

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in special session at this time, for the purpose of considering the budgets for the Year 2006, 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 Will A. Smith, Jr., President, Donald Potrebic, Ron Tabaczynski, Elsie Franklin, Christine Cid, Thomas O'Donnell, and Larry Blanchard, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney.

OPEN: County Council Recommendations, Discussions, and Actions.

Dante said that we are balanced at zero. He placed whatever needed to be in balance, approximately \$2.6 million dollars in the general fund. Health Insurance, he also placed the residual amount, in the Park's Health Insurance, and the Health Department's Health Insurance, as well. He said, the motion yesterday, he did place it in three health insurance line items, not just one. He said they are all operating funds, the 3% is in there, or 3 ½ % is in there, plus Perf and Fica in there. Dante said he also put the Circuit Breaker in there as well. He had to get it out of the 500 Series. He said all three Health Insurance line items are going to look unusually high, general fund, Parks and Health, but they can only spend it, only per the Council action, they can't get at it any other way, so it's locked in, it's secure. The only expense that comes against that line item is the regimented per by-weekly, twice a month payroll expense for health insurance, that's the only expense that comes out of that line item. Dante said, other than that, it has to come through the Council through Ordinance, or your approval to get it transferred out.

Dante said he would like to start off with the Infraction Deferral Fund 104. He said they took care of the two positions, but there is a supplemental pay reduction as well. He said they took care of the two position eliminations there, but there is a supplemental pay, and they are asking for a reduction from \$10,000 to \$3,000 on Supplemental Pay.

**Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to reduce from \$10,000 to \$3,000 for the Supplemental Pay in Prosecutor's Infraction Deferral Fund 104.**

**Dante said and the revised 144, which is 39002**

**All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

Dante said that there was a supplemental action in Division III, which we had a title change, they are also looking for an adjustment on their supplemental pay to correspond with that title change in their Supplemental Adult Probation Services. Dante said they are asking for a \$5,000 increase. They are asking from \$10,600 to \$15,600 to correspond with that title change.

**Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve. All voted "Yes", except O'Donnell, "abstain". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-abstention.**

Dante said there seems to be a lingering issue on the voting machines, that has to be addressed, he asked Sally and Regina to prepare a detailed expense plan for the Council for presentation today to justify their \$1 million dollar tax levy. They told Dante they would try to get it to the Council by today. Dante said, unless the Council is satisfied and they have no further questions, they can move on.

Smith said, from his perspective, his question was whether Dante was satisfied with the plan that they presented to the Council the other day.

Dante said it was not acceptable in that form. He certainly can not go down State and ask for \$4.4 million at this time. They said they would give Dante something by today, because the State is going to ask a lot of questions on that issue, and Dante said, he needs a detail report. He said, they gave him one year, and Dante told them he needs this year, and next year. Dante said, if there are no questions, he just thought he would bring it up.

Smith wanted to correct some actions that occurred on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Smith made a motion to rescind the actions of September 6, 2005 related to the Coroner's Office and the \$50,000 dollars, and the raises associated with those actions.**

Attorney Szarmach said, he thinks they need a motion to reconsider that motion, and if that is adopted, then reconsider the issue.

**Smith made a motion, seconded by Tabaczynski for re-considerations on the actions of the Coroner's Office. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**Smith made a motion, seconded by Cid to rescind the actions that the Council took regarding the usage of the \$50,000 dollars, in terms of pay raises for the Coroner's Office.**

O'Donnell asked, for clarification, if they are just talking about the raises, or are we also taking the \$50,000 dollars out of the budget?

Smith said, no, just pertaining to the raises.

O'Donnell asked, pursuant to our prior action, you are just saying don't give it back as raises, put it back into the general fund for next year?

Smith said, no, that's not what his motion is.

Attorney Szarmach said your motion to rescind the actions is, whatever that motion was.

O'Donnell said, there were two motions on that day.

Attorney Szarmach said, whatever motions you made, you are going to rescind them.

**Smith said the motion is to rescind the actions of the Coroner's Office of September 6, 2005, regarding the raises, the usage of the \$50,000 dollars for raises.**

O'Donnell said, he can support that, but there were two motions that day, one was to take the \$50,000 out of that line item altogether, which increases our surplus by \$50,000 dollars, the next motion was, to give it back to their own "troops", which brought it back down to zero. If this motion is just to not give them the raises, but still keep the \$50,000 dollars added to the surplus, then O'Donnell supports that, but he is trying to understand what the motion is.

Smith said his motion is not to keep the monies in the surplus, it's to, first of all, rescind the actions of the raises, that thereby creates the \$50,000 dollars, and I will have the second motion related to the usage of the \$50,000 dollars.

Tabaczynski said essentially, this first motion takes us back to the 2005 reverted budget.

**All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**Smith made a motion, seconded by Franklin to utilize the \$50,000 dollars in this respect, grant the Coroner's Office \$20,000 in 41100 – Overtime, and place \$10,000 in line 41190 – Part-Time.**

Smith said that the Coroner indicated that because of the nature of the increase of their field officers working, who are now only getting comp time off, this would allow them to be able to at least be paid for their overtime work in similar fashion, as we do with our Merit Police Officers, and our Correctional Officers, and so on that work in those capacities.

Smith said in his opinion, the Coroner's Office is in the same mind frame, as our Law Enforcement Agencies as well. He asked that those dollars could not help augment those possibilities, in his Overtime line. The Part-Time line, he is indicating that he certainly needs some additional people on a part-time level.

O'Donnell said that they made other departments stick with what they asked for, in fact, Court Administrator wanted more Jury, and we said, no he didn't ask for it, so he is stuck with what he asked for.

**All voted "Yes", except O'Donnell, Potrebic, and Blanchard, "No". Motion carried 4-yes, 3-no.**

**Smith made a motion, seconded by Franklin to establish a Matching Fund line item in the Coroner's Budget.**

O'Donnell asked if it is being funded?

Smith said he has just been informed that there is another process, he was just following some advice given to him, but if there is another process.

Attorney Szarmach said it's a new line that was not advertised? He said, the question is, he knows for sure that if your budget is adopted, and you want to establish a new line, you are looking at three-quarters of the vote, which is six votes, but your budget isn't adopted yet, so at this point in time probably, at best guess, it's four votes, if the State does not approve it, you would have to, in January, re-establish it with six votes.

Smith said on the issue overall, in terms of the Coroner's Office, this leaves \$20,000 dollars that can be used within our general fund.

**No Action taken on that motion.**

Dante said, that they have a \$20,000 dollars operating balance in surplus.

**Cid made a motion for the Recorder to approve, "as requested", his Part-Time line item in his Perpetuation Fund 179.**

Dante told Cid, if she wants to make a motion, that's fine, but we don't have to appropriate this fund. That's not a Council appropriated fund. If you wish not to make the motion, you don't have to. It's an optional motion. This fund doesn't require Council action on the appropriation side. On the salary side, it does. If you want to change their hourly rates, or give somebody a supplement, or establish a revised 144, but not on the appropriation side, no.

Dante said he can just go to the Auditor and say, that's what I need.

O'Donnell asked if that fund could support an additional \$135,000 in Part-Time?

Dante said that's what Mr. Brown is going to have to address.

Smith said there is over \$300,000 dollars in that fund.

Mr. Mike Brown, Lake County Recorder said, as of July 2005, they deposited \$1.3 million dollars into the Treasurer's Fund, with interest. He said \$884,000 dollars has gone into the general fund, \$74,000 dollars of that has gone to the Surveyor's Fund, \$47,000 dollars of that has gone into the State Fund, and the other \$300,000 dollars is in the Perpetuation Fund, which is used for I.T. Support, Legal Services, and some salaries for some of his part-timers because he is under - staffed, so he has to hire part-time people to help his full-time people, and those part-time people work a minimum of 40 hours a week to help the office run well.

Mr. Brown congratulated his staff publicly in setting a record yesterday of actually processing 1,590 dockets in one day. That had never been done before, and he attributed that to the work his staff has been doing, and the fact that people have been coming in to do business with them, and they have some additional businesses coming in, which creates more revenue for the Council and the County, and the taxpayers.

Mr. Brown wanted to add, that when the Council decides to give raises to the County employees, out of the general fund, because he has a perpetuation fund, he is willing to use his perpetuation funds to take care of the raises for his employees, which will save the County about \$18,000 dollars, out of your fund, as far as raises, if we go, around the 3% numbers.

Mr. Brown said, if he put the month of August in, the general fund would have received over \$1 million dollars, because generally, we put into the general fund, about \$130,000 to \$140,000 dollars a month. Mr. Brown said he believes his predecessor spent about \$400,000 dollars last year on Kelly Services. He thanked the Council for their support on making sure he has this part-time line item, so he can allow people to work. He is not able to hire because he understands the situation with the Council and respects that, but he is trying to work with what he has as best he can.

O'Donnell asked Mr. Brown is there are any general fund expenditures that could be transferred over to that perpetuation fund, instead of the \$135,000 additional in Part-time, is there anything they can take out of 001-General Fund, and put over there.

Mr. Brown said, they are already taking care of their I.T. Support that runs the system, as well as legal services, and other supplies. He said they are currently purchasing computers from Data Processing because they need to get "up to speed" on some of those things. Mr. Brown said this is his first few months as Recorder, and there are a lot of things, and a lot of additional expenditures that he may not have thought he would incur, that they are incurring because they need to update themselves. He asked the Council to be patient with him and allow him to get through his first year and he can give them a better feel of what they can do with the budget. He will try to save as much as he can out of the general fund, by taking the money out of the perpetuation fund to make sure that whatever raises those employees will receive, and that does not count himself, or his Chief Deputy because they are not in that equation, it's just the other employees. He said he isn't asking for it, and doesn't need a raise, it's just for the other employees, so he asks the Council to be patient with him with that, and he will fund that, if the Council approves. He is aware that he needs Council approval for it, and when the time is right, Mr. Brown said he will bring the Council the numbers for it.

Tabaczynski commends Mr. Brown for the use of the miscellaneous revenue. He said he has spent the better part of the last three years trying to encourage that kind of use. He also said, as Councilman O'Donnell said, in the future see if you could there is some general fund obligation that could shift over here, and it would be appreciated, and he appreciates the offer on the increases.

Tabaczynski said, these are impressive numbers, and asked how much of this was resulting from increased real estate transaction?

Mr. Brown said, at this time, because they are starting to take on more clientele, they are heavily involved with the Recorder's Association across the State, and have been fortunate, the Recorder's Association has

appointed them to the legislative committee for the State Recorder's Association, so he is actively involved with that Association, as well as other businesses, to bring more business to Lake County, and he would like to do more improvements to put more money into the general fund, because he believes that having more money in the general fund helps our Council, and he wants to do everything he can to help the Council. Mr. Brown said he is going to continue to be very conservative in spending, and as we go throughout this year, he will try to find some ways to work with the Council some more.

Tabaczynski asked if he is seeing increases in recording documents pertaining to real estate transactions?

Mr. Brown said, yes, as he said, they had a record day yesterday, and they will have some new clients coming on board. He calls them clients because if they are satisfied with the service, they are going to tell someone else, and he is improving that as well. He believe there will be some increases in his office, and he is very proud of the staff that he has, and the work that they are doing.

Tabaczynski said he asked that question, because they have looked at their Sales Disclosure Fund, which they are all starting to question, if it's accurately reflecting the amount of real estate transactions that are out there. It seems to Tabaczynski that the Recorder is showing a lot of activity in real estate transactions, and he doesn't know if they are seeing the same thing happening with the sales disclosure. We have a fund there, that almost at times, seems to be gasping for dollars. He said, they need to look at that fund and maybe one of the problems could be the delay in the State actually providing us those dollars, but Tabaczynski said he thinks this might be some evidence that there is something happening with our sales disclosure fund, that the dollars are not going in, as they should.

Mr. Brown said he will do whatever he can to work with the Council because he greatly appreciates the things that the Council has done for him. He said none of this could have been possible, had you not made the moves that you made to make his office run as smooth as it has, under this administration. Mr. Brown again thanked the Council for their support.

Smith thanked Mr. Brown for the presentation to the Council. He said this is the first time, in a long time that he has been given an updated account of what's going on in his line. As Dante indicated, it is clear that all Mr. Brown has to do is go through the Auditor's Office for those things that you need to accomplish, along with your Chairman and your committee.

Mr. Brown thanked his Chairman, Council Lady Cid for doing a great job, in supporting the things that he has tried to do. She has been right by his side, and Mr. Brown said he greatly appreciates having her as his Chairman.

**Cid rescinded her motion.**

Dante said that everything on that sheet is already approved, with the exception of the supplemental salary change. That's never been approved. Anything that has to do with salaries has not been approved, and Mr. Brown will have to have revised 144's .

**O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Blanchard to increase the Part-Time for the Surveyor by \$5,668 dollars, which restores it to it's prior level of \$17,000 dollars total.**

**All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

Smith passed out a request from the Juvenile Detention Center, for the Council's considerations for clothing allowances for their Detention Officers, who don't have that privilege. There are many restrictions placed upon our officers, since they are dealing with youth, than there are on the officers on the adult side, and there is a real need to upgrade them in the kind of work that they do.

The request from the Juvenile Detention Superintendent was for this Council to consider clothing allowances issuances for their officers for 2006. Smith said he believes that should be an issue over into the "pot", of consideration for the other law enforcement agencies. Smith said, as we look at raises, and other benefits, and so on, that those considerations would be before our finance committee, with some recommendations back to this Council.

O'Donnell said, the Police Officers are given a uniform allowance because they get into fights, and their clothing is destroyed, maybe what we could do is set up a fund for them, with a small amount of money in it, that would be used, if they did get into a fight, and their clothing was destroyed. The Officers have to buy a lot of equipment, they have to have it all dry cleaned. O'Donnell thinks that is not a good use for our funds, we keep trying to equate every single department now, as law enforcement, the Coroner is now law enforcement, Juvenile Detention is now law enforcement, so let's treat them all the same, and O'Donnell thinks that's a bad path to go down.

Smith said he is not asking for any actions, he just bought out the issue that this was presented to him today by the Chairman of that committee, and he is bringing it to the Council because he happens to believe that there should be some considerations given to this request, and if one wants to go and visit that agency over there and see what those officers have to go through, and then go visit our adult side, and then tell Smith if there is a great amount of difference between the two.

**O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve funding of position 39002 – 009, which is supplemental pay, in the amount of \$1,000 dollars out of Fund 143, Department 4000. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

Franklin said, that the Council has before them, the projected cost for 2005 and 2006 for a total of \$6 million dollars, of which the \$1 million dollars is in question. **Franklin is asking for approval of the plan "as presented .**

Dante said, they just received this, and it will change their numbers. He said this is going to be one of the financial issues, and advertising issues, so he wanted to see what was advertised in Cum Voting Systems. Dante said, they can not change line 1, because Line 1 was capped at \$4.4 million dollars, they are at their highest level. He said the issue is going to be, they have \$5.6 million dollars worth of appropriations out there between Line 1 and Line 2. You are trying to put \$6.6 million dollars in the \$5.6 "shoebox". What you can do is, if you don't want to increase the budget estimate, (Lines 1 and 2), to max the \$6.6, you can take and put another \$1 million dollars in operating balance, and increase that tax levy to \$2 million dollars to satisfy the equation. \$2 million dollars will satisfy \$6.673, so with this proposal you are actually looking at an increase in the tax levy, not a decrease. How much did we advertise on the bottom line? Dante said, he is sure they advertised big dollars. \$4 million dollars was advertised on the bottom line, so you are well within the tax levy range, you are capped by Line 1 though, \$4.4 million dollars.

Dante said you can only act on the bottom line A \$2 million dollar operating balance will give you your \$6.6 million dollars, enough financing for 6.673.

Blanchard said he thinks the Councilwoman's intention is merely for the Council to accept this plan as a matter of record, that's all, not to accept the plan to have any impact on the figures of the bottom line. Blanchard said we were already set with a million, really on the financial side, which requires no action from the Council.

Dante said, if you want to keep it and you are satisfied with this, but Blanchard wasn't satisfied with it a day ago, which is why Dante brought it up.

Blanchard said they had meetings since then.

Smith said to make it clear, in terms of the Council and what's before us, we are satisfied with this presentation and we are in a million dollar range, and as far as we want to go with it, do we need to have any actions today on this at all?

Dante said, no, unless you want to change that bottom line, then no. He now has what he needs to go to the State with.

**No Action taken.**

In the Matter of Ordinance Authorizing Tax Levies – Second Reading.

**Blanchard made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 1267A**

#### **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TAX LEVIES FOR LAKE COUNTY FOR 2006**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Indiana State Law and existing guidelines, tax levies not rates are to be frozen;  
and,

**WHEREAS**, only estimated valuations are available at this time, which will cause fluctuations in the tax rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED by the Lake County Council, State of Indiana as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That it is the intent of the Lake County Council to approve tax levies for the purpose of supporting 2006 Budgets as stated on the Form 4B.

**SECTION II.** That as soon as the assessed valuations have been determined tax rates shall adjust to support the levies approved this day.

DATED THIS 8th day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance for Appropriations, Forms 4A and 4B. Second Reading

**Tabaczynski made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO 1267B

Be it Ordained by the County, City or Town of Lake County, Indiana: That for the expenses of the County, City or Town government and its institutions for the year ending December 31, 2006, the sums of money shown on Budget Form 4-A are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to meet the necessary expense of county, city or town government, tax rates are shown on Budget Form 4-B and included herein. Two (2) copies of Budget Forms 4-A and 4-B for all funds and departments are made a part of the budget report and submitted herewith.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Presented to the County Council of Lake County, Indiana, and read in full for the first time this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2005.

Will A. Smith, Jr.,  
President, County Council

Attest:  
Judith L. Companik  
County Auditor and/or Clerk of County Council

Presented to the County Council of Lake County, Indiana, and read in full for the second time, and adopted, this September 8, 2005, by the following vote:

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| YEA  | NAY |
| RON TABACZYNSKI<br>DONALD POTREBIC<br>WILL A. SMITH, JR.<br>THOMAS O'DONNELL<br>CHRISTINE CID<br>ELSIE FRANKLIN<br>LARRY BLANCHARD |     |

Attest:  
JUDITH L. COMPANIK,  
County Auditor and/or Clerk of County Council

In the Matter of Salary Ordinance for 2006 – Second Reading

**Franklin made a motion, seconded by Tabaczynski to approve Salary Ordinance for 2006, on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO. 1267C

LAKE COUNTY 2006 SALARY ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lake County Council of Lake County, Indiana, that the attached Form No. 144, computer printout, salaries and wages for officers and employees for the year 2006 showing the

amounts that were required and amounts recommended by the Lake County Council have been approved:  
(H.I.)

SO ORDAINED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRAKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Longevity Ordinance for 2006. – Second Reading

**Cid made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve Longevity Ordinance for 2006 on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.**

**ORIDINANCE NO. 1267D**

**LAKE COUNTY  
LONGEVITY ORDINANCE FOR 2006**

**WHEREAS, the Lake County Council has determined that it is in the best interest**  
of the employees of Lake County that a scheduled longevity pay be established.

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

That the schedule of longevity pay listed below be adopted for all elected officials, all full-time county employees and all part-time county employees working at least 20 hours per week.

The total amount of longevity pay shall be paid in the fourth quarter of the year and shall be calculated as follows:

1. For full-time employment add the aggregate number of years completed as of December 31, 2005.
2. For part-time employees add the consecutive years completed as of December 31, 2005. Prior years shall not count unless they are consecutive as of December 31, 2005.
3. For former part-time employees who are hired as full-time employees, the years completed as prior part-time employees shall not count towards calculating longevity pay. This includes part-time employment which is consecutive with full-time employment.

| Years Completed   | Amount    |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 5 Years           | \$ 220.00 |
| 10 Years          | 320.00    |
| 15 Years          | 440.00    |
| 20 Years          | 620.00    |
| 25 Years          | 920.00    |
| 30 Years and over | 1220.00   |

(Lake County Code Sec. 32.027 LONGEVITY)

**DULY ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Mileage Rates Ordinance – Second Reading.

**O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Potrebic to approve the Mileage rates for 2006 on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1267E**

**LAKE COUNTY MILEAGE RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2006**

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained that the Lake County Council does hereby establish the rate of forty and one-half (.40 1/2) cents per mile for county employees duly entitled to same.

DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Sheriff Clothing Allowance Ordinance – Second Reading.

**Potrebic made a motion, seconded by O'Donnell to approve the Sheriff Clothing Allowance on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1267F**

**LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF UNIFORM  
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE FOR 2006**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Council desires that all full-time Deputy Sheriffs, correctional officers, work release custody officers and court security officers be given a yearly allowance to purchase uniforms to wear while on duty.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Full-time deputy sheriffs shall receive an annual uniform clothing allowance of \$1300.00, the Lake County Sheriff shall not receive a clothing allowance;

**SECTION II.** Full-time correctional officers shall receive an annual uniform clothing allowance of \$700.00;

**SECTION III.** Full-Time work release custody officers shall receive an annual uniform clothing allowance of \$550.00;

**SECTION IV.** Full-time court security officers shall receive an annual uniform clothing allowance of \$550.00;

**SECTION V.** That such clothing allowance shall be paid on or before the 1st day of December, of each calendar year, beginning on or before the 1st day of December, 2005, for the calendar year of 2006.

**SECTION VI.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage according to law.

**DULY ADOPTED** BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE, State of Indiana, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID

ELSIE FRANKLIN

DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council  
In the Matter of Per Diem Expense Ordinance for 2006. – Second Reading

**Tabaczynski made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve Per Diem Expense Ordinance on Second Reading. All voted “Yes”, except Blanchard and O’Donnell, “No”. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 5-yes, 2-no.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1267G**

**PER DIEM EXPENSE ORDINANCE FOR 2006**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Council desires to establish a per them expense schedule for County officials, department heads, and Lake County Agencies and their employees who travel on County business.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, let it be ordained by the Lake County Council that the schedule for per them expenses for County officials, department heads and Lake County Agencies and their employees who travel on County business shall be as follows:

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|----|-----------|---------|
| 1. | Breakfast | \$10.00 |
| 2. | Lunch     | \$15.00 |
| 3. | Dinner    | \$25.00 |

**SO ORDAINED THIS 8<sup>th</sup>** day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Rescind the Automatic Replacement Levy for Highway U.S. 30 Hobart-Ross TIF District in Lake County, Indiana.

**Potrebic made a motion, seconded by Blanchard to approve. All voted “Yes”. Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-73**

**RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE AUTOMATIC  
REPLACEMENT LEVY FOR HIGHWAY U.S. 30  
HOBART-ROSS TIF DISTRICT IN LAKE COUNTY INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, I.C. 6-1.1-21.2 provides for an automatic tax levy on a Redevelopment District

to generate sufficient tax increment to replace the amount lost due to changes in the property tax replacement credit for the school general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive the levy, the Redevelopment Commission must estimate the tax increment replacement amount for each allocation area under its jurisdiction for the next calendar year.

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Council desires to eliminate the Tax Increment Financing Replacement Levy for taxes payable in 2005 for Highway U.S. 30 Hobart-Ross TIF District in Lake County, Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Redevelopment Commission has voted not to use the levy since there is excess collection now due to rapid growth within the TIF District; and

**WHEREAS**, without a Resolution by the Lake County Council to eliminate the Tax Increment Financing Replacement Levy for taxes payable in 2005, the Department of Local Government Finance will automatically impose the Tax Increment Financing Replacement Levy, for taxes payable in 2005.

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

That the Lake County Council now rescinds the automatic Replacement Levy for the Tax Increment Financing Replacement Levy for taxes payable In 2005 for the Highway U.S. 30 Hobart-Ross TIF District of Lake County Indiana.

**SO RESOLVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution for the Distribution of Funds for Mental Health for Lake County for 2006.

**Blanchard made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-74**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR LAKE COUNTY FOR 2006**

**WHEREAS**, the Gary Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc., the Southlake Center for Mental Health, Inc. and Tri-City Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "Centers" are designated as community mental health centers by the Department of Mental Health, the State of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers have received capital and operating funds from the governments of the United States of America, State of Indiana, and the County of Lake, which are used to accomplish the purposes for which the centers were created; and,

**WHEREAS**, I.C. 12-29-2-1, et. seq., provide for the funding of the operating of the centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Lake County desires to continue to provide operating and capital funds to the centers per I.C. 12-29-2-2(a)(2).

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

That pursuant to I.C. 12-29-2-2(b)(2), for the year 2006 and each year thereafter, an amount of funding for the operation of community health centers shall be calculated as follows:

- (A) The amount that was levied in the County to comply with this section from property taxes first due and payable in the calendar year immediately preceding the ensuing calendar year (2005); multiplied by
- (B) The County's assessed value growth quotient for the ensuing calendar year, as determined under I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-2.

To be appropriated to the County's centers respective service areas, and that the levy shall be apportioned among the centers, according to the population served by each respective center to the total population of the County as follows:

Tri-City 34.19% Gary 22.80% Southlake 43.01%

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI

LARRY BLANCHARD

THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

CHRISTINE CID

In the Matter of Resolution Authorizing Appeal from Tax Levy Limits for Lake County, Budget year 2006.

**Tabaczynski made a motion, seconded by Blanchard to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-75**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPEAL FROM TAX  
LEVY LIMITS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-3.5-1,  
NOW CODIFIED AS I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-1 THROUGH  
I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-18 FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2006**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council is unable to adopt a budget within the limitations of I. C. 6-3.5-1, now codified as I.C. 6-1.1-18-5-1 through I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-18; and

**WHEREAS,** Lake County as a taxing unit, and the various departments of Lake County Government, will be unable to carry out the governmental functions and responsibilities committed to it by law during the year 2006, unless it is given the authority to increase the tax levy beyond the limitations provided for in I.C. 6-3.5-1, now codified as I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-1, through I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-18.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Lake County Council of the State of Indiana that it is desired and deemed necessary to proceed with the proposed appeal from the tax levy limitations, I.C. 6-3.5-1, now codified as I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-1 through I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-18 as set forth in the petition attached hereto.

DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Reduce Line 2 of Certain Funds.

**Franklin made a motion, seconded by O'Donnell to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-76**

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE  
CERTAIN FUNDS TO BALANCE THE 2006 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-11, the Lake County Council annually adopts the Budget Ordinance and Salary Ordinance for Lake County, Indiana for the following year; and

**WHEREAS,** in order to adopt a balanced budget for Lake County, Indiana, 2006, the Lake County Council desires the following reductions in the respective budgets:

**LINE 2 REDUCTIONS:**

|                             |              |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| General Fund                | Fund No. 001 | \$2,288,082.00 |
| Highway Fund                | Fund No. 102 | 1,505,520.00   |
| Unsafe Building Fund        | Fund No. 106 | 44,760.00      |
| Surveyor's Storm Water Fund | Fund No. 206 | 10,000.00      |

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

That the Lake County Council in order to balance the County Budget for Lake County for 2006 makes the following Line Two reductions:

**LINE 2 REDUCTIONS:**

|                             |              |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| General Fund                | Fund No. 001 | \$2,288,082.00 |
| Highway Fund                | Fund No. 102 | 1,505,520.00   |
| Unsafe Building Fund        | Fund No. 106 | 44,760.00      |
| Surveyor's Storm Water Fund | Fund No. 206 | 10,000.00      |

DATED THIS 8th day of September, 2005.

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANLIN

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CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution for Temporary Loans.

**Cid made a motion, seconded by O'Donnell to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-77**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TEMPORARY LOANS  
TO CERTAIN FUNDS FOR USE DURING THE 2006 BUDGET YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, I.C. 36-1-8-4(a) provides that the Lake County Council may by resolution approve temporary loans from one fund in the County to another fund in the County in need of money for cash flow purposes;

**WHEREAS**, the following funds are in need of the respective amounts to pay current and past due invoices into the 2006 Budget Year:

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Riverboat/196        | \$ 4,000,000.00 |
| Cumulative Cap/651   | \$ 1,500,000.00 |
| Drainage/790         | \$ 2,000,000.00 |
| Health Dept/ 105     | \$ 1,500,000.00 |
| Park's Operating/107 | \$ 3,500,000.00 |
| County Bond/320      | \$ 3,000,000.00 |
| Park's Bond/310      | \$ 1,600,000.00 |
|                      | \$17,100,000.00 |

**WHEREAS**, there is sufficient money on deposit in the following funds from which to make loans:

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Health Accrual/42541  | \$11,000,000.00 |
| Reassessment 2007/237 | \$ 4,500,000.00 |
| Cumulative Bridge/350 | \$ 1,600,000.00 |
|                       | \$17,100,000.00 |

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

That the Lake County Council approves loans from the following funds up to the maximum amounts to the following funds requiring a loan in the respective amounts. That the loans shall bear no interest and shall be repaid to the source fund of the loan on or before December 31, 2006 pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4(a)(3):

| <u>2006<br/>FUND REQUIRING LOAN</u> | <u>2006 2006<br/>MAX LOAN AMOUNT</u> | <u>FUNDS PROVIDING LOAN</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Riverboat/196                       | \$4,000,000.00                       | 42541 \$11,000,000.00       |
| Cumulative Cap./651                 | \$1,500,000.00                       | 237 \$ 4,500,000.00         |
| Drainage/790                        | \$2,000,000.00                       | 350 \$ 1,600,000.00         |
| Health Dept./105                    | \$1,500,000.00                       |                             |
| Park's Operating/ 107               | \$3,500,000.00                       |                             |
| County Bond/320                     | \$3,000,000.00                       |                             |
| Park's Bond/310                     | \$1,600,000.00                       |                             |

**DULY ADOPTED BY THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.**

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
CHRISTINE CID  
DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Transfer Cash.

**O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Blanchard to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-78**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF \$941,808.00 FROM THE LAKE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, NO. 001 AND HEALTH FUND, NO. 105 TO THE PARKS FUND, NO. 107, DRAINS FUND, NO. 790 AND NIRPC FUND, NO. 504**

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council by Resolution may permit the transfer to a fund from another fund with sufficient money on deposit in the County; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County General Fund, No. 001 and Health Fund, No. 105 has on hand a surplus of cash required to pay the current and anticipated expenses; and

**WHEREAS,** the Parks Fund, No. 107, Drains Fund, No. 790 and NIRPC Fund, No. 504 requests a cash transfer of \$941,808.00 be approved from the Lake County General Fund, No. 001 and Health Fund No. 105 as follows:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| <u>FROM</u> |              |
| General/001 | \$277,506.00 |
| Health/105  | \$664,302.00 |
| <u>TO:</u>  |              |
| Parks/ 107  | \$429,678.00 |
| Drains/790  | \$362,771.00 |
| NIRPC/504   | \$149,359.00 |

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

That the sum of \$941,808.00 is transferred from the Lake County General Fund, No. 001 and Health Fund, No. 105 to the Parks Fund, No. 107, Drains Fund, No. 790 and NIRPC Fund, No. 504 as follows:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| <u>FROM</u> |              |
| General/001 | \$277,506.00 |
| Health/105  | \$664,302.00 |
| <u>TO:</u>  |              |
| Parks/107   | \$429,678.00 |
| Drains/790  | \$362,771.00 |
| NIRPC/504   | \$149,359.00 |

**SO RESOLVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
THOMAS O'DONNELL  
ELSIE FRANKLIN

LARRY BLANCHARD  
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DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Verbal Motion to use the sum of \$18,300,000,000.00 as the assessed value for 2006 for Lake County.

**Potrebic made a motion, seconded by Blanchard to use the sum of \$18,300,000,000 as the assessed value for 2006 for Lake County, and \$12,500,000,000 for Health Assessed Value. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

In the Matter of Verbal Motion to approve the 16 Line Statement for funds, levies and rates for 2006 for Lake County.

**Blanchard made a motion, seconded by O'Donnell to approve the 16 Line Statement for funds, levies and rates for 2006 for Lake County. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

In the Matter of Motion to approve all other Budgets Required by Indiana Law not listed in the 16 Line Statement, for Lake County for 2006 as follows:

**1. Lake Ridge Fire Protection District Budget**

- a. Operations
- b. Capital

**Tabaczynski made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

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>Clerk</u> 0100                          |              |                 |
| From: 001-41110 Officials & Administrators | \$ 1,845.00  | \$ 1,845.00     |
| 41160 Office & Clerical                    | \$26,000.00  | \$10,000.00     |
| 41396 PERF Suppl                           | \$ 1,555.00  | \$ 1,555.00     |
| 43233 Travel – Lodging                     | \$ 2,500.00  | No Action Taken |
| 43310 Printing                             | \$18,800.00  | No Action Taken |
| 43420 Insurance                            | \$ 2,800.00  | No Action Taken |
| 43630 Maint & Service Contracts            | \$ 10,000.00 | \$27,225.00     |
| 43995 Other Svc & Charges                  | \$ 6,500.00  | No Action Taken |
| To: 001-41190 Part-Time                    | \$70,000.00  | \$40,625.00     |

Additional

|                                   |                            |                      |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Clerk(\$40,625)<br>(See Footnote) | made motion<br>Tabaczynski | seconded<br>Franklin | All voted "Yes", except<br>Cid, "abstain". Motion<br>carried 6-yes,<br>1-abstention. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--|

Footnote:

Re: Clerk – Tabaczynski said that in July there was a request to approve \$40,625.00 to the part-time line item, which was deferred. Tabaczynski said he the opportunity to discuss, with the Clerk's Office and indicated that he would ask for approval of the \$40,625, as it was requested then. Tabaczynski said, since then, the increase has changed and they are now requesting \$70,000.00. Tabaczynski said he has not had the opportunity to discuss that higher amount with the Clerk's Office and he is going to ask for approval of the amounts to allow the Part-Time to continue to be funded in the Clerk's Office, from this point forward, and hopefully, have subsequent conversations with the Clerk.

**Tabaczynski asked for approval of the transfer in the amount of \$40,625. Franklin seconded the motion.**

Laura Cave, a representative of the Clerk's Office said that any help that they can be given would be appreciated. They are down to \$10,000 dollars in their Part-Time line item, and as of Friday, September 16, 2005, the 15 part timers that they still have employed, will have to be laid off because there is no more funding. She said, when they first asked for the \$40,000 dollars, that would carry them to the end of the year, with cutting back as much of the part-time help as they did. They currently have 15 people still working as part-time.

Blanchard asked what are they expecting to average per payroll?

Laura said they were trying to keep it under \$7,000 dollars, this last payroll, with the 15 people that they have, it was a little under \$5,000 dollars, but that was laying off a lot of college students, who went back to school.

Blanchard asked if there would be an impact on the surplus, with this transfer and expenditure?

Dante said, that's a good point, which is one of the reasons you see a low Line 2, because there has been a migration of this money all year out, and Dante said, he sees it continuing to the end of the year. He said it's a combination of low vacancies, and a lot of movement out, into various line items, yes, it will impact your bottom line.

**All voted "Yes", except Cid, "abstain". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-abstention.**

In the Matter of Resolution Assisting the Victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Smith said that the second item on the agenda is a resolution to assist the hurricane survivors. Smith asked that the Council consider it. He said that the resolve on it is, "That the Lake County Council, with the support of the citizens of Lake County Shall appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five(\$25,000.00) Dollars from the Lake County Gaming Revenues to the American Red Cross to immediately assist the victims in their struggle to rebound from the damage done by Hurricane Katrina."

Smith added, that this \$25,000 dollars, is dollars that was a lay-over from the Council's intent to assist the New York Firefighters in the 911 disaster. Smith said, we attempted on many occasions, through Attorney Ray Szarmach and myself, and other members of our government, to get those dollars to assist those firefighters and we did make some contacts, and they indicated that they would get back with us specifically where it was to go, and we never got any response back from those officials in New York for the \$25,000 dollars that this Council and County Government had put forth, so those dollars were still in our gaming fund, and so I felt it was appropriate to present to this Council the usage of those dollars to assist the present disaster that's occurring, related to the hurricane, so that's the jist of this resolution, and I would ask, to make note, that certainly upon passage, that this would be from all, representing all Lake County employees, as well as all citizens throughout Lake County. Some people in our county obviously, cannot present anything, they have nothing to give, so this would be in their heart of what we've giving here, would be in their honor as well, and I think it's appropriate that we should do some assistance, and for those who can help and those who can't help, it would be in their honor as well.

**Cid made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 05-79**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA**

**WHEREAS,** on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States, Causing an enormous amount of destruction, death and injury; and

**WHEREAS,** the citizens of the United States, although shocked by these events must carry on With the regular activities of our lives, not allowing the catastrophe to break the Spirit of the American people; and

**WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council and the citizens of Lake County wish to assist the victims Of Hurricane Katrina by donating \$25,000.00 to the American Red Cross to be used To immediately assist the victims and their families.

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:**

That the Lake County Council, with the support of the citizens of Lake County shall Appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five (\$25,000.00) Thousand Dollars from the Lake County Gaming Revenues to the American Red Cross to immediately assist the Victims in their struggle to rebound from the damage done by Hurricane Katrina

**DULY RESOLVED THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005.**

WILL A. SMITH, JR., President

RON TABACZYNSKI  
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DONALD POTREBIC

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution to Approve Close of License Bureau in Gary and Lowell.

Smith said, they would like to, and they do not have the resolution before them, but considerations for a resolution to forward to the State of Indiana, that this Council would be opposed to the closing of the BMV in Gary, Indiana. Smith said they need to step up and show their support for that. That operations has been a major operations accommodating the people throughout Lake County, particularly in our urban quarter, being from the largest city in Lake County, there is no reason why it should be without the full service of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles operations.

Smith said, if you look at Indianapolis, and you look at Marion County, and you see that Indianapolis has nine offices operating within its' boundaries, and to have Gary being without one office, is really a tragedy, so from my perspective, and the resolution to be sponsored by Council Lady Franklin and I, that would be forthcoming, I'm wondering, from our Attorney whether we can pass on the resolution today, forthcoming with the language.

Attorney Szarmach asked if they wanted to adopt the resolution today?

Smith said, yes.

Attorney Szarmach said objecting to the closing of Gary.

Smith said, not only the Gary, but Lowell, Indiana as well.

Attorney Szarmach said go ahead, and I will produce the writing.

Smith asked if he could get a motion from you Council Lady?

**Franklin made a motion, seconded by O'Donnell to approve.**

O'Donnell said just that his colleagues are aware, he is sure that nobody sitting here probably had their license suspended, but the 13<sup>th</sup> & Broadway branch, was a full-service branch, where people that were suspended could go there and get re-instated. O'Donnell said, listen to the irony, now they have to drive to Fort Wayne, Indiana to try and get a license back because that's the nearest BMV re-instatement office, which obviously creates a huge problem for them because they can't drive anyway, so they have to have somebody drive them there, and the impact on people all over this county. It doesn't just impact the people of Gary, this impacts the people of the whole county, who happen to have the misfortune of being suspended, and, O'Donnell said, the shortsightedness on the part of the State is just beyond me, so I would really support the passing of this resolution. O'Donnell said, even people in Porter County are impacted too because they have to go to Fort Wayne now to be re-instated.

Potrebic asked if it was in effect right now?

O'Donnell said it's closed, isn't it closed already?

Franklin said no, not yet, the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2005.

Franklin said, on Monday, September 12, 2005, there is going to be a demonstration in Indianapolis. She said people will assemble at the Baseball Stadium. There will be buses going to Indianapolis in protest of closing the license branch, and Franklin said, certainly we want to include Lowell in that mix. She said they did have Councilman Kuzman to come before Mr. Silverman, who didn't listen. He had plugs in his ears when we asked him to consider, and not close our branch here in the City of Gary, as well as Lowell, so anyone that is interested and want to go down on Monday to support the citizens of Lake County in their protesting of closing these two license branches.

Smith said, it's been pointed out, the impact of the closing of this office, and the services that it was providing, impacts all of Northwest Indiana. We are, with this resolution, we certainly would be asking the Governor, and his head of that agency, certainly to reconsider closing Gary, There is no way that we can not have at least one full fledged office operating that offer those kinds of services, close down in Indianapolis. If it's a matter of budget costs, then we have, in county government many parcels of land, delinquent properties that we own, so my suggestion to the governor would be, we can offer you an intergovernmental agency agreement, some properties that we own, that's on the delinquent rolls that's unused, as a means of housing this operations, that is putting a step forward. If that's a problem, in terms of the costs, so what's the next problem, it would be managing and having the right people in there to manage their operations, it seems to me to have been a problem with managing, so that's up to the State Officials to put someone in there, and put people in there to manage it properly, but the cost of the housing it, we ought to be able to provide, meaning the County Commissioners, because that's under their umbrella, and I'm saying, I think this Council certainly would concur that we could do that, intergovernmental agreement, giving them property, keep it in Gary, and move on, that's my feelings.

**All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-80**

**Did not receive a resolution to reflect in the minutes.**

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

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President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

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Lake County Auditor

