

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

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

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Cid at 11:30 a.m., an hour and a half later than the scheduled time of 10:00 a.m. to allow for a quorum.

Cid – I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that this week marks the anniversary of September 11th observed nationwide as Patriot Day. A national day of remembrance for the nearly three thousand lives lost in the terrorist acts of 2001. Each year we remember and honor the courage of the first responders, the heroes, who stepped forward to answer the call in the face of unimaginable tragedy. We recognize the resilience that continues to define us as a nation.

Cid asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims, their families and the heroes of September 11th.

In the Matter of Minutes – August 12, 2025

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

Acknowledgments:

Cid sent her condolences to Councilman Ronald Brewer and his family for the passing of his wife Nicole.

Cid stated that East Chicago will be hosting their 101st parade and festival in honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The parade is being organized by UBM (Unión Benéfica Mexicana).

Furthermore, Cid announced that September 17th is Constitution and Citizenship Day and September 22nd is American Business Woman's Day.

ORDINANCE #1511

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
Supplemental Public Defender Fund 1405		
<u>Public Defender 9002</u>		
61231 Court Reporter Per Diem	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
County Highway Fund 1102		
<u>Highway Fund 7003</u>		
64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
Coroner's Motherhood & Infant Health Initiative Program Grant/SUID/SDY Grant Fund 8126		
<u>Coroner's Office 1007</u>		
62255 Pathology Supplies	\$2,383.16	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025

LC Superior Court Division III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420

<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Division Rm 3 4004</u>		
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$600.00	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025
63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$200.00	“”
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$200.00	“”

Gun Safety Education and Gun Safety Locks Fund 9125

<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
62410 Other Supplies	\$1,000.00	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025
63390 Other Services	\$4,000.00	“”
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$500.00	“”
64490 Other Equipment	\$1,250.00	“”

Prosecutor’s Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Grant Fund 9128

<u>Prosecutor 9001</u>		
63310 Printing	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
63390 Other Services	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2025.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS CERTIFICATE

I, the proper legal officer of Lake County Council, Lake County, IN., hereby certify to the Auditor of Lake County, that the Lake County Council, approved the following transfers:

	Requested	Approved
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61140 Protective Services	\$178,000.00	\$178,000.00
1001-62210 Petroleum Products	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1001-63620 Equipment Repair	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
1001-63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
1001-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
To: 1001-61100 Overtime	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
1001-61110 Official & Administrators	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
1001-61130 Technicians	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
1001-61170 Skilled Craft Workers	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
1001-61190 Part-Time	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
1001-62230 Clothing	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00
<u>Jail 8002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61101 Overtime Regular	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
1001-61140 Protective Services	\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00
1001-62230 Clothing	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
1001-62260 Jail Inmate Clothing Allowance	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
1001-63188 Employment Testing	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
1001-63190 Other Professional Service	\$135,000.00	\$135,000.00
To: 1001-61100 Overtime	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
1001-61190 Part-Time	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00
1001-63920 Food & Lodging	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
<u>Jail 8002</u>		
Misdemeanant Co. Jail Housing Fund 1152		
From: 1152-63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
To: 1152-61160 Office & Clerical	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
1152-61320 FICA – Deduction	\$500.00	\$500.00
<u>Jail 8002</u>		
Public Safety CAGIT Non-Revert Fund 4010		
From: 4010-63610 Building & Structures	\$374,764.00	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025
4010-63630 Mainten & Service Cont.	\$160,711.00	“”
4010-64490 Other Equipment	\$65,525.00	“”
To: 4010-62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$601,000.00	“”

<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61120 Professionals	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
1001-63240 Telephone	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
To: 1001-61100 Overtime	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
1001-62410 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u>		
LC R.D.F. For Juveniles Fund 4392		
From: 4392-64440 Motor Vehicles	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
4392-64490 Other Equipment	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
To: 4392-62230 Clothing	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

<u>Animal Control 8004</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
To: 1001-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

<u>Animal Control 8004</u>		
LC Animal Shelter Non-Revert Fund 4163		
From: 4163-62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
To: 4163-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

<u>JAG 2022 Grant 8011</u>		
Justice Assistance Grant Fund 8262		
From: 8262-63236 Travel – Training	\$13,120.00	\$13,120.00
To: 8262-62410 Other Supplies	\$13,120.00	\$13,120.00

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 9th day of September, 2025.

<u>Additional</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Supplemental Public Defender Fund 1405</u>			
Public Defender 9002 (\$50,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>County Highway Fund 1102</u>			
Highway Fund 7003 (\$1,250,000)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Coroner's Motherhood & Infant Health Initiative Program Grant/SUID/SDY Grant Fund 8126</u>			
Coroner's Office 1007 (\$2,383.16)	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025		
<u>LC Superior Court Division III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420</u>			
Lake Sup Crt-County Division Rm 3 4004 (\$1,000)	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025		
<u>Gun Safety Education and Gun Safety Locks Fund 9125</u>			
Prosecutor 9001 (\$6,750)	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025		

Prosecutor’s Careful Carter Gun Safety Literacy Grant Fund 9128

Prosecutor 9001 (\$7,300)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
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Transfers

	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Sheriff 8001</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$288,000)	Brown	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Jail 8002</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$580,000)	Brown	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-no.
<u>Jail 8002</u> Misdemeanant Co. Jail Housing Fund 1152 (\$12,500)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Jail 8002</u> Public Safety CAGIT Non-Revert Fund 4010 (\$601,000)	DEFERRED TO 9/16/2025		
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$85,000)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Juvenile Detention Center 8003</u> LC R.D.F. For Juveniles Fund 4392 (\$10,000)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Animal Control 8004</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$10,000)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>Animal Control 8004</u> LC Animal Shelter Non-Revert Fund 4163 (\$8,000)	Bilski	Brown	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.
<u>JAG 2022 Grant 8011</u> Justice Assistance Grant Fund 8262 (\$13,120)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Coroner’s Office 1007 – Create New Line Item – Coroner’s Motherhood & Infant Health Initiative Program Grant/SUID/SDY Fund 8126

62255 Pathology Supplies

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to defer to September 16, 2025. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to defer to September 16, 2025 carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 3 4004 – Create New Line Items – LC Superior Court Division III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420

63233 Travel-Lodging
63234 Travel-Trans/Other
63235 Travel-Mileage

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to defer to September 16, 2025. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to defer to September 16, 2025 carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Juvenile Court 4005 – Revised 144 – General Fund 1001 – **Effective (08-11-2025)**

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve the following Revised 144 with an effective date of 8/11/2025:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-016 Probation Officer	\$81,719.00	\$42,311.00	(\$39,408.00)

Attorney O’Donnell stated that due to IC 5-14-1.5-3.5, Councilman Niemeyer was ineligible to vote via WebEx. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Niemeyer was ineligible. Motion to approve Revised 144 with an effective date of 8/11/2025 carried 4-yes, 2-absent, 1-ineligible.

In the Matter of Jail 8002 – Create New Line Item – Public Safety CAGIT Non-Revert Fund 4010

62250 Health Care & Lab Supplies

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to defer to September 16, 2025. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to defer to September 16, 2025 carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Prosecutor 9001 – Create New Line Items – Gun Safety Education and Gun Safety Locks Fund 9125

62410 Other Supplies
63390 Other Services
63995 Other Services & Charges

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to defer to September 16, 2025. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to defer to September 16, 2025 carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – FY25 State Homeland Security Program – Enduring Needs (SHSP) – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – FY25 State Homeland Security Program – National Priority (SHSP) – New Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) – Grant Renewal

Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant: EM Salary – Grant Renewal

Brown made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve. Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of County Council 6001 – Public Hearing – Additional Appropriation – Crown Point Community Public Library Notice to Taxpayers of Public Hearing on proposed Additional Appropriations for the Crown Point Community Library

Cid opened public hearing for comments.

There were no commenters present.

Cid closed public hearing for comments.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team – Appointment of one (1) Child Protective Services Employee to serve the remainder of the current two-year term

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated Eric Zegaczewski.

There were no other nominees.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid appoint Eric Zegaczewski to the County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Recognizing Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation

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

Donna Criner – Chairman of the Board & Co-Founder of NICK (Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation) key points summarized:

Founded in 2009 under the tagline "HOPE. HELP. HEAL," NICK focuses on providing hope, financial assistance, and ultimately cures for affected families. Despite successfully lobbying in Washington in previous years, this year’s trip was canceled due to safety concerns. In December 2024, crucial pediatric cancer drug development bills were nearly passed but faced setbacks due to political obstacles, resulting in halted research and more children losing their lives to cancer. Families are in need support for medical costs, especially with rising copays, and it's urged to contact lawmakers to advocate for restoring funding and prioritizing children's health.

Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2-no.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-43

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER
AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH AND
RECOGNIZING NORTHWEST INDIANA CANCER KIDS FOUNDATION (NICK)**

WHEREAS, each year, the parents of more than 15,000 children age 0-19 in the United States will hear the words "your child has cancer" and remains the number one cause of death by disease in children; and

WHEREAS, in the last 40 years, the overall survival rate for childhood cancer has increased from 10% to over 85% today, but for many more rare childhood cancers, the survival rate remains much lower; and furthermore, the number of diagnosed cases annually has not declined in nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, even as more children defy the odds, the treatments used to save their lives continue to have toxic side effects; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation (NICK) was founded in June of 2009 by the family of a local child diagnosed with a rare pediatric cancer; the Foundation raises and contributes funds to support NWI families affected by childhood cancer and research projects focused on curing cancer; its mission is HOPE, HELP and HEAL; and

WHEREAS, prior to June 30, 2021 state border lines prevented Hoosier children on Medicaid from receiving Indiana's reimbursement rate if they sought medical coverage in a neighboring state because they had to seek care exclusively in Indiana, even if that out-of-state facility was closer to their home; and

WHEREAS, Donna Criner, co-founder of NICK lobbied the Indiana General Assembly for legislation allowing for children's hospitals in Indiana's bordering states to treat Medicaid-covered Hoosier children with Indiana's reimbursement rate – reducing the need for excessive travel for pediatric Medicaid services; and

WHEREAS, House Enrolled Act No. 1305 passed the General Assembly unanimously making it easier on families by giving them a larger health care network that also allows them to seek treatment at out-of-state children’s hospitals that are significantly closer to where they live; and

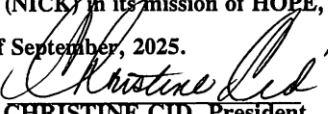
WHEREAS, HEA No. 1305 was adopted for the fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2021 and ending before July 1, 2023; subsequently HEA No. 1313 extended the expiration date to July 1, 2025 and HEA No. 1024 extended the expiration to July 1, 2027; and

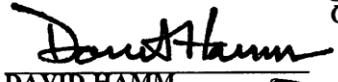
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council proclaims September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to increase public awareness and education and recognizes Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation (NICK) in these efforts.

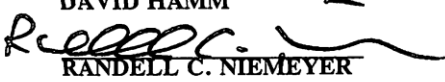
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council declares September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Lake County and recognizes Northwest Indiana Cancer Kids Foundation (NICK) in its mission of HOPE, HELP and HEAL.

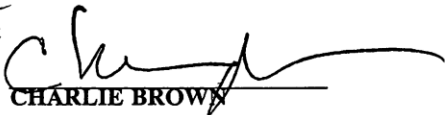
SO RESOLVED THIS 9th day of September, 2025.


CHRISTINE CID, President


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


ABSENT
PETE LINDEMULDER


CHARLIE BROWN


ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution in Support of September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-44

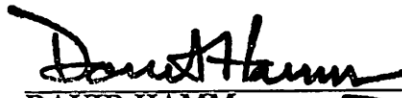
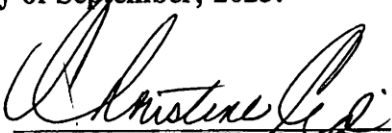
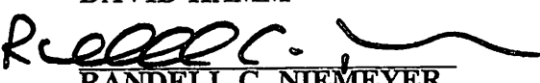
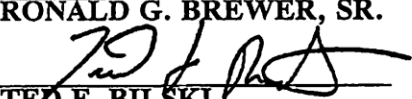
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SEPTEMBER AS PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS, the month of September brings prostate cancer into focus by increasing public understanding of the disease, including its prevalence, screening, prevention, and treatment options; and
- WHEREAS, prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men and is a leading cause of death in men, second only to lung cancer; and
- WHEREAS, early detection can save a life-the five year survival rate in its earliest stages is over 99%, and many hereditary and occupational factors can increase the chances of having prostate cancer; and
- WHEREAS, 313,780 new cases of prostate cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2025; in Indiana 104.6 in every 100,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council supports September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in an effort to increase public awareness and education.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council supports September as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month in Lake County, Indiana, a time to spread knowledge while also providing support to those affected.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9th day of September, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-45

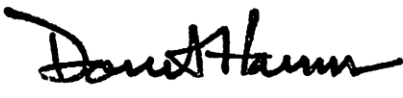
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER
AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

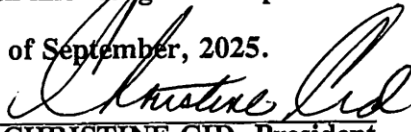
- WHEREAS, September is known around the United States as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and is intended to help promote awareness surrounding each of the Suicide Prevention resources available to us and our community. The simple goal is to learn how to help those around us and how to talk about suicide without increasing the risk of harm; and
- WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and
- WHEREAS, according to the CDC, each year more than 41,000 people die by suicide; suicide is the tenth leading cause of death among adults in the United States, and the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-24; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is no different than any other community in the Country, but chooses to publicly state and place our full support behind local educators, mental health professionals, athletic coaches, pack leaders, police officers, and parents, as partners in supporting our community in simply being available to one another; and
- WHEREAS, local organizations like Suicide Prevention Services (SPS) and national organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are on the front lines of a battle that many still refuse to discuss in public, as suicide and mental illness remain too taboo a topic to speak on; and
- WHEREAS, every member of our community should understand that throughout life's struggles we all need the occasional reminder that we are all silently fighting our own battles; and
- WHEREAS, we encourage all residents to take the time to inquire as to the well-being of their family, friends, and neighbors and to genuinely convey their appreciation for their existence by any gesture they deem appropriate. A simple phone call, message, handshake, or hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to proclaim September as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in an effort to increase public awareness and education.

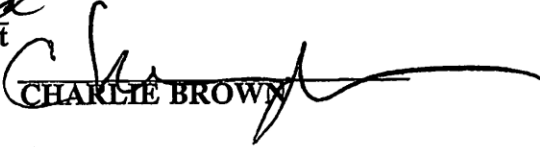
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council proclaims September as National Suicide Prevention 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 9th day of September, 2025.


DAVID HAMM

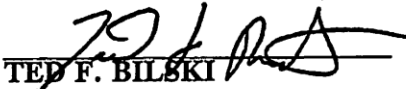

CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.

ABSENT
PETE LINDEMULDER


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Approve the Transfer of \$1,233,234.25 from CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to Lake County Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, Fund 9440

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-46

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,233,234.25
FROM CEDIT FUND, FUND NO. 4012 TO LAKE COUNTY ROADS
& BRIDGES MATCHING GRANT FUND, FUND 9440

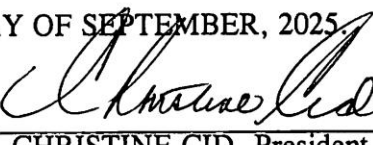
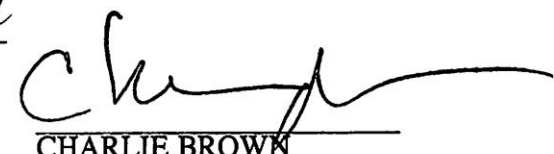
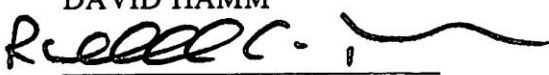
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Commissioners request the transfer of \$1,233,234.25 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to the Lake County Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, Fund No. 9440, which transfer places all of the funds necessary to complete the 2025 Crossroads Grant Project in the Grant Fund for payment within one fund; and
- WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer \$1,233,234.25 from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to the Lake County Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, Fund No. 9440.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the sum of \$1,233,234.25 is hereby transferred from the CEDIT Fund, Fund No. 4012 to the Lake County Roads & Bridges Matching Grant Fund, Fund No. 9440 which transfer places all of the funds necessary to complete the 2025 Crossroads Grant Project within one fund for payment.

This Resolution rescinds and repeals Resolution No. 25-42 adopted on August 12, 2025.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing a Per Diem for Lake County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Members

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1511A

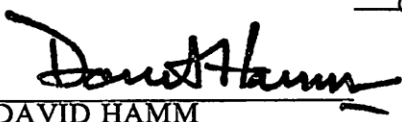
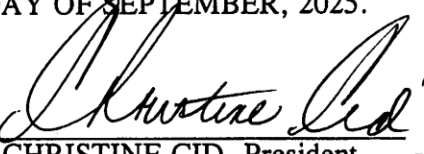
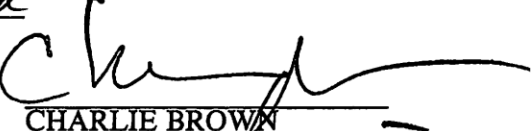
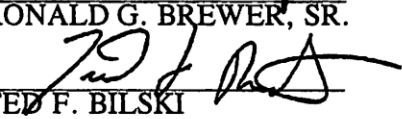
**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PER DIEM
FOR LAKE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX
ASSESSMENT BOARD OF APPEALS (PTABOA) MEMBERS**

- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5 provides that the Lake County Council shall pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-28-3(b) members of a county property tax assessment board of appeals shall receive compensation on a per diem basis for each day of actual service and further provides that the county council shall fix the rate of this compensation; and
- WHEREAS,** the County Assessor shall keep an attendance record for each meeting of the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals and at the close of each annual session shall certify to the Board of Commissioners the number of days actually served by each member; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to establish a per diem payment for Lake County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) members of Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars for Board meeting attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

- That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-28-3, the Lake County Council establishes a Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollar per diem for Board meeting attendance for each Lake County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Member.
- That this Ordinance rescinds and repeals any prior Ordinance establishing a per diem for Lake County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) Members.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Grant Fund, A Non-Reverting Fund

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1511B
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S COMPREHENSIVE HIGHWAY INJURY REDUCTION PROGRAM (CHIRP) GRANT FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND

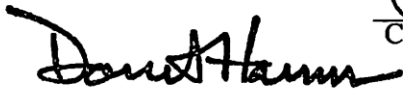
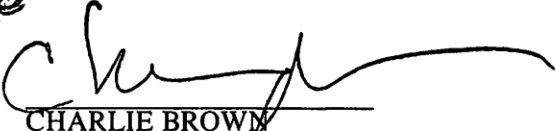
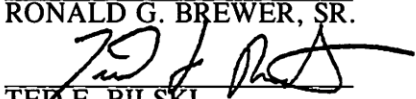
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-3 provides that the Lake County Council is the fiscal and legislative body for Lake County, Indiana; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-3.5-5 provides that the County Council shall pass all ordinances, orders, resolutions and motions for the government of the County in the manner prescribed by I.C. 36-2-4, et. seq.; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-5-2(b) provides that the Lake County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided by law; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Sheriff has been awarded a reimbursement grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute titled “Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP)” in the sum of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$60,950.00) and local matching funds of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 28/100 (\$16,121.28) Dollars to be used for officer overtime in the following areas: Click It to Live It (CITLI), Impaired Driving Taskforce (DUI TF), Stop Arm Violation Enforcement Project (SAVE), Motorcycle-high Visibility Awareness Project (MC-HVA, and Non-Motorist Safety (PED-Bike) Project; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create a Lake County Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Grant Fund, a Non-Reverting Fund for the deposit of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$60,950.00) Dollars from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and local matching funds of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 28/100 (\$16,121.28) Dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Grant Fund, a non-reverting fund, is established for the deposit of Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$60,950.00) Dollars from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and local matching funds of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One and 28/100 (\$16,121.28) Dollars.
2. That pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the Lake County fiscal body shall appropriate all money to be paid out of the fund, except as otherwise provided by law.
3. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the Lake County Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Grant Fund.

4. In the event the Lake County Sheriff receives future awards from the Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) reimbursement grant program from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, those grants may be accounted for using the established Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Approving an Additional Appropriation by the Crown Point Community Library from its Rainy-Day Fund, Fund 201; Library Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund 400; and Excess Welfare Distribution Fund, Fund 226, Pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1511C

ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION BY THE CROWN POINT COMMUNITY
LIBRARY FROM ITS RAINY DAY FUND.
FUND 201; LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT RESERVE FUND, FUND 400;
AND EXCESS WELFARE DISTRIBUTION FUND, FUND 226,
PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18-5

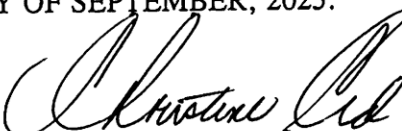
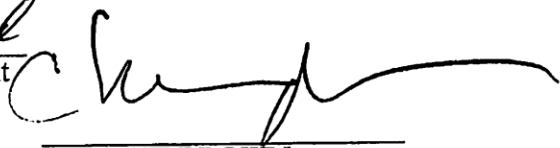
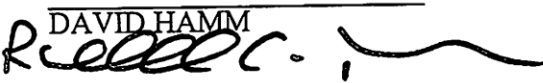
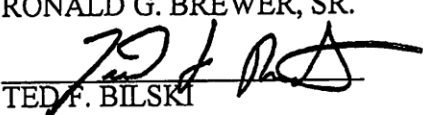
- WHEREAS,** the Crown Point Community Library (Library) has accumulated funds in its Rainy Day Fund, Fund 201; Library Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund 400; and Excess Welfare Distribution Fund, Fund 226; and
- WHEREAS,** the Crown Point Community Library desires to make additional appropriations of \$197,500.00 from the Rainy Day Fund, Fund 201; \$35,589.28 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund 400; and \$14,438.83 from the Excess Welfare Fund, Fund 226 for Certain Capitol Projects; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5(k), the additional appropriations would result in the Budget for the Library for the 2025 calendar year increasing by a percentage that is greater than the result of the assessed value growth quotient determined under I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-2, for 2025 minus one (1); and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, due to the additional appropriations exceeding the average growth quotient under I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-2 it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the proposed additional appropriations; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, the public hearing to consider the additional appropriations was properly advertised and held on September 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., by the Lake County Council, the fiscal and legislative body of Lake County in the Lake County Commissioners Court Room/Council Chambers in the Lake County Government Center located at 2293 N. Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana 46307.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5(k), the Lake County Council is the proper fiscal body to hold a public hearing on proposed additional appropriations by the Crown Point Community Library, and to approve the additional appropriations requested.
2. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, on September 9, 2025, the Lake County Council held a public meeting on the proposed additional appropriations by the Crown Point Community Library of \$197,500.00 from the Rainy Day Fund, Fund 201; \$35,589.28 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund 400; and \$14,438.83 from the Excess Welfare Fund, Fund 226.

3. That pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18-5, the Lake County Council now approves the additional appropriations by the Crown Point Community Library of \$197,500.00 from the Rainy Day Fund, Fund 201; \$35,589.28 from the Library Improvement Reserve Fund, Fund 400; and \$14,438.83 from the Excess Welfare Fund, Fund 226; for certain capital expenditures.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

Bilski made the motion, seconded by Brown, to amend the agenda to add an ordinance.

Bilski – In regards to the budget, we’ve had to eliminate some vacated positions in order to save approximately one million dollars in the budget. There are exclusions.

Cid – The departments may come before the council and request that we fill those positions. It also excludes those that have already been offered a position with the county.

Majority voted yes. Brewer and Lindemulder were absent. Motion to amend the agenda to add an ordinance carried 5-yes,2-absent.

In the Matter of Ordinance Restricting the Hiring of New County Employees Until 9/30/2026

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

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

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 1511D

**ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE HIRING OF NEW
COUNTY EMPLOYEES UNTIL 09/30/2026**

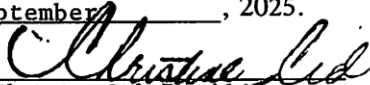
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-5-3 directs the Lake County Council to establish and fix the number and payment schedules of county officers, deputies and other employees; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana Code 36-2-5-13 provides that the compensation or number of county deputies and employees may be changed at any time on the application of the County fiscal body; and
- WHEREAS,** the funding of County government has been reduced by the impacts of 2025-SEA1
- WHEREAS,** in order to prepare for the full impact of 2025-SEA1 and to avoid future disruption of services it is necessary to reduce expenditures in the County until further notice.
- WHEREAS,** for the foreseeable future certain position in Lake County Government will become vacant and if not filled, the respective appropriations will revert to the operating balance of the positions native fund.

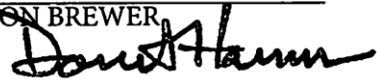
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That in order to prepare for the full impact of 2025-SEA1 and to avoid future disruption of services, all county offices and departments are restricted from hiring new employees to fill presently vacant positions, and positions which may become vacant in the future until 09/30/2026.
2. Notwithstanding paragraph one, this Ordinance shall not apply to the following:
 - a. Positions controlled by mandate (Indiana Trial Rule 60.5), positions required by State or Federal Law, or by a Grant, provided the officeholder inform the council of such hiring requirement with support documents citing the mandate order, State or Federal Law, or Grant requirement.
 - b. Position of Chief Deputy or other supervisory positions, if allowed by statute.
 - c. Attorneys Employed by the Lake County Prosecutor's Office as Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys.
 - d. Caseworkers employed by the Lake County Prosecutor’s Office in the IV-D Program.
 - e. Offices of ten (10) employees or less.
 - f. Prospective employees for positions who were given a written commitment of employment prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.
 - g. Any position covered by CBA (Police, Correctional, E911 and highway.

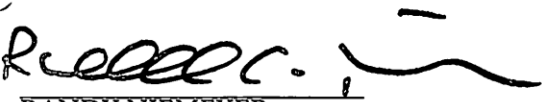
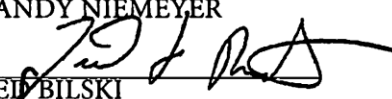
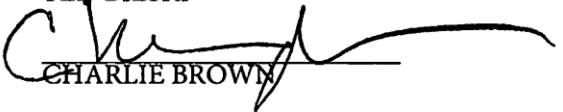
3. Notwithstanding paragraph one, an officeholder may petition the Lake County Council to fill a vacated position for good cause.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF September, 2025.


Christine Cid, President

ABSENT
~~RON BREWER~~

DAVE HAMM

ABSENT
~~PETE LINDEMULDER~~


RANDY NIEMEYER

TED BILSKI

CHARLIE BROWN

Members of the Lake County Council

Gregg Popovich with an update on Northwest Indiana Sports Development – We’ve had two meetings so far. The first one was an organizational meeting where we elected officers of our board commission. We elected Jay Wilkinson from Hoosier Investments, who is from Mishawaka. He is Governor Braun’s appointment to the board. He was nominated by Tom McDermott to chair the board and unanimously elected. Mayor Tom McDermott was elected vice chairman on the board, and Phil Taillon was elected as our treasurer. To kick our commission off, since it passed with legislation but no funding, Mayor McDermott graciously donated \$5,000 from the city of Hammond toward our operations. We talked amongst ourselves about going back to the representative board to see if that could make a nominal fee until Representative Harris can put a bill together in the next session to get funding for our organization. It's just for incidental costs and to cover operations. It'll probably be a year before we get any funding from the state legislature on that. Something for you to consider in your next budget, I would be appreciative if you could do that. We talked about a lot of different things going forward. At our second meeting we talked about cultivating relationships with people in the sports industry, especially on the professional side. We’ve been reaching out to owners of minor league teams in the region, like Andrew Berlin from the South Bend Cubs to counsel and advise us. I’ve been tasked with reaching out to John List, who is the chair of economics at the University of Chicago. John is a part owner in two minor league teams as well as many other things. He is a personal friend of mine, and I’ve been reaching out to him to come and talk to us about the economic impacts of what it could bring to Northwest Indiana. We’re still getting formulated and off the ground, so our meetings have been relatively brief. There is a lot of excitement; it's just that things like this take time.

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