referred to as "COUNTY").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, RFCSC is a school corporation in Lake County, Indiana; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, RFCSC and COUNTY each seek to enter into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement based upon the terms and provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, together, for equipment and improvement costs which will be incurred by RFCSC for River Forest High School Athletics, hereafter referred to as EQUIPMENT (*See Attached Exhibit "A"*); and

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

COVENANTS

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

SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Agreement shall be from its effective date to completion and delivery of the Equipment as defined herein.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of RFCSC and COUNTY concerning the EQUIPMENT.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

SECTION 4: EQUIPMENT DEFINED.

This EQUIPMENT is for River Forest High School Athletics which will improve public health and will benefit the students and citizens of Lake County, Indiana.

SECTION 5: EQUIPMENT FUNDING.

COUNTY agrees to pay to RFCSC within thirty (30) days of RFCSC commencing the equipment purchase(s), the amount of FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS and NO CENTS (\$40,938.00) to help fund the Equipment. This contribution of COUNTY is solely for costs RFCSC will incur for the EQUIPMENT.

SECTION 6: ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

- A. This Agreement shall be administered as follows:
 - 1) RFCSC shall use the funds for equipment costs which will be incurred by RFCSC for River Forest High School Athletics.
 - 2) With the \$40,938.00 received from LAKE COUNTY, RFCSC shall use the funds for River Forest High School Athletics.
- B. The SECRETARY OF RFCSC, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.

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

SECTION 7: ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS.

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

SECTION 9: FORCE MAJEURE.

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

SECTION 10: NOTICES.

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

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| River Forest Community School Corp District Office 3250 Michigan Street Hobart, IN 46342 | Commissioner Mike Repay 2293 North Main Street Crown Pt., In 46307 | Councilwoman Christine Cid 2293 North Main Street Crown Pt., In 4630 |
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SECTION 11: CAPTIONS.

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

SECTION 12: SEVERABILITY.

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

SECTION 13: ENTIRETY OF AGREEMENT.

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

SECTION 14: MATERIAL DISPUTE.

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

SECTION 15: COUNTERPARTS.

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

SECTION 16: RECORDING AND FILING.

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

SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2024.

**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District

Jerry Tippy, 2nd District


Michael C. Repay, 3rd District

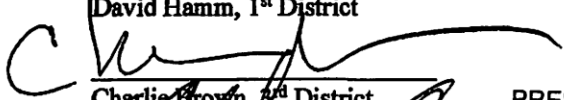
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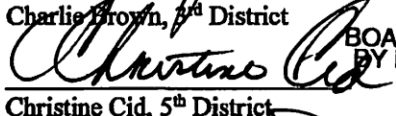
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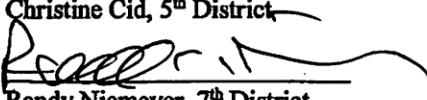
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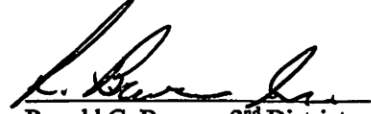
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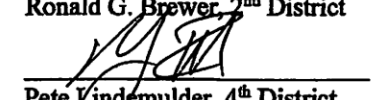

 David Hamm, 1st District

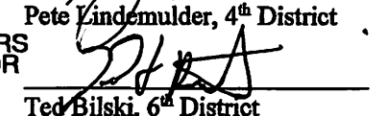

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 Christine Cid, 5th District


 Randy Niemeyer, 7th District


 Ronald G. Brewer, 2nd District


 Pete Lindemulder, 4th District

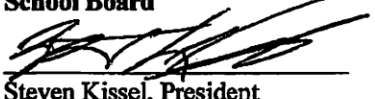

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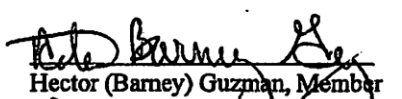
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BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

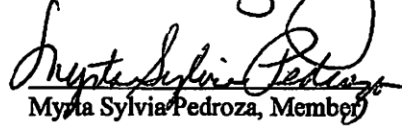
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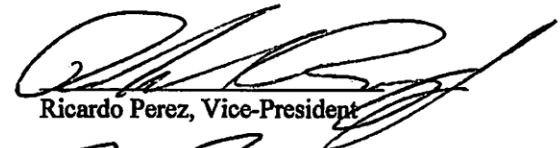
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 20th day of August, 2024.


River Forest Community School Corp
School Board


 Steven Kissel, President


 Hector (Barney) Guzman, Member


 Myra Sylvia Pedroza, Member


 Ricardo Perez, Vice-President


 Steven Bucko, Secretary

Resolution in Support of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-41


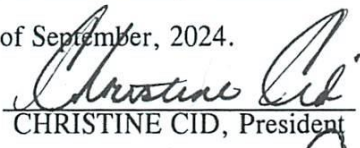
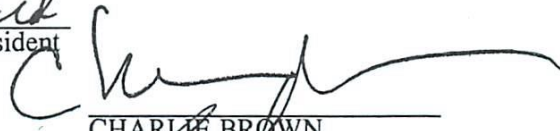

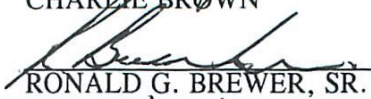


RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS, breast cancer affects millions of women and men and their families either directly or through someone they know; and
- WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 4 million women in the U.S. with a history of breast cancer who are presently being treated or who finished with their treatment; and
- WHEREAS, about 15% of women with breast cancer have family members who have been diagnosed, and about 85% of breast cancers occur in women with no family history; and
- WHEREAS, in 2024 the American Cancer Society estimates 310,720 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 42,250 women will die from breast cancer in 2024; and
- WHEREAS, breast cancer represents 6.9% of all cancers and about 30% of new cancer diagnoses in women; and
- WHEREAS, about 66% of breast cancers are diagnosed at a localized stage – before cancer has spread outside of the breast; and
- WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community’s understanding of the need for early detection, as well and understanding of the issues affecting those with breast cancer; and
- WHEREAS, thanks to awareness and advances in research, the five-year survival rate has climbed from 67.5% in 1985, when October was first declared Breast Cancer Awareness Month, to 91.2% today; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council continues to support October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to increase public awareness and education of breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council supports October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Lake County, Indiana.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of September, 2024.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Proclaiming September 16-20, 2024 as National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-42

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2024
AS NATIONAL ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK**

WHEREAS, more than 43 million Americans can't read or write at the most basic level while 62.7 million lack basic math skills, as well as the credentials and skills necessary to succeed in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, every year, one in three young adults drops out of high school; and

WHEREAS, American Action Forum estimates that America is short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping Americans move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and get prepared for career and college; and

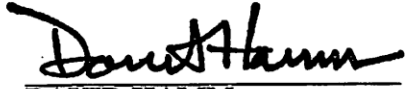
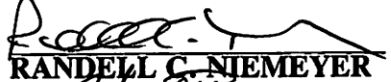

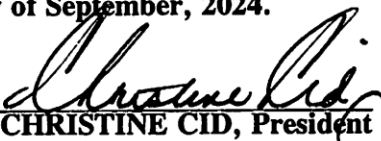



WHEREAS, Adult Education programs in high schools and adult schools, community colleges and community centers offer low cost, high value programs that upgrade the skill set of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to proclaim September 16-20, 2024 as National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the National Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council proclaims September 16-20, 2024 as National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of September, 2024.

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|  DAVID HAMM  RANDELL C. NIEMEYER  PETE LINDEMULDER |  CHRISTINE CID, President |  CHARLIE BROWN  RONALD G. BREWER, SR.  TED F. BILSKI |
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Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Honoring Teamsters Union Local 142 and Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund Members

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

RESOLUTION NO.24-43

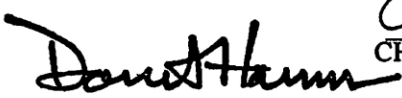
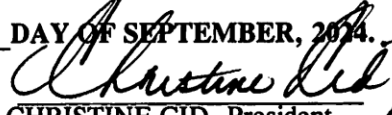


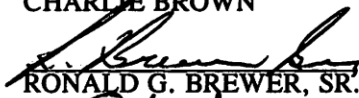


**RESOLUTION HONORING
TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 142 AND TEAMSTERS UNION
LOCAL 142 TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP TRUST FUND MEMBERS**

- WHEREAS,** over the past century, the Teamsters Union has played a pivotal role in shaping labor relations and advancing workers' rights and has stood as a beacon of solidarity, advocacy, and progress for workers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Teamsters Union Local 142 has set the standard for higher wages, better benefits and improved working conditions for workers; and
- WHEREAS,** the Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund empowers eligible participants by offering job training and education through its employment training programs as part of its mission as a Training Trust Fund; and
- WHEREAS,** Teamsters Union Local 142 and Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund members have volunteered and participated in the following projects for governmental entities and community events:
 Lake County Helicopter Pad-coordination and haul equipment;
 Lake County Helicopter Maintenance-yearly-ongoing;
 Crown Point Fire Department Safety Course-training tower; coordination and haul equipment;
 Gary Fire Department Training Tower-coordination and haul equipment;
 Hobart Police Department Shooting Range-haul stone;
 Lake County Fairgrounds-haul stone;
 Marquette Park Walk Bridge-coordination and haul equipment;
 Leon's Wolf Lake-Veterans-coordination, haul equipment, deliver trailers, cook food;
 Leon's West Beach-Veterans-coordination, haul equipment, deliver trailers, cook food;
 Indiana Dunes National Park Learning Center-Birding Festival-driving support for attendees,
 Touch a Truck Events-Winfield; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council honors Teamster Union Local 142 and Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund members for their community involvement in both governmental and community events.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council, representing the citizens and voters of Lake County, Indiana, honors Teamster Union Local 142 and Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund members for their community involvement; A copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, an official copy shall be delivered Teamster Union Local 142 and Teamsters Union Local 142 Training and Apprenticeship Trust Fund.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Honoring Hanover Central Trap & Skeet-Yeti Team AIM Grand National World Youth-Junior Gold Class C Division Champions

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


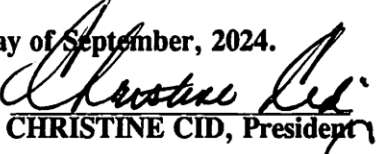
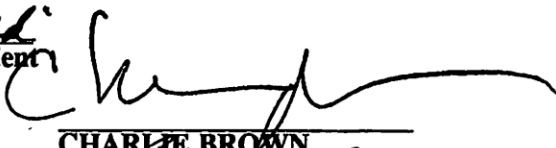

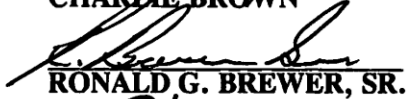

RESOLUTION NO. 24-44

**RESOLUTION HONORING
HANOVER CENTRAL TRAP AND SKEET - YETI TEAM
AIM GRAND NATIONAL WORLD YOUTH - JUNIOR GOLD
CLASS C DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

- WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana, have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and**
- WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete with other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and**
- WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which successful participation in sporting events demands; and**
- WHEREAS, AIM is the official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association; and**
- WHEREAS, the Hanover Central Trap and Skeet - Yeti Team captured the AIM Grand National World Youth - Junior Gold Class C Division Championship in Sparta, Illinois, the weekend of July 25-29, 2024 with a score of 956/1000; the Team also secured second place for Special Event in the High Gun Category.**

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County who are represented by this august body, extend congratulations and praise to the students, teachers and coaches, but most particularly to the members of the Hanover Central Trap and Skeet - Yeti Team the AIM Grand National World Youth - Junior Gold Class C Division Champions and champions always for Lake County; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to the Hanover Central Trap and Skeet Competition - Yeti Team.

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of September, 2024.

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|  <hr/> DAVID HAMM |  <hr/> CHRISTINE CID, President |  <hr/> CHARLIE BROWN |
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Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Honoring Hank Walkowiak AIM Grand National World Trap Junior-Handicap Discipline Champion

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


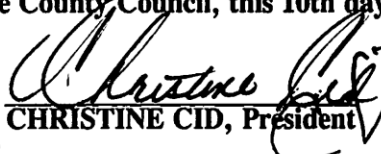

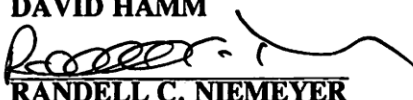
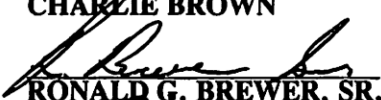
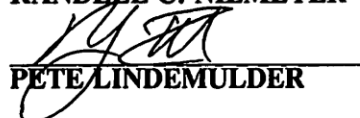

RESOLUTION NO. 24-45

**RESOLUTION HONORING
HANK WALKOWIAK
AIM GRAND NATIONAL WORLD
TRAP JUNIOR - HANDICAP DISCIPLINE CHAMPION**

- 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, AIM is the official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association; and**
- WHEREAS, Hanover Central's HANK WALKOWIAK captured the World Trap Junior - Handicap Discipline Championship at he AIM Grand National World Youth Championships in Sparta, Illinois; HANK had a score of 99/100 that went into a seven way tie shoot-off, emerging with a 75/75 score to win the championship.**

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to HANK WALKOWIAK for capturing the AIM Grand National World Trap Junior - Handicap Discipline Championship; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to HANK WALKOWIAK.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 10th day of September, 2024.

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|  |  CHRISTINE CID, President |  |
| DAVID HAMM | | CHARLIE BROWN |
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| PETE LINDEMULDER | | TED F. BILSKI |

Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Honoring Jaxson Sossong AIM Grand National Sub Junior Class D World-Doubles
Discipline Champion

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

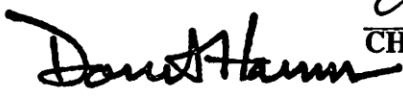
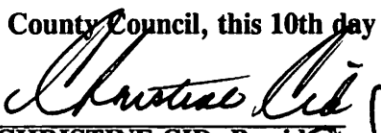

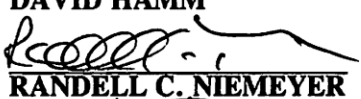
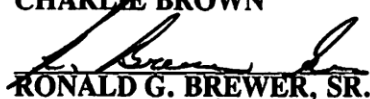


RESOLUTION NO. 24-46

**RESOLUTION HONORING
JAXSON SOSSONG
AIM GRAND NATIONAL SUB JUNIOR CLASS D
WORLD - DOUBLES DISCIPLINE CHAMPION**

- 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, AIM is the official youth program of the Amateur Trapshooting Association; and**
- WHEREAS, Hanover Central's JAXSON SOSSONG captured the Sub Junior Class D World - Doubles Discipline Championship at he AIM Grand National World Youth Championships in Sparta, Illinois; shooting the Team's first 100/100 score on day 2.**

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, and all citizens of Lake County extend congratulations and praise to JAXSON SOSSONG for capturing the AIM Grand National Sub Junior Class D World - Doubles Discipline Championship; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to JAXSON SOSSONG.

DULY ADOPTED by the Lake County Council, this 10th day of September, 2024.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution Permitting the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division, to Pay for Contractor Services from the 2024 Budget

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve.

O'Donnell – This is the vertical garden funding they needed to get paid.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-47

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION, TO PAY FOR CONTRACTOR SERVICES FROM THE 2024 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division is currently operating in the 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, work was performed at the Juvenile Justice Complex relative to the vertical garden by Kevin Misch Excavating and Farming LLC without first receiving approval from the Lake County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division requests the Lake County Council approve the following expenditures:

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| <u>Department 4005, Fund 1001, Account 63190 - Other Professional Services</u> | |
| Transformer Relocation for Vertical Garden | \$10,000.00 |
| Fill for Vertical Garden | \$ 2,600.00; |
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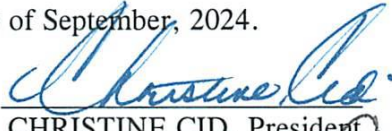


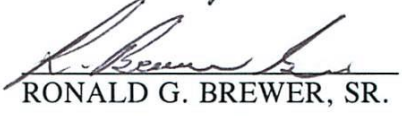


WHEREAS, the Lake County Council approves the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division's expenditures for the vertical garden at the Lake County Juvenile Justice Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council approves the following expenses from the Superior Court of Lake County, Juvenile Division's 2024 Budget and the Lake County Auditor and the Lake County Treasurer are authorized to pay the claim submitted by Kevin Misch Excavating and Farming LLC upon submission of an appropriate Purchase Order, issuance of a vendor number and completion of all other documents necessary to have the following claim paid:

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| <u>Department 4005, Fund 1001, Account 63190 - Other Professional Services</u> | |
| Transformer Relocation for Vertical Garden | \$10,000.00 |
| Fill for Vertical Garden | \$ 2,600.00 |

SO RESOLVED THIS 10th day of September, 2024.

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Members of the Lake County Council

Resolution to Approve the transfer of \$1,097,078.00 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake Debt Service of 2024 SRF Bond, Fund No. 4359

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-48

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,097,078.00
FROM CEDIT FUND, FUND NO. 4012 TO LAKE
DEBT SERVICE OF 2024 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

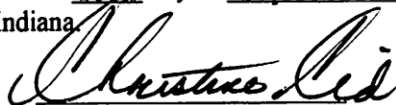
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners request the transfer of \$1,097,078.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002.

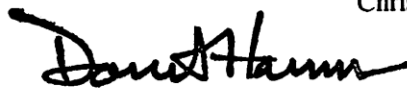
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer \$1,097,078.00 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002, representing reimbursement pursuant to Ordinance No. 1492E adopted on February 13, 2024.

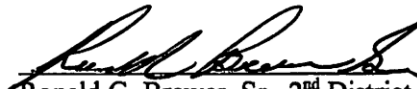
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

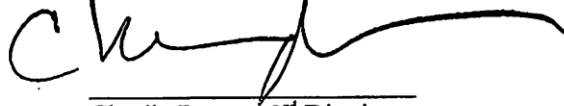
That the sum of \$1,097,078.00 is hereby transferred from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to SRF Fund, Fund No. 4359, Department 6002 representing reimbursement to the Debt Service Reserve Account pursuant to Ordinance No. 1492E.

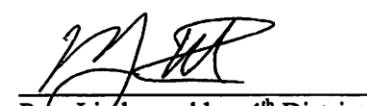
So Resolved, Passed and adopted this 10th day of September, 2024 by the Lake County Council, Lake County, Indiana.


Christine Cid, President - 5th District

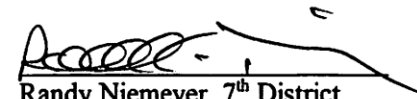

David Hamm, Vice-President - 1st District


Ronald G. Brewer, Sr., 2nd District


Charlie Brown, 3rd District


Pete Lindenmulder, 4th District


Ted Bilski, 5th District


Randy Niemeyer, 7th District

Ordinance Amending the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1490B-3

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2024, ORDINANCE NO. 1490B

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2023, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2024, Ordinance No. 1490B; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

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Section IV.

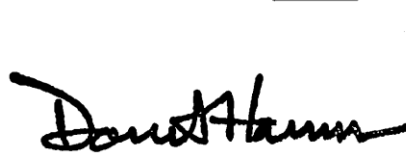
42 . Veterans Service Office Clerk/Secretary 8.00-15.00/hr.

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Section IV.

42 . Veterans Service Office Clerk/Secretary 16.00-25.00/hr.

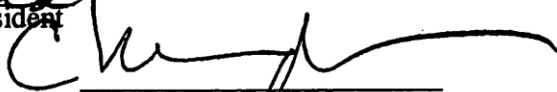
SO ORDAINED THIS 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.



DAVID HAMM



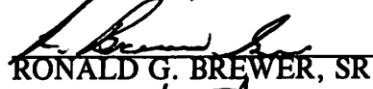
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PETE LINDEMULDER



TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

Ordinance No. 2575 – Michael Poortinga, Owner/Petitioner, 8/21/2024, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, Vote (8-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2575
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 August 21, 2024).

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

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to R-1 (One-Family Zone) owned and petitioned by Michael Poortinga to allow a proposed two-lot residential development on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 4/10 of a mile west of US 41 (Wicker Blvd.) on the south side of W. 143rd Avenue, a/k/a 11851 W. 143rd Avenue in Hanover Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PARENT DESCRIPTION:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT A POINT 410.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 679.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE WEST 300.0 FEET ON SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 685.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE EAST 300.0 FEET ON SAID NORTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL 1

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT A POINT 410.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 679.4 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, THENCE WEST 300.0 FEET ON SAID SOUTH LINE, THENCE NORTH 685.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE EAST 300.0 FEET ON SAID NORTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING EXCEPT THE EAST 135 FEET THEREFROM.

PARCEL 2

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

THE EAST 135 FEET OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL;
THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: STARTING AT A POINT 410.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 679.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE WEST 300.0 FEET ON SAID SOUTH LINE; THENCE NORTH 685.6 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE EAST 300.0 FEET ON SAID NORTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

IS HEREBY x BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 10th DAY OF September , 2024.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL



CHRISTINE CID, PRESIDENT



DAVE HAMM, VICE PRESIDENT

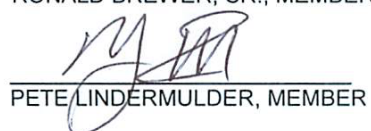


TED BILSKI, MEMBER



RONALD BREWER, SR., MEMBER

CHARLIE BROWN, MEMBER



PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER



RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

Ordinance No. 2576 – Michael Stevens, Owner/Petitioner, 8/21/2024, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, Vote (8-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2576
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 August 21, 2024).

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

ZONE CHANGE from A-1 (Agricultural Zone) to RR (Rural Residential) owned and petitioned by Michael Stevens to allow a proposed two-lot residential development on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 2/10 of a mile west of County Line Road on the south side of E. 137th Avenue, a/k/a 9311 E. 137th Avenue in Winfield Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

New Legal Description written by Radtke Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

A parcel that is part of the west 15.137 acres of the north 30.274 acres of the East one-half (E 1/2) of the Southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 28, Township 34 North, Range 7 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Lake County, Indiana:

Commencing at the East one-quarter (E 1/4) of said Section 28; THENCE N89°45'40"W along the east/west center of section line, 659.80 feet; THENCE S00°02'55"W, 20.00 feet to the south right of way line of 137th Avenue and Point of Beginning; THENCE continuing S00°02'55"W, 979.35 feet; THENCE N89°45'40"W, 659.80 feet to the west line of the East one-half (E 1/2) of the Southeast one-quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 28; THENCE N00°02'55"E along said west line, 979.35 feet to the southern right-of-way line of 137th Avenue; THENCE S89°45'40"E along the southern right-of-way of 137th Avenue, 659.80 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said parcel contains approx. 14.834 acres.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 10th DAY OF September , 2024.

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CHRISTINE CID, PRESIDENT

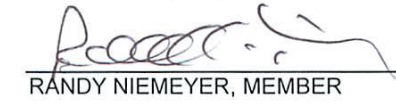

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In the Matter of Presentations – Good for Youth Farm Update, presented by Robert Colangelo, Founder and CEA of Technology, Inc.

Robert Colangelo – Thank you for the opportunity to present an update on this exciting project that really feels a need in the community. Also, thank you to Ted Bilski for his support and Judge Stefaniak for leadership on this project. In your packets, you have two different presentations—one is just a short six-pager that I'll present today, and the others are detailed strategic plans for improving and expanding farm operations that were finished in March of 2024. I want you to walk away with three points: that there's a real need in the community as inflation continues and the price for food increases. There's a lot of working people that can't afford food, and so we've identified the real way that we can help the community; second, we won a federal competitive grant to help offset some of the cost to build and improve the farm complex; and third, we built some really strong partnerships. Our visions really remain the same and that's to create a center that's focused on agricultural innovation that fosters collaboration between the government community organizations in the private sector with the real goal to improve the health wellness and the quality of life for all citizens in Lake County and our goals are to increase current farm production capacity and get all our produce to the food bank of Northwest Indiana; provide job training and continuing education so that not only is that focused on growing food, but it's also on creating jobs for all ages and then lastly build partnerships with academic institutions community and civic group businesses to improve that health and well-being. So, our accomplishments are that we've finished the initial design for the greenhouses in the indoor farm, and we're working on getting bids back hopefully out this month for the concrete pads. We did move the raised beds further north and moved the greenhouses down further south; this allowed us to be more efficient and lower our cost removing the utilities to the farming operation. We won a competitive grant with the USDA for \$323,000, which is a pretty significant amount to cover a portion of the installation and operating cost for the farms. That grant is also going to fund two sustainability initiatives, one a solar panel and a solar system to provide renewable energy, and the second to recycle our nutrient water and up-use the use instead of wasting it; we could use it to irrigate the landscapes in the area. Also, we've identified a number of other grants that we can apply to this project, so this is really a haven for federal and state funds. The biggest one is that we have secured an agreement with the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana. We visited them and they're very happy to be a partner of ours. They showed us that they do seven million pounds of food each year, but their biggest issue is getting fresh produce, so they're very happy that we're able to help them and provide that on a continual basis. And then we also built partnerships with the Purdue Extension Service to help us develop some of our educational, training, and tour programs. We've built partnerships with Purdue University, Dr. Petrus Langenhoven, to provide technical support to make sure farm operations are moving smoothly and working closely with the health department. As mentioned in detail in the strategic plan, our goal is to grow four crops: lettuce, basil, tomatoes, and cucumbers, all of which the food bank can use. Our proposed schedule is to get those bid specs out as soon as possible and to get the indoor farms constructed by January, the greenhouses by March/April and around January once we start to get some of the farm operations up and running, we want to engage and find a grower manager that really will take over the project, and then we hope to get the first crop to the food bank by September 2025. So again, I thank the Council, Councilman Bilski, and Judge Stefaniak for their leadership. We think this is a great opportunity to create a nationwide model that can show how government and the private sector of the community can work together to create health and wellness in the community, and it's really a way to have some compassion for those in need.

Councilman Lindemulder – How much are we talking out-of-pocket for the county?

Bilski – That depends on the grants. But you're looking at less than \$200,000 a year.

Lindemulder – Looking at this from a business proposal, you spoke quite a bit about providing needed fresh produce for the community, but if we're saying were providing this produce, for the amount of money were putting in couldn't we just buy produce and give it to the food bank? I'm ok with this project, as long as it's something that's going to teach kids life skills but I think from a business standpoint, I would say that we could much cheaper buy a bunch of lettuce and give it to the food bank.

Bilski – We have a hard time getting that produce to those food banks and that affordability. There's a huge need for that. If it was as simple as asking Baker Produce to buy 10,000 heads of lettuce, it's not there up North. They are having a hard time getting that food on the shelves at the food pantries so this fills that gap at no cost. This is going to be if anything a property tax-based fund. The taxpayers are going to receive something for their property taxes they paid. Anyone eligible, which is everyone, would come and get their free produce with no charge. Strack and Van Til has already said that if we get kids that are qualified, they will place those kids into employment. So, there's job creation in that and rehabilitation for some of the kids that qualify. You can't purchase it for what you could grow it for.

Robert Colangelo – I agree it serves two purposes, but if you amortize your capital expense over 10 years, it's like 30,000 a year and so I would agree that we could be very competitively priced in growing the crops especially when you offset up with the USDA grant so I think that will be competitively priced, and you will also be able to help the job training and continuing education.



Vertical Garden
Youth Farm CEA Tech

In the Matter of Presentations – Health Department Presentation on Health First Indiana

Michelle Arnold, Health First Indiana manager presented the following:



Health First Indiana
Presentation.pdf

Council comments:

Niemeyer – The stabbing of the young teenage girl in Lowell by a suspect tied to the MS13 gang is a wakeup call for all of us. My prayers are with her and her family as well as hope for her full recovery. We must come together and support them in this difficult time. I Also want to extend my deepest gratitude to Lake County Sheriff’s department and all law enforcement agencies involved in apprehending the suspect before more harm could be done and they really did an incredible job at tracking this guy and apprehending him. I was very pleased to see the cooperation. Their work to keep our community safe as nothing short of heroic. This tragedy highlights a broader issue. We cannot continue to allow dangerous criminals like this in our communities. The safety of our families and neighborhoods must be our top priority. What happened in Lowell is not an isolated incident it’s part of a larger pattern of violence that straining or law-enforcement resources and placing an immense financial burden on taxpayers. It’s time we take real action, protect our communities and secure our country. So this statement is one that I get a lot of outreach from constituents in the seventh district that feel like they feel the pressure on every community is ramping up all over the district, all over my district and all over the county so I wanted to just make sure that that statement was set on the record and give my condolences and prayers to the family, but also the appreciation to the law-enforcement agencies that came together to make sure that this dangerous criminal was apprehended.

Public Comments:

Barbara Koteles of Hobart – What I want to talk about is that the health board is going to be getting another infusion of money. I heard it was 6 million, but maybe it’s 4 1/2, but I just want to remind you that you’re releasing taxpayer funds to an organization that has tried to shut the taxpayer out in so many ways for a long time. I tried to email them, and then it goes to do not reply, and they’ve known about it. I don’t know if it’s fixed yet, but it was going on for a long time. In a couple ways, they violated the Indiana open door law, and you know about this because we stated it before. They will not release minutes from their meetings from 2020 until 2024. Recently they did list some meeting dates on their website, but then they removed them, and then we found out they had another meeting on 48-hour notice that was the August meeting. Then they put the dates up again, and they put minutes for the June and August meetings, but then they took them down after a couple of days, but I screenshotted them, and these minutes didn’t say what board members were present. It didn’t list a rollcall vote for any of the motions, and that’s in violation of the Indiana open door law as well. So, then I’ll just end by going back to three questions that I think are kind of important: The director, or shall we say the administrator of the health board, is that a full-time or part-time job? That’s something we’ve been wanting to know. I mean, it’s a benign question, I think, and the public health officer, is that a full-time or part-time position? I would really like to know that information. How did the taxpayer pay back another 25% of that original 4 ½ or five million? How did that get paid back? Then finally, the health board is appointed. There’re no elections there. the directors not elected, the public health officers not elected. Who has oversight of the health board?

O’Donnell – The health board is in charge of the decisions but everyone in the health department is a commissioner’s employee.

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