

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

In the Matter of Minutes – September 9, 2025

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

Acknowledgments:

Congratulations to Lake County Assessor LaTonya Spearman who was named “Assessor of the Year” for Indiana’s Northwest District at the conference of the Indiana County Assessors Association.

Congratulations to Lake County Surveyor Bill Emerson Jr. and the Lake County Surveyor’s office for receiving the 2025 Excellence in Stormwater Management Award from the Indiana Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM).

ORDINANCE #1513

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.

	Requested	Appropriated
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
61330 PERF – Deduction	-\$1,200,000.00	\$-1,200,000.00
<u>Hammond & Gary Courthouses 9302</u>		
63510 Utilities	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
Drainage Improvement Fund 1790		
<u>Drainage Board 1008</u>		
63160 Little Cal River Eng.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
64520 Little Cal River Construction	\$2,600,065.46	\$2,600,065.46
Sheriff’s Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant Fund 9275		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
61100 Overtime	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00
61110 Official & Administrators	\$7,950.00	\$7,950.00
Sheriff’s FY25 SAFE Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund 9330		
<u>Sheriff 8001</u>		
62410 Other Supplies	\$3,090.00	\$3,090.00
Problem-Solving Sup. Vet. Court Fund 9446		
<u>Lake Superior Court County Division 3 4004</u>		
61190 Part-Time	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$242.00	\$242.00

Adopted this 14th day of October, 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>Calumet Township Assessor 2002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61110 Official & Administrators	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
To: 1001-61250 Assessor Certification	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
1001-63190 Other Professional Service	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
1001-63233 Travel – Lodging	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1001-63235 Travel – Mileage	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<u>Court Administrator 3003</u>		
Jury Fee’s Fund 4210		
From: 4210-63922 Per Diem Petit Juror’s	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
To: 4210-63190 Other Professional Service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Div. Rm 3 4004</u>		
LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420		
From: 8420-63234 Travel – Trans/Other	\$4.35	\$4.35
To: 8420-62110 Office Supplies	\$4.35	\$4.35
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61160 Office & Clerical	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
1001-63958 Public Transportation	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
To: 1001-61350 Unemployment Comp. – Ded	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
1001-63220 Postage	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
<u>Criminal Division Public Defender 9002</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63190 Other Professional Service	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
To: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
<u>Fairgrounds 9201</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$3,115.00	\$3,115.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$3,115.00	\$3,115.00
<u>Hammond & Gary Courthouses 9302</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61180 Service/Maintenance	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00
<u>Government Center 9303</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-61170 Skilled Craft Workers	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
1001-61180 Service/Maintenance	\$19,792.00	\$19,792.00
To: 1001-61190 Part-Time	\$61,792.00	\$61,792.00
<u>Commissioners/Lake County 911 9305</u>		
E911 Operating Fund 1014		
From: 1014-61140 Protective Services	\$281,000.00	\$281,000.00
1014-61210 Longevity – Deduction	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
1014-61237 Differential Pay	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00
1014-62110 Office Supplies	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
1014-63150 Consultant Fees	\$133,000.00	\$133,000.00
To: 1014-61100 Overtime	\$281,000.00	\$281,000.00
1014-62230 Clothing	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
1014-63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
1014-63995 Other Services & Charges	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00

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 14th day of October, 2025.

<u>Additional</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> Lake County Commissioners 6002 (\$-1,200,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>County General Fund 1001</u> Hammond & Gary Courthouses 9302 (\$1,200,000)	Niemeyer	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Drainage Improvement Fund 1790</u> Drainage Board 1008 (\$2,625,065.46)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer and Brown were absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2- absent.
<u>Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant Fund 9275</u> Sheriff 8001 (\$60,950)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Sheriff's FY25 SAFE Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund 9330</u> Sheriff 8001 (\$3,090)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Problem-Solving Sup. Vet. Court Fund 9446</u> Lake Superior Court County Division 3 4004 (\$3,392)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Transfers</u>			
	Made Motion	Seconded	
<u>Calumet Township Assessor 2002</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$20,000)	Bilski	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Court Administrator 3003</u> Jury Fee's Fund 4210 (\$3,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Div. Rm 3 4004</u> LC Superior Court Div. III VTC All Rise Mentor Court Network Fund 8420 (\$4.35)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u> County General Fund 1001 (\$100,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

<u>Criminal Division Public Defender 9002</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$6,000)	Lindemulder	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Fairgrounds 9201</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$3,115)	Niemeyer	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Hammond & Gary Courthouses 9302</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$26,000)	Niemeyer	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Government Center 9303</u>			
County General Fund 1001 (\$61,792)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Commissioners/Lake County 911 9305</u>			
E911 Operating Fund 1014 (\$447,000)	Niemeyer	Hamm	Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Criminal Courts 3002 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001 – Effective (10-20-2025)

Hamm made the motion, seconded by Bilski, to approve the following Revised 144 with an effective date of 10-20-2025:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-013 Probation Officer	\$45,548.00	\$42,311.00	(\$3,237.00)
12428-014 Probation Officer	\$41,459.00	\$37,311.00	(\$4,148.00)

Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve Revised 144 with an effective date of 10-20-2025 carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Court Administrator 3003 – Create New Line Item – Jury Fee's Fund 4210

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

63190 Other Professional Services

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

In the Matter of L.C. Superior Court IV 4001 – Revised 144 – County General Fund 1001

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-003 Probation Officer	\$77,828.00	\$45,548.00	(\$32,280.00)

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

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

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
15528-002 Probation Officer	\$58,473.00	\$42,311.00	(\$16,162.00)

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

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

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

62110 Office Supplies

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Create New Line Items – Sheriff's Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant Fund 9275

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

61100 Overtime

61110 Officials & Administrators

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Create New Line Item – Sheriff's FY25 SAFE Narcan and Essentials Bag Grant Fund 9330

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

62410 Other Supplies

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Supreme Court Administration – FY2026 Lake County CASA Program – Capacity Building Grant – Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Applications & Grant Approvals – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Supreme Court Administration – FY2026 Lake County CASA Program-Matching Grant – Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Veterans Memorial Parkway Trail-Phase I Broadway Bridge Engineering – Group I-CMAQ – New Grant Application

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

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

Cid opened nominations.

Hamm nominated Andrea Graciano.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid reappointed Andrea Graciano to the County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team as Educator.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointments – Library Board – Lowell

Cid opened nominations.

Niemeyer nominated Daniel Fagen.

Cid closed nominations.

Cid appointed Daniel Fagen to the Lowell Public Library Board.

In the Matter of Resolution in Support of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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

Nicole Otis with Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk for the American Cancer Society, accepted the Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-47

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

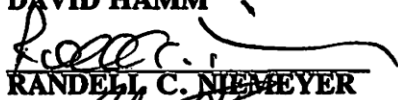
- WHEREAS,** breast cancer affects millions of women and men and their families either directly or through someone they know; and
- WHEREAS,** currently there are approximately 4 million women in the U.S. with a history of breast cancer who are presently being treated or who finished with their treatment; 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 2025 the American Cancer Society estimates 316,950 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and an estimated 42,680 women will die from breast cancer in 2025; 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 American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser is a celebration of courage and hope, a movement uniting communities to end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone and is the nation’s largest and most impactful breast cancer fundraiser walk; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 12, 2025, Making Strides of Northwest Indiana presented by Hard Rock Casino of Northern Indiana held its fundraiser walk at the Lake County Fairgrounds to raise funds to support breast cancer research, American Cancer Society programs and services; 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:

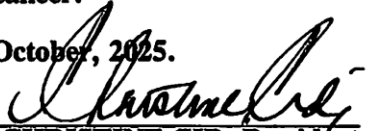
That the Lake County Council hereby proclaims the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and recognizes Making Strides of Northwest Indiana in its efforts to fight breast cancer.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of October, 2025.


DAVID HAMM


RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President

ABSENT
CHARLIE BROWN

ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Highway Department to pay outstanding 2024 Invoices/Debts from the 2025 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-48

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2024 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Highway Department is currently operating in the 2025 Budget;
and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2024, have not been paid:

<u>1102-7003-64500</u>	<u>Construction & Reconstruction</u>
Milestone Contractors North, LLC	\$4,849.56
Milestone Contractors North, LLC	<u>255.24</u>
	\$5,104.80; and

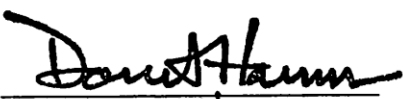
WHEREAS, the Lake County Highway Department desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2024 expenses shall be paid from the
Lake County Highway Department's 2025 Budget:

<u>1102-7003-64500</u>	<u>Construction & Reconstruction</u>
Milestone Contractors North, LLC	\$4,849.56
Milestone Contractors North, LLC	<u>255.24</u>
	\$5,104.80.

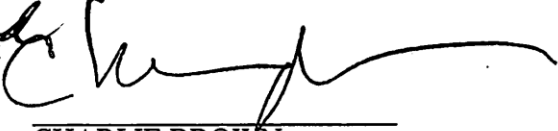
SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of October, 2025.


DAVID HAMM

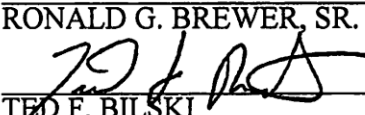

RANDELL C. NIEMEYER


PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN

ABSENT


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Approve Transfer of \$3,279.65 from the Lake County Prosecutor’s Non-Reverting R.I.C.O. Fund, Fund No. 4141-9001 to the V.A.W. Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 9335-9001

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

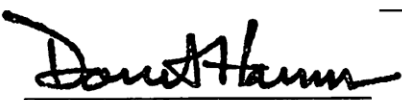
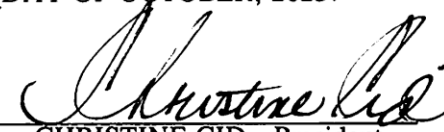
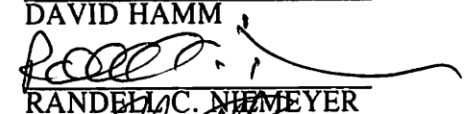
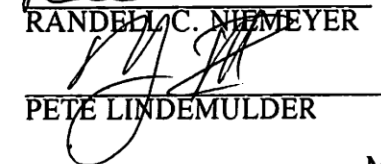
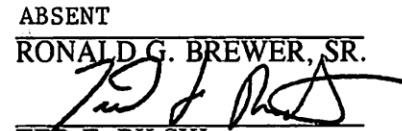
RESOLUTION NO. 25-49
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF \$3,279.65
FROM THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S NON-REVERTING
R.I.C.O. FUND, FUND NO. 4141-9001 TO THE
V.A.W. STOP GRANT FUND, FUND NO. 9335-9001

- 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 Prosecutor requests the transfer of \$3,279.65, from the Lake County Prosecutor’s Non-Reverting R.I.C.O. Fund, Fund No. 4141-9001 to the V.A.W. Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 9335-9001, representing a correction to a current negative balance in Fund 9335 which was caused by match hours not met early in the grant, resulting in reimbursement less than what was paid out; the transfer will result in a zero balance in Fund 9335 and the fund will be closed; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to transfer the sum of \$3,279.65, from the Lake County Prosecutor’s Non-Reverting R.I.C.O. Fund, Fund No. 4141-9001 to the V.A.W. Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 9335-9001.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the sum of \$3,279.65 is hereby transferred from the Lake County Prosecutor’s Non-Reverting R.I.C.O. Fund, Fund No. 4141-9001 to the V.A.W. Stop Grant Fund, Fund No. 9335-9001.

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Government HVAC Department to pay an outstanding 2024 Invoice/Debt from the 2025 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-50

RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY
GOVERNMENT HVAC DEPARTMENT TO PAY AN
OUTSTANDING 2024 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Government HVAC Department is currently operating in the 2025 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2024, has not been paid:

<u>1001-9312-62390</u>	<u>Other Repair & Maint.</u>
Grainger	\$292.02 ; and

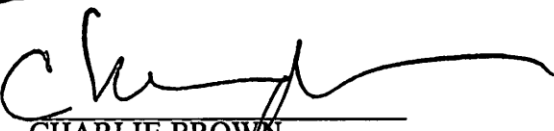
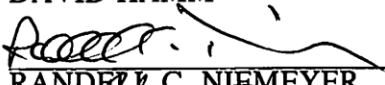
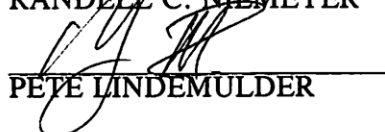
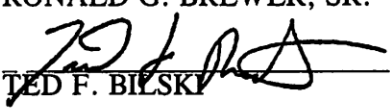
WHEREAS, the Lake County Government HVAC Department desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2024 expense shall be paid from the Lake County Government HVAC Department's 2025 Budget:

<u>1001-9312-62390</u>	<u>Other Repair & Maint.</u>
Grainger	\$292.02

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Commissioners to pay outstanding 2024 Invoices/Debts from the 2025 budget

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

RESOLUTION NO.25-51

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PAY OUTSTANDING
2024 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2025 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Commissioners are currently operating in the 2025 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2024, have not been paid:

<u>1651-6002-63610</u>	<u>Building & Structures</u>
Keough Mechanical Corp.	\$ 656.38
 Grainger	 \$ 292.02
Grainger	<u>79.48</u>
	\$ 371.50
 Tri-Electronics, Inc.	 \$12,935.46
Tri-Electronics, Inc.	<u>87.50</u>
	\$13,022.96
 Gariup Construction	 \$ 2,242.00
 Total:	 \$16,292.84; and

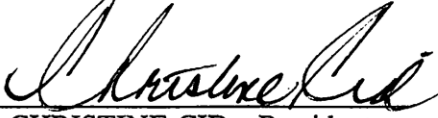
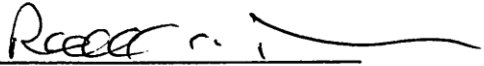
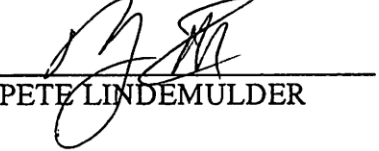
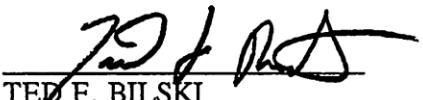
WHEREAS, the Lake County Commissioners desire to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2024 expenses shall be paid from the Lake County Commissioners' 2025 Budget:

<u>1651-6002-63610</u>	<u>Building & Structures</u>
Keough Mechanical Corp.	\$ 656.38
 Grainger	 \$ 292.02
Grainger	<u>79.48</u>
	\$ 371.50
 Tri-Electronics, Inc.	 \$12,935.46
Tri-Electronics, Inc.	<u>87.50</u>
	\$13,022.96
 Gariup Construction	 \$ 2,242.00
 Total:	 \$16,292.84

SO RESOLVED THIS 14th day of October, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Petitions for Establishment and Posting of Stop Signs – Northbound Burr Street to Stop for 113th Avenue – Southbound Burr Street to Stop for 113th Avenue

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to deny posting of stop signs Northbound and Southbound Burr Street for 113th Avenue. Majority voted yes. Brewer was absent. Motion to deny posting of stop signs Northbound and Southbound Burr Street for 113th Avenue carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

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Ordinance 1513A

STOP FORM

ORDINANCE PETITION

FINDING OF FACT

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

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

THREE-WAY STOP

North and South bound Burr Street TO STOP FOR 113th Avenue

TO STOP FOR

TO STOP FOR

FINDING OF FACT:

1) AN ENGINEERING STUDY WAS PERFORMED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER (AN INDIANA LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDIANA UNIFORM TRAFFIC MANUAL FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS AS REQUIRED BY INDIANA CODE 9-21-3. THE STUDY WAS COMPLETED ON July 15 2025 AND HAS DETERMINED THAT THE STOP SIGN(S) (ARE) (ARE NOT) WARRANTED AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOCATION(S) IN UNINCORPORATED LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

2) AFTER A REVIEW OF THE LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (ARE) (ARE NOT) JUSTIFIED ACCORDING TO THE ENGINEERING STUDY AND THE INDIANA UNIFORM TRAFFIC MANUAL AT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOCATION(S). SEE ATTACHED ENGINEERING STUDY.

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

RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

THIS 8/20/2025 DAY OF 2025

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 1

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2

LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF

LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

LAKE COUNTY HIGHWAY ENGINEER

DATE 08-13-2025

DATE 8/13/25

DATE 8-13-2025

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

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF October 200 2025

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 1

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 2

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 3

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 4

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 5

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 7

ABSENT

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 2

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 4

LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 6

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees, Ordinance No. 1336A

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

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

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 1336A-3

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES, ORDINANCE NO. 1336A**

- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees, Ordinance No. 1336A on June 14, 2011; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees, Ordinance No. 1336A was amended on May 15, 2012 and June 11, 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to amend the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Health Department Fees shall be amended as follows:

1. That the Lake County Council hereby establishes the Lake County Health Department Fee Schedule as follows:

DELETE:

<u>Food Safety</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Annual Food Service Permit, 1-4 employees	\$ 150.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 4-9 employees	210.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 10-14 employees	240.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 15-19 employees	270.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 20-24 employees	300.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 25-29 employees	320.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 30-34 employees	350.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 35-39 employees	380.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 40-44 employees	400.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 45-49 employees	430.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 50 + employees	460.00
Annual Food Market Permit	110.00
Temporary Permit	\$10.00/day (maximum \$30.00 per event)
Mobile Unit Permit	70.00
Assisted Living Facility	Same as Annual Food Service rates

Partial Year Operation Permits-If such application for a new establishment is made between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of December of any year, the applicant shall pay to the Lake County Health Department, a fee equal to fifty (50%) percent of the respective fee on the foregoing scale. Such existing food service establishments which operate four or less consecutive months during any one calendar year shall pay a fee equal to one-third of the regular annual license fee. Such food service establishments which operate more than four but less than six consecutive months during any one calendar

year shall pay a license fee equal to one-half of the regular annual license fee.

Renewal Fees-Every person operating an Annual Food Service or Annual Food Market with a permanent location shall pay annually to the Lake County Health Department a renewal fee in accordance with the foregoing scale between the first day of January and the first day of March of each year. If said renewal fee is not paid on or before the first day of March of each year then the permit is void. Such establishment may resume operation only after securing a permit from the Lake County Health Department and paying a fee in the amount double that of the regular fee for the renewal of the license.

Operation without a valid permit-Any owner of a Food Service Establishment who begins operation of said Food Service Establishment before obtaining the necessary permit(s) shall be required to pay a double regular fee after the owner complies with all requirements specified within Food Service Establishment Ordinance No. 23 and 410 IAC 7-24.

Food Service Violation Re-Inspection 80.00

Environmental

Residential-new on-site wastewater disposal permit-trench type	\$ 125.00
Residential-repair on-site wastewater disposal permit-trench type	110.00
Residential-new on-site wastewater disposal permit-mound type	200.00
Residential-repair on-site wastewater disposal permit-mound type	185.00
Commercial-new on-site wastewater disposal permit-trench type	135.00
Commercial-repair on-site wastewater disposal permit-trench type	120.00
Commercial-new on-site wastewater disposal permit-mound type	250.00
Commercial-repair on-site wastewater disposal permit-mount type	235.00

Well water sample collection fee 20.00

Public Swimming Pools

Annual Non-Tax Supported Swimming Pool Permit	\$2180.00
Seasonal Non-Tax Supported Swimming Pool Permit	670.00

Seasonal Public Swimming Pool-A public swimming pool that is only operational between May 15th and September 15th of the year.

Renewal Fees-Every person operating an annual Non-Tax Supported Public Swimming Pool shall pay annually to the Lake County Health Department a renewal fee in accordance with the foregoing scale between the first day of January and the first day of March every year. If said renewal fee is not paid on or before the first day of march of each year then the permit is void. Such Public Swimming Pool may resume operation only after securing a permit from the Lake County Health Department and paying a penalty of up to One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for renewal of the license.

Operation without a valid permit-Any owner of an Annual Non-Tax Supported Public Swimming Pool who begins operation of said Public Swimming Pool before obtaining the necessary permit(s) shall be required to pay a double regular fee.

Public Health Nursing	
Adult (travel) immunizations-administration fee	\$ 10.00
Copy of immunization record	2.00
Vital Records	
Certified Birth Certificate	\$ 10.00
Certified Death Certificate	10.00
Paternity Affidavit	15.00
Birth Certificate Name Change	15.00

INSERT:

Food Safety	Fee
Annual Food Service Permit, 1-4 employees	\$ 220.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 4-9 employees	280.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 10-14 employees	340.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 15-19 employees	400.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 20-24 employees	460.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 25-29 employees	520.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 30-34 employees	580.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 35-39 employees	640.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 40-44 employees	700.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 45-49 employees	760.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 50-54 employees	820.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 55-59 employees	880.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 60-64 employees	940.00
Annual Food Service Permit, 65 + employees	1,000.00
Temporary Permit	\$20.00/day (maximum \$100.00 per event)
Assisted Living Facility	Same as Annual Food Service rates
Temporary Permits	
Annual Temporary Permit	\$300.00
Seasonal Temporary Permit	\$150.00/season
New Establishment Application	\$ 20.00*
*No plan review needed	
New Establishment Plain Review:	
1-24 employees	\$ 75.00
25-49 employees	150.00
50-65 employees	225.00
Replacement Permit	\$ 10.00
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Food Service Violation Re-Inspection 50.00

Environmental

Commercial and Residential-new on-site wastewater disposal permit-trench type	\$ 250.00
Commercial and Residential-new on-site wastewater disposal permit*	275.00
*mound and technologies new to Indiana as defined by code	
Commercial and Residential-repair on-site wastewater disposal permit	150.00
Well water sample collection fee	20.00

Public Swimming Pools

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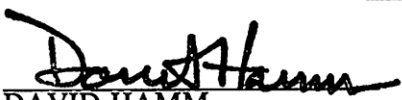
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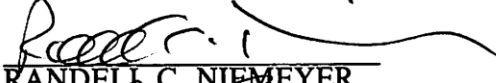
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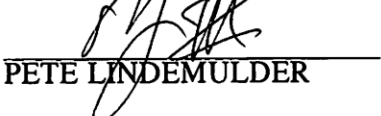
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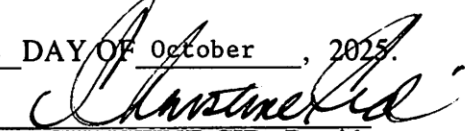
Public Health Nursing	
Immunizations-administration fee	\$ 25.00
Copy of immunization record	5.00
TB administration	25.00
QFT Blood Draw for TB	35.00
STI Testing	25.00
All self pay vaccinations-variable, based on current market value	
Vital Records	
Certified Birth Certificate	\$ 20.00
Certified Death Certificate	20.00
Paternity Affidavit	30.00
Amendments	30.00

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF October, 2025.


DAVID HAMM

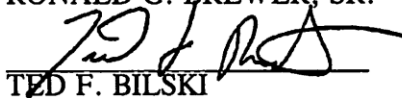

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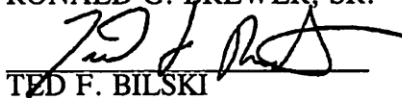

PETE LINDEMULDER


CHRISTINE CID, President


CHARLIE BROWN

ABSENT


RONALD G. BREWER, SR.


TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Repealing and Rescinding Ordinance No. 1451B adopted on October 13, 2020, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Council as the Lake County Purchasing Agency pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1513B

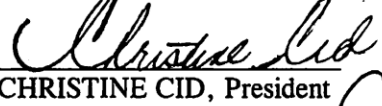
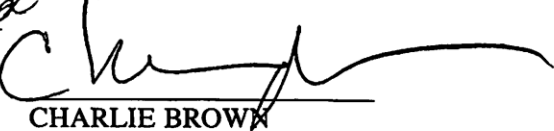
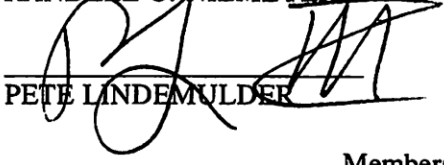
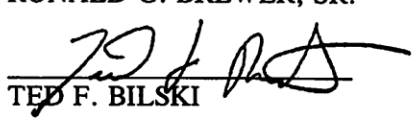
ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESCINDING
ORDINANCE NO. 1451B ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 13, 2020, THE ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AS THE LAKE COUNTY
PURCHASING AGENCY PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3)

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-3, the Lake County Council is the County legislative body, as well as the County fiscal body; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5(b)(3), the Lake County Council may pass 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,** on October 13, 2020, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1451B, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Council as the Lake County Purchasing Agency Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3); and
- WHEREAS,** the current statute, I.C. 36-2-3.5-7, effective April 20, 2023, applies to Lake County and provides the county executive shall have jurisdiction over both of the following, which were previously under the jurisdiction of the legislative body of the county: (1) The county purchasing agency; (2) The county data processing agency; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to rescind and repeal Ordinance No. 1451B, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Council as the Lake County Purchasing Agency Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That Ordinance No. 1451B adopted on October 13, 2020, the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Council as the Lake County Purchasing Agency Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3.5-5(b)(3) is hereby rescinded and repealed, along with any and all amendments to the Ordinance.

SO ORDAINED THIS 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.

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

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of 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 Hobart Township, Lake County, Indiana

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

Majority voted yes. Cid voted no. Brewer was absent. Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

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**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 HOBART TOWNSHIP, 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 IN HOBART TOWNSHIP (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; 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.

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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 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 **THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS and EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$39,048.88)** 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 **\$39,048.88** received from **LAKE COUNTY**, **RFCSC** shall use the funds for **RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL Athletics**.
- B. The **SECRETARY** or **TREASURER OF RFCSC**, is hereby designated to receive, disburse, and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.

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- 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.

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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:

River Forest Community School Corp District Office 3300 Indiana 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 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 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.

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

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SECTION 17: PUBLIC ACTION AND RATIFICATION.

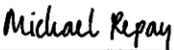
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 - 1) RFCSC School Board as the executive and fiscal body of RFCSC, an Indiana School Corporation.
 - 2) The Lake County Council has the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
 - 3) The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of the County of Lake, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 17th day of September, 2025.

**LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



Kyle Allen, Sr., 1st District



Michael C. Repay, 3rd District



Jerry Tippy, 2nd District

ATTEST:



Peggy Katona, 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 14th day of October, 2025.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
COUNTY COUNCIL:

David Hamm
David Hamm, 1st District
Charlie Brown
Charlie Brown, 3rd District
NO
Christine Cid
Christine Cid, 5th District
Randy Niemeyer
Randy Niemeyer, 7th District

ABSENT
Ronald G. Brewer
Ronald G. Brewer, 2nd District
Pete Lindemulder
Pete Lindemulder, 4th District
Ted Bilski
Ted Bilski, 6th District

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, by their duly authorized Officials and Representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

River Forest Community School Corp
School Board:

<u>Steven Kissel</u> Steven Kissel, President	<u>Ricardo Perez</u> Ricardo Perez, Vice President
<u>Steven Bucko</u> Steven Bucko, Secretary	<u>Myrta Sylvia Perez</u> Myrta Sylvia Perez, At Large
<u>Hector Guzman</u> Hector Guzman, Member	

In the Matter of Interlocal Governmental Agreement – Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the Town of New Chicago, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana for the design, remodeling and operation of a municipal facility for the Town of New Chicago to carry out its duties and responsibilities under Indiana Law

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

JOINT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO, INDIANA
AND LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA FOR THE
DESIGN, REMODELING AND OPERATION OF A MUNICIPAL FACILITY
FOR THE TOWN OF NEW CHICAGO TO CARRY OUT ITS
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER INDIANA LAW

This Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) between the Town of New Chicago, Indiana and Lake County, Indiana, is made and entered into in accordance with I.C. 36-1-7, *et. seq.*, as amended from time to time, by and between New Chicago, Lake County, Indiana, a municipal corporation by its Town Council as its Executive and Fiscal Body (hereinafter referred to as “New Chicago”) 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 “Lake County”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, New Chicago is a unit of local government located in Lake County, Indiana, with jurisdiction over certain real property located within the Municipal Corporate Boundaries of New Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Lake 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, New Chicago and Lake County have each been advised that the provisions of I.C. 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, New Chicago and Lake County are political subdivisions 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, New Chicago and Lake County have determined that entry into a joint interlocal cooperation agreement for a New Chicago municipal facility is a public improvement and is in the best interests of the residents of New Chicago and Lake 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; and

WHEREAS, New Chicago is the owner in fee simple of the building located at 3139

Michigan Street, Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, 46342, Parcel No. 45-09-19-177-001.000-022;
and

WHEREAS, New Chicago and Lake 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, to design, remodel and operate a municipal facility for the Town of New Chicago (hereinafter referred to as “facility”) located at 3139 Michigan Street, Hobart, Lake County, Indiana, 46342, Parcel No. 45-09-19-177-001.000-022 to carry out their duties and responsibilities under Indiana Law; and

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, New Chicago and Lake County, in consideration of the terms and conditions set forth herein, all of which are hereby acknowledge, do hereby agree to the following:

SECTION 1: DURATION.

The duration of this Agreement shall be from its effective date to completion of the municipal facility for New Chicago.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth and establish the responsibilities and obligations of New Chicago and Lake County concerning their desire to enter into a Joint Interlocal Cooperation Agreement based on the terms and the provisions of the Act, as amended from time to time, to design, remodel and operate the New Chicago Municipal facility.

The purpose of this Agreement is also to establish that the Town of New Chicago will receive Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars of the Lake County General Fund for the design, remodel and operation of a new municipal facility at 3139 Michigan Street, Hobart, Indiana, 46342, Parcel No. 45-09-19-177-001.000-022. The funds will be used according to regulations provided by the U.S. Treasury and the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The \$400,000.00 will be spent on a legal government expense only.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The effective date of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 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. MUNICIPAL FACILITY FUNDING.

The County agrees to pay New Chicago within 30 days the sum of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars to help fund the design, remodel and construction of the municipal facility. The Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars shall be paid from the Lake County General Fund.

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATION AND AUTHORITY DELEGATION.

- A. This Interlocal Agreement shall be administered as follows: New Chicago shall use the funds for items necessary for the design, remodel and operation of the Town's municipal facility.
- B. The Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of New Chicago is hereby designated to receive, disburse and account for all funds pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. New Chicago shall use the funds in accordance with all federal, state and local rules and laws.
- D. Because the County will have no supervisory responsibility for the purchases made by New Chicago, the County will not be in privity of contract with any person or company contacted by New Chicago to provide for the design, remodel or operation of the New Chicago municipal facility. Lake 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, shall not be liable and shall hold the aforementioned unit, bodies and persons harmless from any loss or damages to any party that may occur during the design, remodel or operation of the New Chicago Municipal Facility.
- E. That purchases will be deemed completed when New Chicago certifies to Lake County that purchases have been made and products delivered and provides the County with a detailed list of how the funds were used for the purchases.

SECTION 6. 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 7. AMENDMENTS.

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

SECTION 8. FORCE MAJEURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, an entity 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 intentional 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 New Chicago and Lake County, which was not avoidable in the exercise of reasonable care and foresight.

SECTION 9. 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:

New Chicago Town Council Council President 122 Huber Blvd. Hobart, IN 46342	Commissioner Michael Repay Lake County Commissioners 2293 N. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307	Councilwoman Christine Cid Lake County Council 2293 N. Main St. Crown Point, IN 46307
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SECTION 10. CAPTIONS.

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

SECTION 11. 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.

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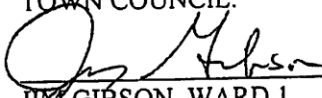
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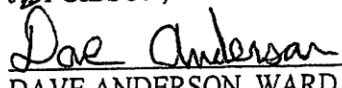
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 - 2. The Lake County Council as the fiscal body of the County of Lake, Indiana.
 - 3. The Board of Commissioners as the county executive of Lake County, Indiana.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by their duly authorized officials and representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this 18th day of September 2025.

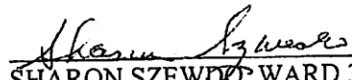
NEW CHICAGO, INDIANA
TOWN COUNCIL:


JIM GIBSON, WARD 1

Dated: 09-18-2025


DAVE ANDERSON, WARD 2

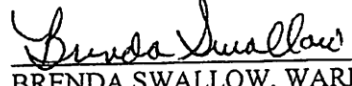
Dated: 9-18-2025


SHARON SZEUDO, WARD 3

Dated: 9-18-25


ROXANNE GRECO, WARD 4

Dated: 9-18-2025


BRENDA SWALLOW, WARD 5

Dated: 9-18-2025

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, by their duly authorized officials and representatives have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day of _____, 2025.

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

KYLE ALLEN, SR.

Dated: _____

MICHAEL C. REPAY

Dated: _____

JERRY TIPPY

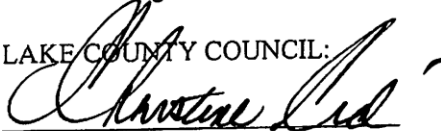
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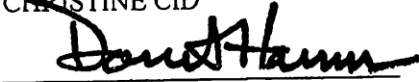
Lake County Auditor

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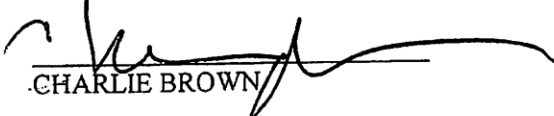
LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL:


CHRISTINE CID

Dated: 10-14-25


DAVID HAMM

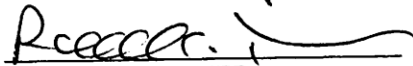
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CHARLIE BROWN

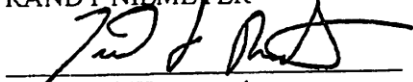
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ABSENT
RONALD G. BREWER

Dated: _____


RANDY NIEMEYER

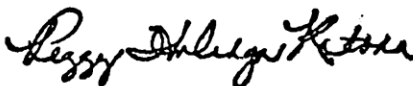
Dated: 10-14-25


TED BILSKI

Dated: 10-14-25


PETE LINDEMULDER

Dated: 10-14-25

Attest: 
Lake County Auditor

PRESENTED TO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BY LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR

OCT 14 2025

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2591 – Doug Lottes, Owner, Nathan Vis, Petitioner, 9/17/2025, A-1 to RR, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 7-0)

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

ORDINANCE #2591
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 September 17, 2025).

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 by Doug Lottes and petitioned by Nathan Vis to allow for a proposed residential subdivision on the following described property:

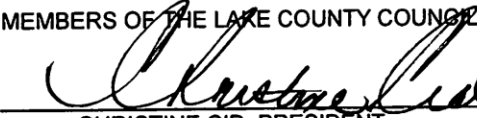
General Location: Located approximately 8/10 of a mile south of W. 133rd Avenue on the west side of Chase Street in Center Township.

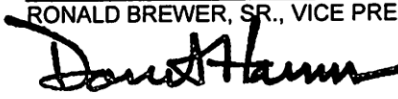
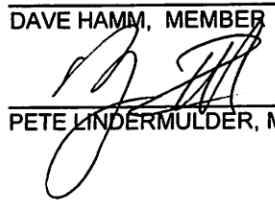
Legal Description:

The North Four Hundred Forty (440) feet of the East Thirty (30) Acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Thirty (30), Township Thirty-Four (34), Range Eight (8) West of the Second Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, containing ten (10) acres more or less. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 34 North, Range 8 West of the Second Principal Meridian and more particularly described as follows: beginning at a railroad spike found at the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 06 minutes 33 seconds West (bearings are based on the East line of "Ramsgate", a subdivision, recorded in Plat Book 70, page 12, at the Lake County Recorder's Office in Lake County, Indiana) along the East line of said Section 30, a distance of 200.00 feet to a set P.K, nail; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds West, parallel with the North line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 40.00 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe set; thence continuing North 89 degrees 29 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 536.25 feet to a 3/4 inch found iron rod; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 33 seconds East parallel with said East line of section 30, a distance of 200.00 feet to a 3/4 inch iron pipe set thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 45 seconds East with the North line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast quarter and the South line of said "Ramsgate" a subdivision, a distance of, 536.25 feet to a 3/4 inch found iron rod; thence continuing South 89 degrees 26 minutes 45 Seconds East, a distance of 40.00 feet to the place of beginning, in Lake County, Indiana.

IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 14th DAY OF October , 2025.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHRISTINE CID, PRESIDENT

ABSENT
RONALD BREWER, SR., VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE HAMM, MEMBER

PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER


TED BILSKI, MEMBER

CHARLIE BROWN, MEMBER

RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinances – Ordinance No. 2592 – Mike Schilling, Owner, Mike Skurka, Petitioner, 9/17/2025, A-1 to R-1, Favorable Recommendation, (Vote 7-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2592
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 September 17, 2025).

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 by Mike Schilling and petitioned by Mike Skurka to allow for a proposed residential subdivision on the following described property:

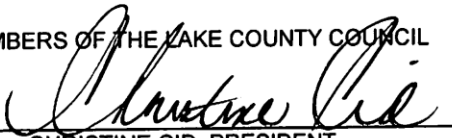
General Location: Located approximately ½ mile west of Calumet Street on the north side of W. 109th Avenue, a/k/a 15104 W. 109th Avenue in Hanover Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (PER DOC. 2021-541474):

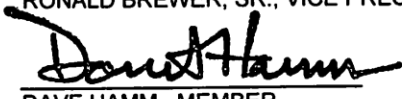
THE EAST ½ OF THE SOUTH 1,485.00 FEET OF THE EAST 293.33 FEET OF THE WEST 403.33 FEET OF THE SOUTHEAST ¼ OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST OF THE 2ND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

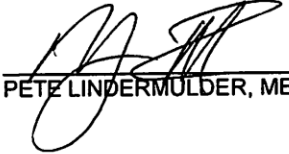
IS HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 14th DAY OF October , 2025.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHRISTINE CID, PRESIDENT

ABSENT
RONALD BREWER, SR., VICE PRESIDENT


DAVE HAMM, MEMBER


PETE LINDERMULDER, MEMBER


TED BILSKI, MEMBER


CHARLIE BROWN, MEMBER


RANDY NIEMEYER, MEMBER

Additional Council Comments:

Niemeyer – Today on our agenda, we approved 1.2 million dollars in additional utilities, and it's been well publicized the difficulties that everyone is having paying utility bills, and I have done a good bit of homework on this, and I was on a radio show in Gary last week talking about this issue because it's hitting families and businesses really hard. Right now, the Indiana Code under Title 8, I believe it's Article 1.5, currently allows municipal governments the ability to manage their own utilities even if they are owned privately by people like Indiana American. Now we all, I think, agree that electricity is a utility. It's something that we cannot necessarily function without unless you're completely off-grid. Also, we have a government-regulated monopoly in this case with a singular provider in our area, NIPSCO. I think there are six or seven providers around Indiana, and they all have that similar monopoly, and the way that municipal governments have some oversight and regulation of municipal utilities that are privately owned is through Title 8 of the Indiana Code through franchise agreements. They do that with Indiana American for sewer and water. Now the statute would have to be updated to include electrical as one of those utilities that could have some municipal oversight. I'm a big believer in, if you want to solve local problems, you give it to local government. You don't take it out of the hands of local government. So, I'm going to be working with our legislators to update Title 8 of the Indiana Code to include electrical utilities because I think that if you have some municipal oversight along with a seat at the table for municipal government when it comes to the negotiation of rates, you now have the elected officials, elected by the people, working on behalf of the people as is intended in our form of self-government. It's getting back to the basics but including electrical utilities in it. I think it's unfair what happens when an electrical utility has a monopoly and then gets to skip a step of actually working through the people to negotiate rates and tariffs as they do for water, wastewater, and stormwater that's already covered under Title 8. So, this needs to be an update to the code. I don't suspect that it's going to be met with cheers and applause, but it's something we need to pursue on behalf of our residents. It's not just a revamp of who sits on the IURC and who makes these decisions, but a revamp of the code to give the elected officials at a local level a seat at the table. That's what's missing in this process. Every other utility includes that part of the process. I have been working on this for a couple of months, and I'm going to be presenting it to some legislators to hopefully get some things on the committee and maybe have a hearing to talk about this in the next legislative session.

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