

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

The Lake County Council met in an executive session at 9 a.m. prior to the regular meeting. Matter discussed: Collective Bargaining.

In the Matter of Minutes – February 13, 2024

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

ORDINANCE #1493

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
County General Fund 1001		
<u>Calumet Twp. Assessor 2002 Postponed February 13, 2024</u>		
61390 Other Professional Service	\$79,468.00	<b>POSTPONED TO 4/9/2024</b>
Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196		
<u>Lake County Commissioners 6002</u>		
63190 Other Professional Service	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
Co. Cumulative Capital Development Fund 1651		
<u>Fairgrounds 9201</u>		
63610 Building & Structures	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
64500 Construction & Reconstruction	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Cumulative Bridge Fund 4350		
<u>Cumulative Bridge 7006</u>		
63190 Other Professional Service	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00
63650 Cumulative Bridge Projects	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00
Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295		
<u>Prosecutor IV-D 9003</u>		
61290 Supplemental Pay	\$233,013.00	\$233,013.00
61320 FICA – Deduction	\$17,826.00	\$17,826.00
61330 PERF – Deduction	\$33,088.00	\$33,088.00
63231 Travel – Registration	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
63233 Travel – Lodging	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
63630 Maintenance & Service Cont.	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Child Support IV-D/FSSA 8297

IV-D Court 4007

64420 Office Machines	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361

Combined Elect & Registration 5001

63310 Printing	\$89,570.00	\$89,570.00
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Gun Safety Education & Gun Safety Locks Fund 9125

Prosecutor 9001

62410 Other Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
63995 Other Services & Charges	\$500.00	\$500.00
64490 Other Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

Sup. Ct IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court 9426

L C Superior Court IV 4001

61290 Supplemental Pay	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
62410 Other Supplies	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
63190 Other Professional Service	\$6,734.68	\$6,734.68
63235 Travel – Mileage	\$250.00	\$250.00

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS CERTIFICATE

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

	Requested	Approved
<u>Recorder 1004</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
To: 1001-62410 Other Supplies	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<u>Lake Sup Crt-County Div-Rm 2 4003</u>		
County General Fund 1001		
From: 1001-62110 Office Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
To: 1001-62410 Other Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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

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

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Additional

Made Motion	Seconded
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County General Fund 1001

Calumet Twp. Assessor 2002 Postponed February 13, 2024

(\$79,468) Bilski made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to **POSTPONE TO 4/9/2024**. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to 4/9/2024 carried 7-0.

Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196

Lake County Commissioners 6002

(\$3,000,000)	Hamm	Bilski	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
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Co. Cumulative Capital Development Fund 1651

Fairgrounds 9201

(\$130,000)	Niemeyer	Lindemulder	Majority voted yes. Motion to approve carried 7-0.
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Cumulative Bridge Fund 4350

Cumulative Bridge 7006  
(\$2,000,000)

Niemeyer Lindemulder

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

Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295

Prosecutor IV-D 9003  
(\$299,927)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

Child Support IV-D/FSSA 8297

IV-D Court 4007  
(\$6,000)

Hamm Bilski

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

Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361

Combined Elect & Registration 5001  
(\$89,570)

Lindemulder Hamm

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

Gun Safety Education & Gun Safety Locks Fund 9125

Prosecutor 9001  
(\$8,500)

Lindemulder Bilski

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

Sup. Ct IV Prob. Sol/Drug Court 9426

L C Superior Court IV 4001  
(\$14,484.68)

Hamm Bilski

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

Transfers

Recorder 1004

County General Fund 1001  
(\$5,000)

Made Motion Seconded  
Lindemulder Brown

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

Lake Sup Crt-County Division-Rm 2 4003

County General Fund 1001  
(\$2,000)

Hamm Bilski

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

In the Matter of Recorder 1004 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001

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

62410 Other Supplies

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

In the Matter of L.C. Superior Court IV 4001 – Create New Line Items – Sup. Ct IV Problem Solving/Drug Court Fund 9426

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

61290 Supplemental Pay  
62410 Other Supplies  
63190 Other Professional Service  
63235 Travel – Mileage

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

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm. 2 4003 – Create New Line Item – General Fund 1001

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

62290 Other Supplies

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

In the Matter of Combined Election & Registration 5001 – Create New Line Item – Federal 2023 HAVA Election Security Local Grant Fund 8361

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

63310 Printing

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

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

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

- 62410 Other Supplies
- 63190 Other Professional Service
- 63995 Other Services and Charges
- 64490 Other Equipment

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

In the Matter of Prosecutor IV–D 9003 – Create New Line Items – Child Support/PCA Fees Fund 8295

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

- 61290 Supplemental Pay
- 61320 FICA – Deduction
- 61330 PERF – Deduction
- 63231 Travel – Registration
- 63233 Travel – Lodging
- 63630 Maintenance and Service Cont.

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

In the Matter of Economic Development 9307 – Revised 144 – LC Dev. Admin. Budget Fund 8170

Brown made the motion, seconded by Lindemulder, to approve the following:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12305-001 Accountant	\$52,853.00	\$48,000.00	(\$4,853.00)

Majority voted yes. Motion to approve Revised 144 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Lake County Commissioners 6002 – Create New Line Item – Gambling Admission Tax Fund 1196

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

63190 Other Professional Service

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

In the Matter of Prosecutor 9001 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Health and Human Services – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) – Division of Aging (DA) = Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program Grant Award

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

In the Matter of Community Corrections 9101 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Department of Corrections – Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment (CCJR) Grants = 2025 CCJR Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Community Corrections 9101 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Supreme Court – Problem-Solving Courts Program = 2025 Problem-Solving Courts Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Community Corrections 9101 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Supporting Addiction-Free Environments (SAFE) Collaboration – Administered by Geminus = FY2024 SAFE Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Presentation of FY 2024 IDOC-CCJR Grant Agreement for Council Approval

Lindemulder made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to postpone to April 9, 2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to April 9, 2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Department of Corrections – Community Corrections and Justice Reinvestment Grant – Court Risk Reduction Program (CRRP) = FY 2025 CRRP Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of LADOS Division 2 Dept. 4009 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Supporting Addiction-Free Environments (SAFE) Collaboration – Administered by Geminus = FY 2024 SAFE Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Economic Development 9307 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program = FY 2024 CDBG Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Economic Development 9307 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Housing and Urban Development – Housing Investment Partnership Program (HOME) = FY 2024 HOME Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Lake Sup. Ct. County Div. Rm 3 Dept. 4004 Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – Indiana Supreme Court – Veterans Treatment Court Program = 2025 Veterans Treatment Court Renewal Grant Application

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

In the Matter of Sheriff 8001 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Justice – Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Victim of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Formula Grants Program = 2024-2026 VOCA Grant Renewal Application

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

In the Matter of Juvenile Detention Center 8003 – Grant Application & Grant Approval – Grant Oversight Committee – US Department of Agriculture – Indiana State Department of Agriculture = 2023 Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant – Option 1 – Special Equipment Category

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

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – County Council 6001 – Crown Point Library Board of Trustees – Member (1)

Cid open nominations.

Niemeyer made the motion to appoint Amy A. Nowaczyk to the Crown Point Library Board of Trustees.

Cid declared Amy Nowaczyk to the Crown Point Library Board of Trustees.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointments – County Council 6001 – Veterans Memorial Parkway Commission – Members (15)

O'Donnell – This is a two-year appointment on the entire group so it's not staggered. I think the commissions desire is to have all fifteen appointed at once so their terms run together.

Cid opened nominations.

Niemeyer made the motion to appoint Mitch Barloga, Timothy Brown, Donna Catalano, Rogelio Dominguez, Donald Ensign, Roger Fowler, Constance Karras, Kent Kolodziej, Glenn Kracht, Donald Levinson, James Metros, Jessica Niemeyer, Dhiren Shah, Jason Zaideman and Craig Zandstra to a two-year term for the Veterans Memorial Parkway Commission.

Cid declared Mitch Barloga, Timothy Brown, Donna Catalano, Rogelio Dominguez, Donald Ensign, Roger Fowler, Constance Karras, Kent Kolodziej, Glenn Kracht, Donald Levinson, James Metros, Jessica Niemeyer, Dhiren Shah, Jason Zaideman and Craig Zandstra to a two-year term for the Veterans Memorial Parkway Commission.

In the Matter of Resolution Recognizing March as National Women’s History Month

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-10

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
MARCH AS NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Women’s History Month celebrates the often-overlooked contribution of women in history, society and culture; and

WHEREAS, March is selected as the month for observing Women’s History Month to correspond with International Women’s Day on March 8<sup>th</sup>; and




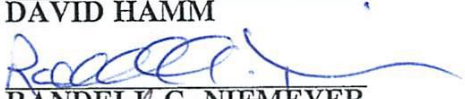
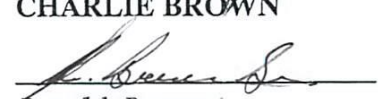
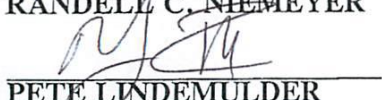

WHEREAS, in the United States, Women’s History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women’s Day in 1911; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the school district of Sonoma, California participated in “Women’s History Day” and in 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women’s History Week; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub.L. 100-9, designating the month of March as Women’s History Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake County Council does hereby recognize March as National Women’s History Month to highlight all of the amazing accomplishments of strong, determined women.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

		
DAVID HAMM	CHRISTINE CID - President	CHARLIE BROWN
		
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		Ronald Brewer
		
PETE LINDEMULDER		TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2024 as World Autism Awareness Day

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11


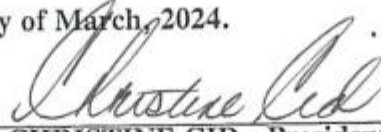


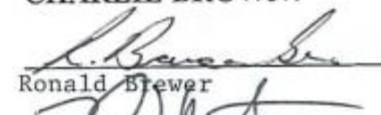


**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH  
AND  
APRIL 2, 2024 AS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

- WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a general term for a group of disorders characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors; and
- WHEREAS, ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention; and
- WHEREAS, presently there is no cure for autism and there is no one cause of autism; and
- WHEREAS, over the last few years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism; most cases appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development; and
- WHEREAS, the clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involve events before and during birth which include advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain; and
- WHEREAS, these factors by themselves do not cause autism, rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase the risk; and
- WHEREAS, World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2024; every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events; and
- WHEREAS, Lake County is committed to take steps to raise awareness of autism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Lake County Council declares April as Autism Awareness Month in Lake County and celebrates World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2024 as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

 DAVID HAMM	 CHRISTINE CID - President	 CHARLIE BROWN
 RANDELL C. NIEMEIER		 Ronald Brewer
 PETE LINDEMULDER		 TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council



In the Matter of Proclamation Honoring Lake County Councilman Clorius L. Lay

Niemeyer made the motion, seconded by Hamm, to postpone to April 9, 2024. Majority voted yes. Motion to postpone to April 9, 2024 carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Auditor to pay an outstanding 2023 Invoice/Debt in the amount of \$3,664.00 from the 2024 Budget

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-12**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY  
AUDITOR TO PAY AN  
OUTSTANDING 2023 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Auditor is currently operating in the 2024 Budget; and

**WHEREAS,** the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2023, has not been paid:

<u>1329-1002-63150</u>	<u>Consultant Fees</u>
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	\$3,664.00; and

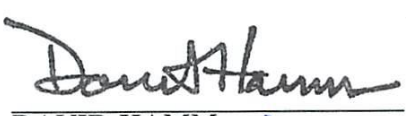


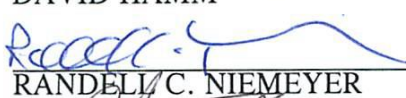
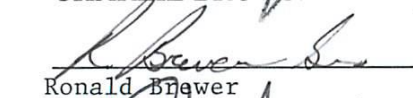
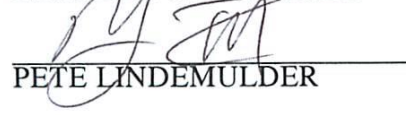

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Auditor desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following 2023 expense shall be paid from the Lake County Auditor's 2024 Budget:

<u>1329-1002-63150</u>	<u>Consultant Fees</u>
Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.	\$3,664.00.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

 _____ DAVID HAMM	 _____ CHRISTINE CID, President	 _____ CHARLIE BROWN
 _____ RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 _____ Ronald Brewer
 _____ PETE LINDEMULDER		 _____ TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Auditor to pay outstanding 2018 Invoices/Debts totaling \$532.74 from the 2024 Budget

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-13**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY  
AUDITOR TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2018 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Auditor is currently operating in the 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2018, have not been paid:

<u>1501-9999-65001</u>	<u>Overpayment</u>
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	\$ 27.27
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	35.93
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	82.50
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	87.72
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	<u>299.32</u>
	\$ 532.74; and

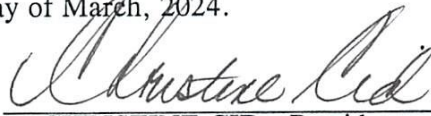
WHEREAS, the Lake County Auditor desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2018 expenses shall be paid from the Lake County Auditor's 2024 Budget:

<u>1501-9999-65001</u>	<u>Overpayment</u>
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	\$ 27.27
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	35.93
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	82.50
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	87.72
Indiana Land Trust Co. U/T 120064 c/o Allan Fefferman	<u>299.32</u>
	\$ 532.74.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

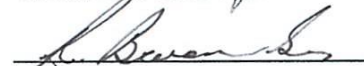
  
CHRISTINE CID - President

  
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PETE LINDEMULDER

  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
Ronald Brewer

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to pay an outstanding 2020 Invoice/Debt in the amount of \$200.00 from the 2024 Budget

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

RESOLUTION NO. 24-14

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING 2020 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2024 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration, is currently operating in the 2024 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2020 has not been paid:

<u>1001-5001-61196</u>	<u>Election Day Worker</u>
Diana Hernandez	\$ 200.00; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Elections and Registration desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2020 expense shall be paid from the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration's 2024 Budget:


<u>1001-5001-61196</u>	<u>Election Day Worker</u>
Diana Hernandez	\$ 200.00.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th day of March, 2024.

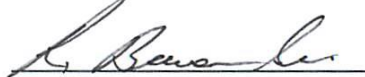
  
CHRISTINE CID, President


  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
Ronald Brewer

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution permitting the Lake County Community Corrections to pay outstanding 2023 Invoice/Debt totaling \$1,034.35 from the 2024 Budget

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-15**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO PAY  
OUTSTANDING 2023 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2024 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Community Corrections is currently operating in the 2024 Budget;  
and

**WHEREAS,** the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2023, have not been paid:

<u>1122-9101-63240</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
A T & T Mobility	\$ 803.00
<u>1122-9101-63630</u>	<u>Maintenance &amp; Service Contracts</u>
Comcast Cable Corporation	\$ 231.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,034.35; and</b>

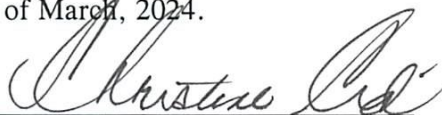
**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Community Corrections desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following 2023 expenses shall be paid from the Lake County Community Corrections 2024 Budget:

<u>1122-9101-63240</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
A T & T Mobility	\$ 803.00
<u>1122-9101-63630</u>	<u>Maintenance &amp; Service Contracts</u>
Comcast Cable Corporation	\$ 231.35
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,034.35</b>

SO RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
CHRISTINE CID - President

  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
Ronald Brewer

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Creating Nine (9) New Positions for the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D Department (Fund 8295-Department 9003), Effective Upon Adoption

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1488N-4

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY  
2024 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1488N,  
CREATING NINE (9) NEW POSITIONS  
IN THE LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S IV-D DEPARTMENT  
(FUND 8295 - DEPARTMENT 9003)

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2023, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1488N to establish a revised Form No. 144 to create nine (9) new positions for the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D Department (Fund 8295 - Department 9003), effective upon adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

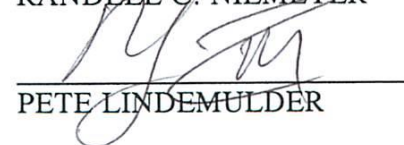
That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit "A", creating nine (9) new positions in the Lake County Prosecutor's IV-D Department (Fund 8295 - Department 9003), is hereby approved, effective upon adoption.

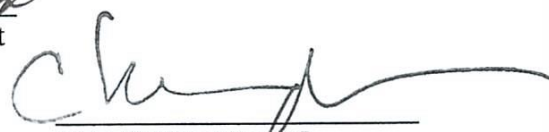
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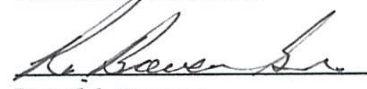
  
CHRISTINE CID, President

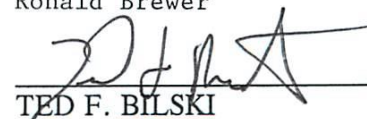
  
DAVID HAMM

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
Ronald Brewer

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council

Form Prescribed by State Board of Accounts

County Form No. 144 (1971)

**STATEMENT OF SALARIES AND WAGES  
PROPOSED TO BE PAID OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES  
CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Prosecutor IV-D, 9003, LAKE County, Indiana  
(Name of Office, Department, Board Agency)

The following statement shows the salaries and wages proposed to be paid to officers and employees of the above named office, department, board or agency during the calendar year 2024  
(Calendar Year)

FULL TIME SALARIED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Title of Position or Employee Classification</u> JOB CODE # AND POSITION #	<u>\$ PRESENT</u>	<u>\$ PROPOSED</u>	<u>\$ DIFFERENCE</u>
39002/106	\$0.00	\$20,013.00	\$20,013.00
39002/107	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
39002/108	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
39002/109	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
39002/110	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
39002/111	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
39002/112	\$0.00	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
39002/113	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
39002/114	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total(s):		\$233,013.00	\$233,013.00

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PART TIME AND HOURLY RATED EMPLOYEES

<u>Title of Position or Employee Classification</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Hour, day, week, month, etc.</u>
_____	_____	Per	_____
_____	_____	Per	_____
_____	_____	Per	_____
_____	_____	Per	_____
_____	_____	Per	_____

\*Show rate of pay per month, week, day, hour, etc.

Submitted by: *Joan Porter* (Signature)  
Administrative Director (Title)

Date 2/20/24

NOTES:

- (1) This statement must be filed IN DUPLICATE with the County Auditor on or before July 1 each year for salaries and wages to be paid in the ensuing year.
- (2) The number and salaries to be paid full time officers and employees must be fixed by the County Council. The rates of pay for part time and hourly employees shall likewise be fixed by the County Council but the number to be employed is limited only by the funds appropriated therefore; thus, the amount to be requested in the budget for part time and hourly employees need not be included in this statement
- (3) The County Auditor shall complete the reserve side of this of this form and return one copy to the officer or head of the department, board or agency within 3 days after action thereon by the County Council.

*EX. A.*

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Parks and Recreation’s Food and Beverage Tax Fund

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1493A**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION’S FOOD AND BEVERAGE TAX FUND**


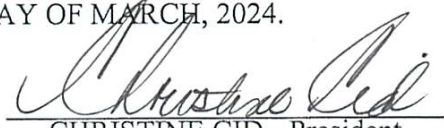


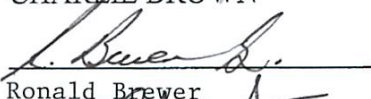


- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as otherwise provided as law; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4, the Lake County Council may by ordinance or resolution transfer money from one fund to another; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 6-9-54.5, et. seq., on December 26, 2023, the Town of Merrillville adopted a Food and Beverage Tax, Ordinance No. 23-32, establishing a one percent (1%) tax applicable to certain food and beverage items within its boundaries; and
- WHEREAS,** Lake County Parks and Recreation’s Deep River Waterpark is located within the Town of Merrillville and furnishes, prepares and serves food and beverages to its patrons; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Parks and Recreation’s Food and Beverage Tax Fund, a non-reverting fund, for the deposit and distribution of the food and beverage tax collected pursuant to I.C. 6-9.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the Lake County Council establishes the Lake County Park and Recreation’s Food and Beverage Tax Fund, a non-reverting fund, established for the deposit and distribution of funds collected pursuant to the Town of Merrillville’s Food and Beverage Tax, established pursuant to I.C. 6-9-54.5, et. seq.
2. That all amounts received from the Food and Beverage Tax shall be paid, collected and disbursed pursuant to the State Gross retail tax under I.C. 6-2.5.
3. In the event additional cities or towns located in Lake County shall enact a food and beverage tax in the future said tax funds may be deposited and disbursed from this Fund.

- 4. That money remaining in the Fund at the end of the year shall remain in the Fund and not revert to the General Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

 _____ DAVID HAMM	 _____ CHRISTINE CID - President	 _____ CHARLIE BROWN
 _____ RANDELL C. NIEMEYER		 _____ Ronald Brewer
 _____ PETE LINDEMULDER		 _____ TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council



In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N, Establishing a Salary Increase for Seven (7) Food Service Inspectors in the Lake County Health Department (Fund 1161 – Department 9306)

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

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1488N-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY  
2024 SALARY ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 1488N,  
ESTABLISHING A SALARY INCREASE FOR SEVEN (7) FOOD SERVICE  
INSPECTORS IN THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
(FUND 1161- DEPARTMENT 9306)

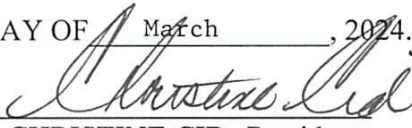
**WHEREAS,** on October 17, 2023, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County 2024 Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1488N; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council now desires to amend Ordinance No. 1488N to establish a revised Form No. 144 to create a salary increase for seven (7) Food Service Inspectors for the Lake County Health Department (Fund 1161 - Department 9306), effective upon adoption.


NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the attached Form No. 144, Exhibit "A", establishing a salary increase for seven (7) Food Service Inspectors in the Lake County Health Department (Fund 1161 - Department 9306), is hereby approved, effective upon adoption.

SO ORDAINED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2024.

  
CHRISTINE CID, President

  
DAVID HAMM

  
CHARLIE BROWN

  
RANDELL C. NIEMEYER

  
Ronald Brewer

  
PETE LINDEMULDER

  
TED F. BILSKI

Members of the Lake County Council



In the Matter of Ordinance Appropriating Bond Proceeds Received from the Indiana Finance Authority's State Revolving Fund

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 1493B**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING BOND PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY'S STATE REVOLVING FUND**

WHEREAS, the County Council of Lake County, Indiana ("County") has determined to issue economic development income tax revenue bonds to provide for the costs of (i) partially funding the acquisition, construction, and equipping of certain public sewage works utilities and infrastructure improvements located within Calumet Township of the County for the purpose of providing septic tank elimination for certain residents within Calumet Township (the "Calumet Township Septic Tank Elimination Project"); and (ii) certain incidental expenses in connection therewith, and on account of the issuance of Indiana Economic Development Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 ("Bonds") by the County; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing on the appropriation of the proceeds of the Bonds in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,500,000) to be issued for the purpose of procuring funds to be applied on the costs of the Calumet Township Septic Tank Elimination Project and the incidental expenses to be incurred in connection therewith and with the issuance and sale of the Bonds was properly published which proof of publication was presented to the County Council and placed in the County's records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, INDIANA, THAT:

Section 1. An appropriation in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,500,000) is hereby made to be applied on the cost of the Calumet Township Septic Tank Elimination Project and the incidental expenses incurred in connection therewith and on account of the issuance of the Bonds therefor, and that the funds to meet said appropriation be provided out of the proceeds of the Bonds in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,500,000) heretofore authorized; that said appropriation be in addition to all other appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy for the current year.

Section 2. For purposes of the bond proceeds and the appropriation of such bond proceeds authorized herein, the County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to create a new line item (64500-Construction & Reconstruction) within Fund 4359-SRF Bond Fund.

Section 3. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to report and certify the additional appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance.

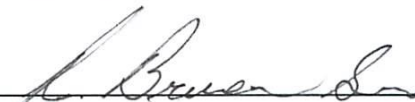
Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and execution by the County Council and ratification by the Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Council of the County of Lake County, Indiana,  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

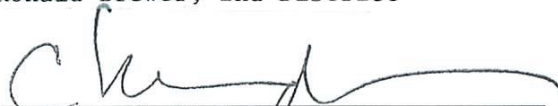
COUNTY COUNCIL,  
LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA



David Hamm, 1<sup>st</sup> District



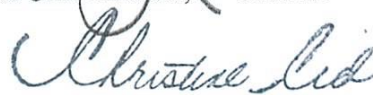
Ronald Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> District



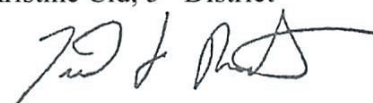
Charlie Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup> District



Pete Lindemulder, 4<sup>th</sup> District



Christine Cid, 5<sup>th</sup> District



Ted F. Bilski, 6<sup>th</sup> District



Randy Niemeyer, 7<sup>th</sup> District

ATTEST:



Auditor

I, the County Auditor of Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to Indiana Code 36-2-4-8, hereby certify that I have delivered the foregoing Ordinance to the Board of Commissioners at 3:00 a.m./p.m. on March, 2024.



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County Auditor

The foregoing Ordinance is hereby ratified and approved by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lake, Indiana.

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Kyle W. Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> District

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Jerry Tippy, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Michael C. Repay, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance 2570 – Hallmark Construction Company, Inc., Owner Venture One Acquisitions, LLC, Petitioner, 01/31/24, A-1, B-2, HS-1 and HS-2 to B-3, Favorable Recommendation, Vote (5-0)

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

**ORDINANCE #2570  
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 January 31, 2024).

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

**ZONE CHANGE** from A-1 (Agricultural Zone), B-2 (Rural Business Zone), HS-1 (Highway Service 1 District) and HS-2 (Highway Service 2 District) to B-3 (General Business Zone) owned by Hallmark Construction Company, Inc. and petitioned by Venture One Acquisitions, LLC to allow a proposed distribution center on the following described property:

General Location: Located on the south side of State Road 2 (E. 181<sup>st</sup> Avenue) east of Mississippi Street and west of Interstate 65 in Eagle Creek Township.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL 1:

THE EAST 35 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART DEEDED TO THE STATE OF INDIANA BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED APRIL 11, 2011 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2011 020265, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 2619.22 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO A NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 53.94 FEET ALONG AN EAST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST 12.23 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 17.59 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3012" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 79 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 142.21 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3011" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 60.00 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3010" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 80 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 152.07 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3009" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 209.85 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 23 SECONDS WEST 14.35 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 110.23 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 467.23 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.283 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1E OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

THE NORTH 40 FEET OF A PART OF THE NORTH HALF, SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 26 AND 2386.61 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 26 A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 354.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 353.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THAT RIGHT OF WAY GRANT FROM NEIL MORROW AND JOHANNA MORROW AND CONTINENTAL ASSURANCE CO.

OF CHICAGO TO THE STATE OF INDIANA RECORDED APRIL 10, 1964 AS DOCUMENT NO. 556600 IN BOOK 1229 PAGE 115 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

PARCEL 2:

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA EXCEPT THAT PART DEEDED TO JEROME DINWIDDIE RECORDED DECEMBER 3, 1877 IN DEED RECORD 26 PAGE 250, AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART DEEDED TO THE STATE OF INDIANA BY WARRANTY DEED

RECORDED APRIL 11, 2011 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2011 020265 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 12.16 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND THE NORTH LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE CENTERLINE OF MISSISSIPPI STREET; THENCE SOUTH 8 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 63.61 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE TO THE WESTERLY PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 381.34 FEET ALONG SAID PROLONGATION AND SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 03 SECONDS EAST 150.10 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3000" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 88 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 03 SECONDS EAST 150.15 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 149.93 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3003" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 84 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 100.54 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3002" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3001" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 101.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.050 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1 OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 1309.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION AND THE NORTH LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO A NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 45 SECONDS EAST 63.19 FEET ALONG AN EAST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 45 SECONDS EAST 18.66 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 19 SECONDS WEST 8.12 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3005" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 84 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 51 SECONDS WEST 150.65 FEET TO SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY DESIGNATED AS POINT "3004" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 157.81 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.036 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1A OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THAT RIGHT OF WAY GRANT FROM NEIL MORROW AND JOHANNA MORROW AND CONTINENTAL ASSURANCE CO. OF CHICAGO TO THE STATE OF INDIANA RECORDED APRIL 10, 1964 AS DOCUMENT NO. 556600 IN BOOK 1229 PAGE 115 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

PARCEL 3:

THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN EXCEPT THE EAST 35 RODS OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART DEEDED TO THE STATE OF INDIANA BY WARRANTY DEED RECORDED APRIL 11, 2011 AS DOCUMENT NO. 2011 020265 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 1309.61 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO A NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 45 SECONDS EAST 63.19 FEET ALONG A WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 42.37 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 199.94 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3006" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 01 MINUTE 19 SECONDS WEST 242.87 FEET TO SAID WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 01 MINUTE 45 SECONDS WEST 18.66 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.055 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1B OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AND BEING THAT PART OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LINES DEPICTED ON THE ATTACHED RIGHT OF WAY PARCEL PLAT, MARKED EXHIBIT "B", DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 2041.72 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO A NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 55.93 FEET ALONG AN EAST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 AND POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 23

SECONDS EAST 14.35 FEET ALONG SAID EAST LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST 90.19 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3008" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 200.25 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3007" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 83 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 201.24 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 DESIGNATED AS POINT "3006" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST 489.86 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTH BOUNDARY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.174 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1C OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THAT RIGHT OF WAY GRANT FROM NEIL MORROW AND JOHANNA MORROW AND CONTINENTAL ASSURANCE CO. OF CHICAGO TO THE STATE OF INDIANA RECORDED APRIL 10, 1964 AS DOCUMENT NO. 556600 IN BOOK 1229 PAGE 115 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.

PARCEL 4:

THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART LYING WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF MISSISSIPPI STREET.

PARCEL 5:

PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, EXCEPT THAT PART DEEDED TO PHILLIP N. MORROW AND CHARLOTTE M. MORROW, HUSBAND AND WIFE IN A TRUSTEE'S DEED RECORDED AUGUST 16, 1978 AS DOCUMENT NO. 484221 AND EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PART LYING WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF MISSISSIPPI STREET.

PARCEL 6:

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN LYING WESTERLY OF I-65, IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING:

THE NORTH 40 FEET OF A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 26 AND 2386.61 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 26 A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 354.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 300 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 353.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE NORTH 40 FEET OF A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION DESIGNATED AS POINT "203" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 2619.22 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER SECTION AND A NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 23 SECONDS EAST 53.94 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER SECTION AND A WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF S.R. 2 AND A POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION: (1) THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 132.77 FEET ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID S.R. 2; (2) THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 38 SECONDS EAST 200.33 FEET ALONG SAID BOUNDARY; (3) THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 350.00 FEET ALONG SAID BOUNDARY TO THE SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE INTERSECTION OF S.R. 2 AND I-65; (4) THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 38.60 FEET ALONG SAID SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3015" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; (5) THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 46 SECONDS WEST 482.00 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3014" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; (6) THENCE NORTH 81 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST 101.12 FEET TO THE POINT DESIGNATED "3013" ON SAID PARCEL PLAT; (7) THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 132.41 FEET TO SAID WEST LINE OF THE GRANTOR'S LAND; (8) THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 12 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 12.23 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.263 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. (SHOWN HEREON AS PARCEL 1F OF DOC. 2011-020265).

ALSO EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE AREA DESCRIBED IN THAT RIGHT OF WAY GRANT FROM NEIL MORROW AND JOHANNA MORROW AND CONTINENTAL ASSURANCE CO. OF CHICAGO TO THE STATE OF INDIANA RECORDED APRIL 10, 1964 AS DOCUMENT NO. 556600 IN BOOK 1229 PAGE 115 IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA.



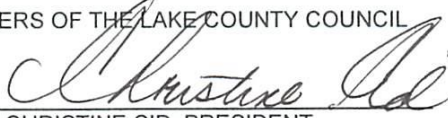
This Zone Change is to include the following conditions:

1. That the petitioner agrees to pay for any Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) required improvements on and along State Road #2 and to the intersection at Mississippi Street, including signalization and any other requirements;
2. Also, that the petitioner agrees to pay for any required improvements at any entrance approved by INDOT on and along State Road #2.

IS HEREBY   X                         BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL  
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED


OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS   12th   DAY OF   March  , 2024.


MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

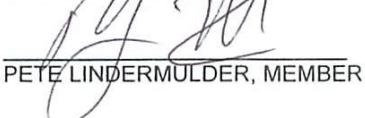
  
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In the Matter of Planning Commission Ordinance 2571 – An Ordinance to Amend the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance No. 2560, Favorable Recommendation, Vote (6-0)

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE # 2571  
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND** the Unincorporated Lake County Unified Development Ordinance, County of Lake, State of Indiana, adopted June 13, 2023 specifically to add **Title 154**, Unified Development Ordinance 2560; **Article 16**, Additional Regulations of General Applicability; **Chapter 080**, Regulations for Solid Fill, and to add **Title 154**, Unified Development Ordinance 2560; **Article 16**, Additional Regulations of General Applicability; **Chapter 090**, Regulations for Soil and Sand Excavation.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the County Council of the County of Lake, State of Indiana that the Unincorporated Lake County Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

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**INSERT:**

**154-16-080 Regulations for Solid Fill**

**A. Special Exception Required**

No person shall transfer, dump, or place upon lands, public or private, solid fill within unincorporated Lake County, Indiana without first obtaining a special exception under this section. Solid fill shall include soil, gravel, sand, clay, or stone. Solid fill shall not include construction and demolition debris, concrete, asphalt, brick, block, tile, slag, ash, or fly ash. Solid fill shall be clean, inert material free from vegetative or other organic matter, yard waste, trees, branches, stumps, brush, garbage, and material subject to organic decomposition. Solid fill containing items such as hollow containers, appliances, and equipment subject to subsequent collapse or settlement is prohibited. Deposit of any solid fill of a non-native nature is prohibited. Also, solid fill does not include materials contaminated with hazardous, solid or infectious wastes.

**B. Exemptions**

No special exception is required for the following:

1. The transfer, excavation, dumping, or placement on any property outside of a subdivision (including contiguous property under the same ownership and within one 365-day period, of less than 10 cumulative cubic yards of solid fill;
2. The deposit of less than 50 cumulative cubic yards of topsoil (the upper layer of soil, usually darker and richer than the subsoil) outside of a subdivision for establishing lawns or planting beds, within one 365-day period;
3. Excavation associated with the establishment of a foundation for any structure subject to an approved building permit;

4. Filling pursuant to the requirements of an approved building or demolition permit;
  5. Customary top dressing or fertilizing of lawns and gardens;
  6. The deposit or application of solid fill on the site of a public project authorized by the appropriate public agency of Lake County. Public project, as used in this section, means any road, park, public building, or other public work. Compliance with the conditions of 154-16-080.F is mandatory with respect to any authorized public project.
  7. The deposit or application of solid fill allowed or required under the Lake County Stormwater Management and Clean Water Regulations Ordinances. Compliance with the conditions of 154-16-080.F is mandatory with respect to any authorized public project.
- C. Application.
- Application for a special exception to transfer, place, or dump solid fill within unincorporated Lake County shall be made by the owner of the lands to be filled or his or her authorized agent in writing and submitted to the plan commission on forms made available office of the plan commission. The completed application shall be filed with the plan commission by the tenth day of the month preceding the month that the plan commission considers the application at their regularly scheduled meeting. A separate special exception shall be obtained for each act of filing. The applicant shall set forth in the application the following information and attachments, as well as any other information required by the special exception application form:
1. Location of solid fill operation;
  2. Proposed route for hauling solid fill;
  3. Number, type, size and license number of trucks to be used;
  4. Proposed trucking schedule, number of days, and time of day;
  5. Equipment (other than trucks) involved in the solid fill operation;
  6. Quantity of solid fill to be moved, excavated, or deposited;
  7. Description (including maps) of work to be done;
  8. Proof of suitable access, including any licenses or permission necessary;
  9. A description of the purpose of the solid fill operations;
  10. A plan or drawing, signed and sealed by an Indiana Registered Land Surveyor or Indiana Licensed Professional Engineer containing:
    - a. A legal description of the property;
    - b. A drawing of the property containing the exterior boundaries of the property with referenced to a United States Land Survey Corner;
    - c. Indication of any Special Flood Hazard Areas contained on the property;
    - d. Date, scale, and North arrow;

- e. Name and address of the owner, petitioner, and surveyor or engineer preparing the site plan;
- f. A small-scale drawing of the section or government subdivision where the property lies, with the property clearly identified therein;
- g. Location and names of owners of adjoining parcels of land, including owners of land across any rights-of-way, easements, waterways, ditches, tributaries, or the like;
- h. Necessary plan views, profiles, cross-sections, and detailed drawings describing the area to be filled along with existing and proposed topography, contours (at minimum 2-foot intervals), and drainage patterns before and after the completion of the project (2 drawings required);
- i. The location and elevation to which the proposed filling will be made in relation to the elevation of adjoining streets or other public ways, easements, railroad or utility rights-of-way, parks cemeteries, water courses, drainage ditches, swamps, low areas subject to flooding, buildings, bridges, improved or unimproved properties, and any other pertinent data as determined by the plan commission. If there are no adjoining improved streets within any reasonable distance, the County Highway Engineer and Lake County Surveyor shall determine the maximum allowable elevation of the filled area above which no further filling shall be made. In no case shall the proposed filling occur above maximum zoning district building height limit, using the original undisturbed contours as the beginning elevation from which to measure height;
- j. The water elevation of adjoining lakes or streams at the date of the site plan and approximate high and low elevations of such lake or stream. All elevations shall be referred to NAVD 88 Vertical Datum;
- k. If the boundaries of the filled area border a lake or stream, the distances or bearings of a meander-line established not less than 20 feet back from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake or stream;
- l. The location of any existing or proposed buildings or structures on the property or within 50 feet of any property line;
- m. Plans for all retaining walls or fencing, if proposed or necessary;
- n. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is required to be submitted with a Solid fill Permit Application for placing 500 cubic yards or more of solid fill on a site in any residential zoning district classification or 1,000 cubic yards or more of solid fill in any zoning district.
- o. Indication of the gross land area of property to be filled;
- p. Dimensions of the filled area; and
- q. Any other information or items which may be required by the plan commission or plan commission staff deemed necessary for review.

11. Identification of the soil type and source of solid fill to be utilized in any solid fill operation and method of compaction to be employed;
  12. Proof or evidence showing payment of all taxes and assessments to date against the property in question;
  13. Written approval of compliance with the Lake County Stormwater Ordinance (as amended), erosion control, and any other related ordinances or codes as may be required (this shall include appropriate measures to prevent any adverse or negative effect to neighboring properties);
  14. Written comments from the Lake County Highway Department regarding the entrance to the property and proposed haul route along Lake County roadways or any other adverse effect a hauling operation may have on public ways or places;
  15. Any approvals or comments from any federal, state, or local agency that may be required.
- D. Fee  
Commensurate with the approved fee schedule for special exceptions.
- E. Financial Assurance  
The applicant or petitioner shall provide financial assurance necessary to provide security for performance of the work, protection of public property, human health, the environment, and indemnification of unincorporated Lake County for its costs and fees. All persons, firms, or corporations requesting and receiving approval shall give surety to Lake County in the amount of 100% of the project cost to be approved by the Lake County Commissioner's Attorney as to form and by the Lake County Board of Commissioners as to sureties. In addition, to be conditioned that the person, firm, or corporation conducting the solid fill operation shall conform with this Ordinance and any specifications, rules, regulations, commitments or conditions prescribed by the plan commission in their approval. Further, whereupon the board of zoning appeals acts to approve a special exception for a solid fill operation, it is understood and expressly implied that any person, firm, or corporation who conducts such a solid fill operation shall protect, save harmless, and pay Lake County for any and all liability, damages and expenses which Lake County may sustain by reason of granting such special exception.
- F. Conditions  
The approval of any special exception for the placement of solid fill shall be subject to the following conditions:
1. That the filling operation will not create noise, traffic or other problems detrimental to any residential community in the area of filling;
  2. There shall be no filling between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on weekdays or at any time on Saturday, Sunday, or a federal or state holiday;
  3. The plan commission shall set the number of trucks involved based on the location of the solid fill operation and the traffic conditions in the area;

4. Special exceptions for solid fill operations shall be for a period not to exceed 6 consecutive months in a calendar year.
  5. Special exceptions for subsequent periods when total filling operations exceed 6 consecutive months will be subject to conditions and fees governing a new initial application;
  6. Special exceptions for solid fill operations shall be subject to all of the conditions set forth by the county council in their approval;
  7. Applicant or petitioner shall satisfy all of the requirements of the special exception;
  8. Special exceptions shall be subject to the complete, valid and accurate maintenance of all of the required conditions of approval;
  9. Solid fill shall not be left in a rough or unleveled condition for more than 10 consecutive days;
  10. Erosion control shall be installed and maintained at least for 60 days after the completion of the solid fill operation;
  11. The solid fill site shall be seeded and mulched within 30 days after becoming an inactive state.
  12. A solid fill site that does not receive solid fill for 30 days is an inactive site. Any attempt to activate a site that does not receive fill for 30 days or more shall be treated as a new request for the placement of solid fill.
- G. Hazardous Waste Prohibited  
No solid fill may be deposited in unincorporated Lake County, whether pursuant to special exception or exempt from permitting under this section, which solid fill constitutes hazardous waste under state or federal law. The plan commission, or designee, may order immediate removal of any solid fill which constitutes hazardous waste.
- H. Licenses and Drainage Courses  
Solid fill operations shall also be subject to applicable county, state, or federal license or permit requirements. Solid fill operations shall not block or divert a natural drainage course without proper permits.
- I. Permit  
The plan commission is authorized to issue a Solid Fill Permit to each applicant after said applicant receives site development plan approval by the commission or their designated planning staff when satisfied that the applicant meets the conditions of this section and has received approval from the board of zoning appeals (BZA). The Permit shall be in the form of a written letter signed by the director of the plan commission briefly outlining the final approval of the board of zoning appeals and any requirements set through the site development process.
- J. Appeal  
Any person who is unduly aggrieved by a decision of the board of zoning appeals regarding a special exception granted under this section may file a timely appeal under I.C. 36-7-4-

1016(a) for judicial review of a zoning decision with the circuit or superior court of Lake County, Indiana.

K. Penalty

Any person who violates this section or who fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the special exception shall be subject to fines and penalties. Any person or corporation, whether as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, who violates any provision of this UDO shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with Article 20.

L. Responsibility for Violation

Property owners shall be responsible for violations of this section on their property. In addition, any person performing any work or labor shall be responsible for any violation of this section by such person or by any agent or employee. A subcontractor, and the agents or employees of a subcontractor, for the purposes of this section, shall be considered agents or employees of a property owner. Also, any and all contractors shall be licensed to conduct excavating or filling commensurate with the Unincorporated Lake County Licensing Ordinance.

M. Prohibition on Obstruction of Drainage

In no event shall the deposit or transfer of solid fill, whether subject to a special exception under this section, obstruct the natural flow of drainage from one property to another, nor shall the deposit or transfer of solid fill negatively affect any neighboring property by changing drainage patterns to increase or channel the flow onto another property.

N. Within 30 days after the termination of the excavation, final elevations certified by an Indiana Registered Land Surveyor shall be presented to the plan commission. Stated final elevations to the nearest one-tenth of a foot shall be in conjunction with elevations that were designated on the site plan approved by the plan commission.

O. The solid fill regulations of this section do not apply to mining or quarrying operations defined in 154-7-060.F.

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**154-16-90 Regulations for Soil & Sand Excavation**

**Special Exception Required**

The following regulations apply to sand and soil excavation. No excavation may occur under this section prior to the approval of a Special Exception. In addition to other requirements for a Special Exception the following items under Paragraph C, "Necessary Conditions" shall be included in the application for Special Exception.

P. Definitions

For the purpose of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. Sand  
Individual rock or mineral fragments in soils having diameters ranging from 0.05 to 2.00 millimeters. Most sand grains consist of quartz, but they may be any mineral composition. The textural class name of any soil that contains 85% or more sand and not more than 10% clay.
  2. Soil  
A natural, three-dimensional body on the earth's surface that has properties resulting from the integrated effect of climate and living matter acting on earthly parent material, as conditioned by relief over period of time.
  3. Excavation  
A removal by digging (e.g. sand, soil, etc.).
- Q. Purpose and Intent  
The intent of these supplemental use regulations is to regulate "soil" or "sand" "excavation" within the unincorporated areas of Lake County. The removal of sand or soil from a parcel of real estate may have an adverse effect on neighboring property owners, land use, and physical characteristics such as: roadways, topography, flood control, soil conservation, and residential, commercial or industrial development. If proper safeguards are not established, the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the public may be unfavorably affected. Sand or soil excavation is not to be confused with residential, commercial, or industrial site excavation where a valid building permit for all proposed construction has been obtained. Also, soil or sand excavation is not to be confused with grading, landscaping, septic system installation, or any secondary functions related to a valid building permit. In addition, this paragraph is not intended to halt site excavation for required work with regard to approved subdivisions nor is it intended to halt excavation on "farms" where ponds are created for farm related purposes (e.g. irrigation) and the excavated soil or sand is not removed from the property. It is, however, intended to regulate or stop the removal of any such soil or sand which shall be unduly detrimental to the adjoining or surrounding properties or shall be unduly detrimental to the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the public. The special exception procedure for soil or sand excavation is meant to apply to all excavations except those specifically excluded in this paragraph.
- R. Necessary Conditions  
All persons, firms, or corporations requesting and receiving approval shall make reasonable provisions to prevent sand, dirt, or loose soil from blowing or spilling over on the premises of others or upon any public lands. For the purpose of this paragraph, sand or soil excavation may be permitted provided:
1. An "Excavation Plan" is submitted. Such plan is to provide the petitioner and review and decision-making bodies grounds on which to reach agreement and to provide a basis for a public hearing as required by this UDO. The plan is to be completed and certified by a professional engineer duly licensed in the State of Indiana. The plan shall be legibly drawn at a scale of no less than 100 feet to one inch and shall contain the following information:



- a. Legal description and survey, done within the last 5 years, of the property containing the excavation. Also, legal description of the excavation if the special exception will cover an area smaller than the total property concerned.
  - b. Date, scale, and "North" arrow;
  - c. Name and address of the owner, developer, excavator, and engineer or surveyor preparing the plan;
  - d. A small-scale drawing of the section or government subdivision of the section in which the excavation lies, with the location of the excavation indicated thereon;
  - e. Location and names of owners of adjoining parcels of land;
  - f. Necessary plan views, profiles, cross-sections, and detail drawings completely describing the excavation. The location and elevation to which the proposed excavation will be made in relation to existing elevations;
  - g. The location and elevation to which the proposed excavation will be made in relation to the elevation of adjoining streets or other public ways, easements, railroad or utility rights-of-way, parks, cemeteries, water courses, drainage ditches, swamps, low areas subject to flooding, permanent buildings, bridges, improved or unimproved properties and other pertinent data as determined by the plan commission staff. If there are no adjoining improved streets within any reasonable distance, the County Highway Engineer shall determine the elevation of depth below which no excavation shall be made.
  - h. The length and bearing of the exterior boundaries of the excavation with reference to a United States Land Survey corner;
  - i. The water elevations of adjoining lakes or streams at the date of the survey and the approximate high and low elevations of such lakes or streams. All elevations shall be referred to U.S.G.S. datum;
  - j. If the boundaries of the excavation border a lake or stream, the distances and bearings of a meander-line established not less than 20 feet back from the ordinary high-water mark of the lake or stream;
  - k. Indication of the gross land area of the excavation;
  - l. Dimensions of the excavation;
  - m. Soil information indicated, according to the published soil survey;
  - n. Any other requirements which may be imposed at the time of special exceptional approval.
2. The following items shall be supplied and attested to by a soil scientist registered in the State of Indiana:
    - a. Description of soil type to the finished depth of the excavation. Pertinent soil (sand) information, ground water level, hydraulic design data, and other geological data as required by the plan commission staff;

- b. Statement of topography;
  - c. Seasonal elevation of the water table;
  - d. In addition, the plan commission staff may require a water management plan to include both disposition of surface drainage and, where needed, provisions for subsurface drainage to drain high water table soils.
3. An erosion and sediment control plan to include both temporary and permanent erosion control measures to stabilize disturbed soils and prevent off-site pollution of waters and damage to land.
4. Comments, conditions, commitments or requirements from the following specified departments based on submission of the "Excavation Plan", "Erosion and Sediment Control Plan" and soil (sand) information supplied and attested to by a soil scientist registered in the State of Indiana to each in the following manner:
  - a. Two copies each to the Lake County Health Department, Lake County Highway Department, and the Lake County Surveyor's Office;
  - b. Two copies to the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation Service;
  - c. Two copies each to any public utility which services the general area of the proposed excavation;
  - d. Two copies to the Indiana State Highway Department if it is determined by the Planning Staff that the removal of sand or soil by a commercial vehicle using a state road will affect that roadway in an adverse manner;
  - e. Two copies to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management; and
  - f. Two copies to the Lake County plan commission staff. It shall be the responsibility of the petitioner to circulate the above stated copies and obtain and forward all comments to the plan commission staff by the deadline for the applicable meeting.
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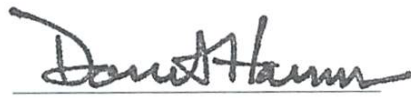
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COUNTY COUNCIL OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS   12<sup>th</sup>   DAY OF

  March  , 2024.



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Mr. Dave Hamm, Vice President



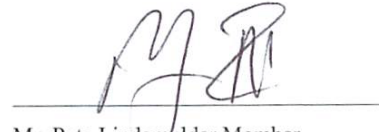
Mr. Ted Bilski, Member



Mr. Ronald Brewer, Member



Mr. Charlie Brown, Member



Mr. Pete Lindemulder Member



Mr. Randy Niemeyer, Member

In the Matter of Discussion: Lake County Health Board Expansion

O'Donnell – We wanted to make the public aware of the fact that we have an appointment to the board and to see if the council knew people that would be interested. The requirements say that the person has to have knowledge of health issues or just be a member of the general public.

Niemeyer – Has this been advertised on the website since it is a general public available appointment?

Cid – We do list our appointments on our council website but I don't think this one was. I will ask Victoria to do that.

In the Matter of Discussion: Resolutions to Pay Previous Year Invoices/Debts from Current Year Budget

We can remain to do it for transparency but unless someone has a different opinion, we can just leave things as is.

In the Matter of Discussion: Discussion on Corrected W-2 Issuance

Bilski: It's my understanding, we knew about this problem a month ago.

Mark Pearman – We didn't know. We knew we had a problem but we didn't know we had what problem. HTC, as you all know is our vendor, misconfigured the system. We had a problem with the first two check runs and we corrected that. They corrected that. While they corrected that, they created another problem that was a hidden problem that nobody saw. We hired them on the side to help us with W-2's in the oracle system. They said ok the W-2's are fine, let's go ahead and process these. We processed these and we sent them out. Sometime later within a week or so we started getting calls and we didn't know what was going on so we brought HTC back in since they were the responsible party. We worked with them for a number of days and they couldn't figure out what was going on. In fact, the guy that was working on it actually admitted, "I'm not a tax guy". So, they had a guy working on it that knew nothing about taxes. So, I cut the line, I brought in Baker Tilly and they figured out in one day what the process was and what happened and they fixed it. We sent out corrected W-2s to all the individuals affected. There was a letter put out by the bookkeepers explaining what the situation was.

Bilski – That didn't happen, I never got notification on it until the day before our study session last week.

Pearman – What I'm trying to explain here is we sent out the corrected W-2s to the individuals and we and the Auditors Office put together a letter that was emailed to the every bookkeeper and said, would you please distribute this to the people within your office that have problems with their W-2's. Now I can't speak to the fact if they got that out but we gave it to them to put out.

Bilski – The first time it came around with the problem was two weeks prior to that and I was told that there was no issue with mine. I was holding off because I was waiting to find out who's responsible to put notification out to the rank and file people working here. We have an obligation to let them know there's an issue prior to folks filing. Now there could be some hardship created because people are going to have to pay for corrections. So how do we correct that problem? And did you guys notify the commissioners because you're not under us so I appreciate you coming here but where did the communication breakdown come two, three weeks ago? I held off on filing, was told there is no issue, filed, and after I've filed and my taxes are being processed, I get notified. I'm fortunate enough to be able to pay for the revision but there are folks out there that are going to have issues with this. Who's going to be responsible for taking care of that?

Brown – How are the persons that have issues identified?

Pearman – We have them identified. We sent their corrected w-2's to them specifically.

Hamm – How many are there?

Pearman – 919. The group term life is what caused the problem. It basically planted a bomb inside the system that popped up with w-2's. As soon as we found it, which took time, we knew there was a problem. Maybe we could have been more upfront a few days sooner, but once we identified the problem, we had to identify the people and what we were going to do with it.

Bilski – It should have been the auditor. What should have happened, as soon as there was a problem, the auditors department should have been notified and said look, we can't get the w-2s out for anyone because there's an issue. Immediately we should have put a brick on it until the problem was corrected. I understand there are mistakes with software and computers but the breakdown came an nobody knew about it until it was too late.

Niemeyer – I think one of the concerns here is of those nine hundred, people have to pay for these corrections. It was a problem created by poor administration of the system for lack of a better term. It seems HTC outfit has cost us millions of dollars. I'm not sure what or any kind of remedy might be available on the legal side to this but I think we need to look at our agreements with them and I will never vote for another appropriated penny to that company. It's one of the worst vendors, I think, that we've ever hired here at Lake County and I have been here that long but the fact that we're putting a burden on our employees who are already not overpaid and then this continues to be rolled back to HTC. There's either a massive problem with HTC with incompetency or a problem internally here that is being covered up by blaming HTC so I'm hopeful that through taking responsibility for this Mark that we can find a remedy for those employees who have been wrongfully damaged by this.

Pearman – I agree we've done W-2s here for 23 years and this is the first issue. I understand we bring up HTC a lot. They were lacking no doubt about that. I had a conversation with them two weeks ago with the heads of HTC and cut them off and told him we were done and that we're no longer dealing with them. The only thing we do deal with them is they hold the licenses for this system until the end of their contract which is the Oracle license which they funnel the licensing fees directly to Oracle, so we have to still send them those. They send us the invoices and we pay them, but at the end of 2025 we no longer do that. Baker Tilly will pick up the licenses so they (HTC) are totally out of the picture.

Niemeyer – We appropriated more money to them last year and we're just basically shoving money into a burning fire.

Brown – How will these 919 people be made aware that they will not have to eat that cost it going to take to correct it?

Bilski – That discussion hasn't happened. The remedy for this hasn't been discussed and I think Scott, you've probably been fielding a lot of these phone calls because they assume it's our problem even though we have nothing to do with payroll. I think a lot of the questions come to you or Victoria about these issues because we are the fiscal body so we look responsible and get kind of chewed out about this.

Hamm – We need to do something. Even if we have to establish a fund. These people are out money. I think we need to come up monies to cover that cost and give them x amount of dollars.

Cid – The auditor needs to make some kind of recommendation as to how she's going to remedy this situation.

Niemeyer – I'm in business and I provide service to people. When I screw up in that service, causing damages to my customers, I have to pay for that. At some point there's got to be some responsibility the vendor to the people that they've damaged and that's our employees. I agree that a fund needs to be established and a conversation, maybe between our attorneys and HTC that within their contract to look at what they owe our people because it's not the burden of our employees to fix their mistake.

Brown – But how do the nine hundred employees become aware that they don't have to eat that amount?

Niemeyer – I think that's what I'm trying to get at Charlie. There's going to be an administrative cost if you go to your accountant to file your taxes. Even if you have a very simple return it's probably going to be somewhere around 100 bucks or more to file an amended return so what I'm saying is that I don't know what's within the framework of the contract with HTC that allows for compensatory claims of damages when they have an error that causes actual financial damage to employees.

Pearman – Just as a side note, nobody out of this 919 owes any money. They're going to get more in return but the return isn't going to pay for the cost of getting a re-file.

Niemeyer – To at least to start this discussion, I would I would ask that the attorneys review the contract to see what might be available in there from a compensatory standpoint as a way to get this ball rolling so we're not just bantering in a meeting and then we kind of move on from there if there is something there available that can help our county employees. It would be good to pursue that.

Lindemulder – Are there any updates Scott of how we're doing with the discrepancy of the three hundred million dollars that we're slowly shrinking with Baker Tilly?

Scott – Its just a moving target. They've got it down to about two million dollars. Baker Tilly is trying to arrange a meeting with the state board of accounts to walk through the reconciliation and see if they're comfortable with the status and if they can move forward with what they have. If not, then they're going to have to take that two million dollars down to zero.

Lindemulder – Basically put a journal entry in and start moving forward from there?

Scott – For full transparency, the system shows approximately six hundred million worth of cash balances, the treasurers office had three hundred million, so they are taking large chunks of suspected errors and categorizing them to reduce that variance. This type of work is not fun to perform, I've done it before and sometimes you think you have the answers solved and then you realize you didn't and it gets worse. So, I think until its fully completed, I think that's the only way I can really speculate, or confidently state, you're done and give a timeline. So originally, they were pushing for March 1<sup>st</sup>, we're past that now, and they're looking to meet with the state board of accounts and get them comfortable with a two-million-dollar variance.

Bilski – Is there light at the end of the tunnel?

Scott – The problem isn't isolated to the variance. The short story is you have deficiency in skill sets in the auditor and treasurers office. That's your root cause and that's why you ended up in the situation you have. No one who has a skill set would've allowed the system to go live July 1<sup>st</sup>. It wasn't ready. That's why you hear people say, "We didn't have the reports" or "We didn't have the training". Well, when you change a system, you change how people have to accomplish their job. There's also a large testing window called User Acceptance Testing. That either occurred or didn't occur. Either way, it clearly wasn't sufficient. Just to give you an example, in order for Baker Tilly to attempt to resolve this variance, they had to create reports to help themselves to get the information and data they needed. So, they had to build out processes on their own. We're a long way from home. This is a multi-year issue, this isn't going to be fixed overnight.

Niemeyer – If I'm not mistaken, the changeover from Lawson to Oracle included inaccurate balances in Lawson, so we essentially changed over to a system with some garbage information. So, the garbage in, garbage out still applies here. Again, at the end of the day I think we need a full-scale review of that contract. We need to determine, at least starting from the W-2 standpoint, some immediate damages, and maybe look deeper to this thing, because it seems like we are going to be on the hook for millions of dollars and that to me is not right. we're being put in this kind of position via incompetent training and vendors and transfer of information so we have to continue to pursue it.

Scott – People hang their hat that the past was audited. State board identifies issues, but they don't have any means to force us to be compliant. In my 4 1/2 years here, we've had a habit of waiting until someone tells us something is wrong. We're not very proactive in our approach. In the private sector, you were constantly proactive in reviewing your financial controls and mitigating those and then you would bring those to your auditor and say we found our own deficiencies and you build that rapport and that relationship. We're anything but that.

Brown – Where is the starting point to getting a handle on this?

Scott – To help answer that question, one of the steps forward is the auditor's office is hiring a comptroller with specific skills like a CPA, MBA, with x amount of years' experience. That's the start. Hopefully that doesn't become a political hire and then they can also hire a couple other skilled individuals. That way you have the knowledge and skills within the auditor's office that can help finish the job. That's why I say its going to take years. If everybody was so highly skilled, we wouldn't be talking about this. Unfortunately, we have to start with one person and then build the team. We have Baker Tilly behind the scenes propping us up as much as they can with the resources that they have. At the end of the day, it is a dumpster fire.

Niemeyer – We have all these various selected officials and department heads in the county government center, they all kind of do their own thing so we've got to start getting everything kind of into a system where you can have checks and balances and controls and you don't have all these different people doing all these different things. There's got to be something that creates a singular direction. I'm not a big fan of consolidation of things, but at some point, there has to be a meeting of the minds and we've got to get to that point of one direction, one system, one way to input information, one way to access it and it'll help this whole system from an accountability standpoint.

Brown – The issue is people are hired because of who they know, as opposed to what they know.

Niemeyer – I think Scott's on the right track though with this comptrollers' position as a template, you have a specific skill set and credentials attached to that person.

Brown – Other than saying, we're going to look at the contract how do we get back to trying to resolve this whole thing?

Cid – I'm going to meet with the president of the commissioners and the attorneys to look at the contract and we'll put it in the agenda.

O'Donnell – Priority one is the Council has to realize what problems we own. The auditor is the chief financial officer of the county by statute. I'd like to see everybody solve everything, but there's lines of demarcation here where people can have authority and people don't. This W-2 problem is not a Lake County Council problem. We do have the ability to investigate things but when we start investigating, suddenly we own the problem.

Niemeyer – In defense of investigating, the auditor doesn't have public meetings where are these things are talked about. So, this is the only venue where we can really jump into this and try to right things that are wrong. Either the commissioners or the council has to do some work at digging into it so we can point people in the right direction.

Szarmach – Just to let you know, you have right to subpoena. If the purpose of your investigation is for knowledge to adopt legislation that's going to help the county, that would be your purpose. I agree with Tom that this isn't your problem and you don't want to own it; however, you have the authority to make some changes in the county.

Public Comments:

My name is Connie Wachala. I am a member of Highland Neighbors for Sustainability, a group of volunteers with a community approach to a sustainable and resilient future. We are working with a group called Green EC to host an Earth Day event in EC's Washington Park on April 20, 11am-1pm. We invite you to come out that day. Other communities in the county also have sustainability groups and some of those are hosting Earth Day events too:  
Munster Sustainable and Green, April 20 at Heritage Park  
Citizens for a Sustainable Hobart—a clean up day  
Brown Faces, Green Spaces in Gary—April 13--beach clean-up in Marquette Park and event at Douglas Learning Center  
Whiting-Robertsdale Environmental Neighbors (WREN)--downtown clean-up  
We're working on starting a group in the Tri-town communities.

To give you an idea of some of our outreach:

On Feb. 1, a group of 7 attended the IDEM meeting at the Gary Public Library and gave public input on the agency's Pollution Reduction Action Plan.

On Feb. 1, 6 of us attended a NIRPC committee meeting to hear about the agency's Sensible Tools Handbook, which gives best practices on such topics as sustainability and resilience in Northwest Indiana.

On Feb. 2, 4 of us met with Congressman Mrvan's staffer Elizabeth Johnson to discuss environmental concerns. This was the day after the BP refinery shut down and caused flaring and heavy smoke drifting for miles.

On Feb. 9, 5 of us attended the Indiana Sustainability and Resilience Conference in Indianapolis. One interesting item discussed was the creation of the Indiana Energy Independence Fund, a "green bank." It, along with the Indiana Resilience Funding Hub, helps Indiana communities apply and get federal money to work toward a cleaner environment.

On Feb. 13, 6 of us attended Renewable Energy Day in Indianapolis and met with our legislative representatives. I met with Sen. Dernulc and Rep. Andrade to discuss renewable energy legislation.

On Feb. 22, many of us attended the IDEM permit renewal hearing for the refinery at Calumet College.

On March 11, 4 of us met with Cleveland Cliffs representatives Mike Long, Chrissy Foreman, and Raeann Trakas to talk about their efforts to decarbonize in a responsible way.

On March 21, 16 of us will meet with Congressman Mrvan's Legislative Director to talk about the work we are doing in many communities throughout District 1 to promote a sustainable and resilient future.

The Purdue Climate Change Center has models of future weather for each county in Indiana. In Lake County, it says by 2050 we will have more hot days with hotter temperatures (an average of 30 days over 95 degrees) with the average hottest day of the year at 105 degrees. We'll have a wetter spring (16% increase in rain). What is the county doing, what are you doing, to conserve and protect our land and water, to lower ghg emissions and pollution in county government operations, to plan for extreme weather events?

### LAKE COUNTY: State of the Climate

Weather records show that Indiana has become warmer and wetter, with more heavy downpours. Indiana scientists have concluded these climate trends will continue and intensify, affecting the health and wellbeing of all Hoosiers.

#### Number of >95°F days per year

**1**      **31**  
PAST      2050s

#### Average hottest day of the year

**95°F**      **105°F**  
PAST      2050s

#### Average coldest day of the year

**-12°F**      **-3°F**  
PAST      2050s

#### Projected change in SPRING rainfall

**+16%**  
2050s compared to PAST

Above data show a comparison of past and future conditions for Lake County, Indiana, except SPRING rainfall which shows statewide average data. Past data are average values from 1971 to 2000. Future data (2050s) are average values from 2041 to 2070 based on a high emissions scenario (assumes no reduction in the addition of heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere).

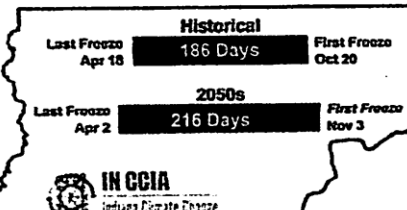
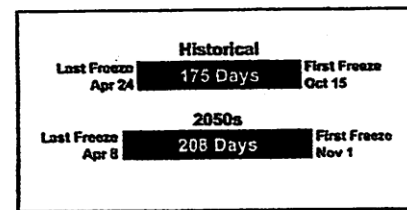
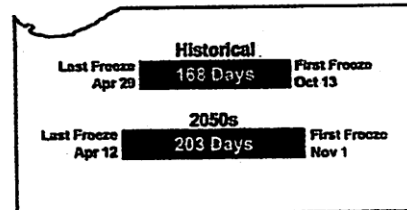


**Indiana's average temperature is projected to warm 5°F to 6°F**

**Indiana's annual rainfall is expected to increase by 8%, with much wetter winters & springs**

Data are from *Indiana's Past & Future Climate*, a report from the **Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment** compiled by experts at *Purdue University, University of Notre Dame, Indiana University, Ball State University, and the Midwestern Regional Climate Center.*  
For more information, please visit [www.IndianaClimate.org](http://www.IndianaClimate.org).

#### Indiana's Growing Season





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William Allegrezza	9748 Redbud Rd, Munster
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Tim Dasilva of East Chicago: I am an ecology major at Purdue Northwest, and I've worked in conservation for four years in the region through the student conservation association. I planted mini saplings and maintained them in the Tri-City area, and SCA is the major supplier for trees and cities, East Chicago, Gary and Whiting. I appreciate the new environmental efforts that this Council have supported in the past but I believe that there are things that we can all do to improve and one of the biggest things on this list is outreach to the youth which events like this Earth Day Event in East Chicago will inspire. When I was young, there was never a lot of focus on environmental science and sustainability in East Chicago and as you guys know, it's an extremely polluted area due to the steel mills and several other polluters like Praxair Linde and BP in the area. It's not just East Chicago, but Lake County has a whole I believe can show more focus toward sustainability and teaching it to children and people in high school, people that can actually change the future and put these practices to good use because of the oncoming climate crisis which as you guys I know you've heard it by now needs to be addressed. Thank you for taking the time out of your day to listen.

Grace Tafolla of Gary: I am an environmental science and policy major at Purdue University and I am here to bring you two problems in Lake County to your attention of the present problems is the dying wetlands in our area or the wetlands that are being overcome with invasive species. I know recently there was a bill in the house that supported the development of a lot of the wetlands in Lake County, which was supported by a lot of our county official sadly, and it brought down protections from class three wetlands, which protects some of the last green space we have in Lake County and a lot of it has been destroyed by phragmites, which is an overcoming mono invasive species that kills all the plants around it. In wetlands you should be concerned about because they stored twice as much carbon as a forest per acre and they help with filtration and flood mitigation. So, a lot of the flooding issues that we have from all the concrete that we have that does not absorb water, a lot of wetlands will help by absorbing water and filtering that water, especially with problems like polluted water in Gary, East Chicago and Hammond from BP getting that \$40 million fine from putting benzene in our water. I don't have access to clean water and this is one thing that I care about and as a Lake County citizen I would like for you to show some more concern about the wetlands we're losing because they have thirty percent of Indiana's endangered species living amongst them and a lot of our birds rely on them, our pollinators rely on them. There are tons of farmland and Lake county that rely on these pollinators to survive to continue having their food produced. So, I would like for you to care about the wetlands and for you to care about our clean water act and to care a little bit about conservation in our area even if you don't believe in the climate crisis, it's still important to take care of the green space we have left before all of Indiana becomes industrialized. Thank you.

Bilski – We only have a certain number of resources and we have truly dedicated those resources to eliminating escalators. The report is available online through Ameresco so we have taken those steps. Next month or the month following, we're in the process of developing vertical indoor gardens in conjunction with the Judge Stefaniak. What was approved in today's council was a walk-in cooler to help distribute that and help distribute it to food pantries. We'll be partnered up, hopefully, with the health department, to provide folks with chronic illness with those plants and vegetables that are needed. Folks will be able to drive up there, they'll get it through food pantries and they'll be distributed for free. So those are some of the positive things going on. There's always room for improvement but I don't want anyone to think we've turned a blind eye on anything as a fiscal body. I do appreciate you coming here.

Barbara Koteles of Hobart: Councilman Brown you just made a statement that I absolutely agree with, that sometimes people are hired because of who they know and not what they know. You know I've talked the appointment process before and I actually did not know until I looked at the agenda today that the council appoints to the board of trustees of the library I didn't know that. I do know at least three retired librarians who would love to be considered for a spot on the board but how they would know about it I do not know. The Indiana State Board of Health recently increased the number of members on the health board from seven to nine, and the political make up of that board is supposed to be no more than five members from one party and four on the other. I hope someone is checking that when this happens. I think they have that political requirement for a few other boards too I don't know which ones but you know that needs to be checked. You did mention Councilwoman Cid that you did get some applications for the health board positions and you didn't know how you got them. It was because when I went to the last commissioners meeting and I spoke about the appointment process afterwards, I was speaking with Commissioner Repay and Commissioner Tippy and I said well, what if someone does want to be on the board? What do they do? And they said, "Well just tell him to send their application to us." So, I told people that I knew. You know our group has about three dozen people that, some are in the medical field some aren't but those applications you got were probably those people. I've always thought that the County Council is on the cutting edge as evidence by live streaming their meetings, etc. and the spirited debate that we get to see. I do hope that you'll be able to figure something out in the future about making people aware that there are vacancies and what the qualifications are, because there are so many talented people in Lake County; almost 500,000 and 99.9% don't know anything about these. You know you could have really talented people that are missing this so I know you'll take care of it. Thank you very much.

There being no further business to come before the Council, it was moved and seconded that this Council does now adjourn, to meet again as required by law.

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President, Lake County Council

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