2. ***Conferences:***

Reduce the number of person's attending conferences. Have only elected officials attend and report back to the other officials. All non-elected agencies such as Lake County Library Board and Park Board should follow the same policy in attending conferences so this will free up more dollars to programs they administer and help reduce property taxes.

3. ***Cell Phones :***

Cell phones should be turned in when contracts expire or sooner. Only special units fighting against crime, drugs, and should have access for their immediate safety and responsible to citizens safety. We could cut the cost significantly by using 2-way hand held phones. This would cut the cost by approximately 40 to 50%.

4. ***Employment:***

County government has reduced their number of employee's over the past eight years even though the public has not recognized this. We now should offer early retirement for people with 15 years service and age 65. These positions then would further reduce the number of county employees. Cross training should be mandatory for employees with heavier work- loads. Employees with less of a workload could assist those who have more work than they can handle.

5. ***Welfare Tax:***

This tax must be taken over by the State. The welfare system is run totally under the States control. All employees, budget, and assistance procedures are established and controlled by the State each earn county has to absorb the full cost of this State controlled program. Ladies & Gentlemen, this is taxation without representation in the worst possible way. We need a tax revolt on this. The Lake County Commissioner's and the Lake County Council have been fighting this total disregard for State law for the past four years in court. This would save Lake County taxpayers approximately 60 million dollars in property taxes annually. This tax is totally illegal and an insult to every taxpayer in Lake County. The County in 2003 spent approximately $113,988.00 on welfare. This could be reduced by $70,000,000.00 if the State would have followed the Indiana State law.

6. ***Election Precinct:***

With the ability finally to have a voter purge we will get a true count of voters in Lake County. We can then cut election cost by 20 to 25 percent every year by reducing the total number of precincts from approximately 540 to 440. This would