

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 budgets for Year 2010, 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 Larry Blanchard, President, Thomas O'Donnell, Ernie Dillon, Elsie Franklin, Jerome A. Prince, Christine Cid, and Ted Bilski County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney.

OPEN: Public Comments Council Discussions, and Actions.

O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Bilski to approve in General Fund, a Professional Services line item in Circuit Court, \$12,000 for additional IV-D cost allocation recovery. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Bilski to increase general Fund Miscellaneous Revenue Line by \$250,000. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the Unemployment Compensation in Commissioner's budget by \$1,215,000.00. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dillon to approve the carryover line item in Auditor's Budget by \$850,000. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

O'Donnell made a motion to rescind our prior indication that non-compliant offices would be stuck with paying 15% all out of the 100 series. Franklin seconded the motion.

O'Donnell said that it turned out that that was punitive, and more than certain departments couldn't even handle. O'Donnell said it still has to be 15%. He said that the memo that was sent around was really clear. What it said was "minimally, 10% from the 100 series, and then 5% could come from the 200 and 300 series", but you've still got to get 15%. O'Donnell said and if there's offices that just can't do it, and Superior Court Civil, for example says they just can't do it. Then it's got to come out of the 100 series. It's got to. He said that we did do this where we gave them the edit, when they were all down in Indianapolis. Every Judge has to go to Indianapolis for that training. They were all down there. They come back and have a really short leash to get it done. O'Donnell said different officeholders thought, "let's see how far we can push this." Some of us might say we have State Mandates, we got to have this much money. Some people might say "you guys said it last year and didn't really mean it", so we're going to push you and see how far we can push you.

O'Donnell said that's what triggered the 15% all out of the 100 series. He said that he spoke with the Sheriff, who told him that he didn't say "hey I'm cutting this much so you guys don't have to cut anything else" I believe that's what he said. O'Donnell said I don't believe that he told people you don't have to cut cause I'm cutting so much." So there were officeholders that said, "I'm not cutting 10 cents, not 10 cents, and there were other officeholders that told me, "I've cut all my stuff, I've got it all done Tom, it's finished, and then the next day when the budgets were submitted, there was nothing. They didn't submit anything. So there was a little bit of gamesmanship going on here. O'Donnell said but now we need to close this budget out. We need to cut the 15% whether it's all through the 100 series, or the 100 series, plus other stuff. Some aren't going to be able to cut it out of the 200 or 300 series because they don't have a big enough 200 or 300 series budget to equalize it. Our request of the officeholders, it was a rush, it was a rush. People were confused. They said they didn't understand the 15%, where 10% was coming from, they thought they only had to cut 5% of their whole 200 and 300 series budget, like I said this morning. So, there was confusion.

O'Donnell said he thinks 15% was punitive out of the 100 series. There are still some officeholders that are probably going to have to do 12 or 13, or 14% out of the 100 series, but they've got to do it. Instead of it just being a blanket, it's a punishment for you, it's not a punishment anymore, now it's a reality. It's the reality that that's what we have to hit. That's the mark we have to hit in order to be able to send these budgets down to Indianapolis.

All voted "Yes", except Blanchard, "No". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-no.

O'Donnell said right now, we will just send it down with the 15% across the board right? We will approve our budget as it is.

Dante said sometime in early December, you will want to have something back so we can punch it in and well reconciled before that point. We need to set a deadline for it.

O'Donnell said we will have to have a special meeting on it.

O'Donnell asked don't we have to do the revised 144' for next year?

Blanchard said in January.

O'Donnell said, so they will have to submit it by December, and then we can take action on it in January 1st.

Dante said you will ratify it officially in January, but I should have a spreadsheet to reconcile this whole thing up well before December 1st.

O'Donnell said because the new 2010 payroll starts December 7th right?

O'Donnell said maybe we should say that we want it before Thanksgiving.

Cid wanted to clarify the action that was just taken. She said it's not that we want 10% from 100 Series, we want 15% altogether, really 66% of that 15 comes from salaries, that was the original? O'Donnell said, minimally.

Cid said, right, but I don't want people coming back saying we just had to cut 10% from the 100 series, that is not what we did.

O'Donnell said they know that whatever Dante has in the "reduction share", that's the number they have to hit.

Bilski said that he thinks that what O'Donnell' motion allows them to do is to allow those folks that didn't do it to go back and apply the individual cost per employee, to reach that goal.

Cid asked, what happens if they don't meet that goal, let's say they don't meet what we want them to meet in their 100 series?

O'Donnell said the budgets that passed is going to already have it cut.

Blanchard said we could do that in the January meeting.

Someone in the audience asked what did the Council just do with the last motion?

They asked did it go back to what you originally requested of us?

O'Donnell answered, yes. O'Donnell said it's minimally, 10% out of the 100 series. Your total gross cut has to be 15%, and minimally 10% of it has to come from the 100 series.

O'Donnell said so if those people still do nothing, on January 1st, it's still that 15% cut.

Cid asked are you saying if they don't do it by the new deadline, you're going to go after the 15% again?

O'Donnell said that's the budget we're sending down. We're sending a budget down that's cut 15% already. They have to amend it.

Attorney Dull said that the Commissioners cut 10 jobs, and asked when do we give them notice?

Blanchard answered, now. At the latest, January 1st.

Attorney Dull said in being fair to those that are being let go, tomorrow we can tell those people.

Bilski said that this is regarding the amalgamation of the Assessor' Office, and regarding department 1000, and property rental. This is regarding the second office, Ranburn Woods, I don't have those exact figures in front of me for department 1000, but I would like to make a motion to reduce that property rental as well as the additional savings that was put into that property rental.

Bilski said it would be reduced, but where does it go? He said he has to talk to the County Assessor about bringing other Assessors back into this building, which we will eliminate those satellite offices as well, and we will just have one office.

He said we are in the process of working with the County Assessor to shut down those outlying satellite offices, bring those folks back into this building, use those savings to apply towards the reductions for all of the Assessors.

Franklin said earlier this morning I did say that I was going to speak with the Calumet Township Assessor to iron all of this out. I don't have a problem, I said this earlier on, that I wanted to speak with Mr. Blumenberg and his staff to shut Ranburn down, but I want to give him the courtesy to discuss this with

him because he is the elected Assessor. That's the only thing that I'm asking, which is that I am allowed the opportunity to do that.

Cid said the lease has already been signed.

Bilski said if we don't appropriate the fund, the lease is voided. Bilski asked Dante, if I make that motion today, allow you to get that spreadsheet, make those changes, and Council lady Franklin comes up with an alternative through that elected official, could we amend that?

Dante answered absolutely, just tell me the numbers.

Bilski said that would allow us to have the exact numbers.

Dante said I could punch that in by November 1st.

Bilski said then that would cover the shortfalls of the amalgamated group. You would just plug in that additional revenue where it needs to go to make it balance, and they will be where they need to be.

Franklin said I'm trying to find this shortfall that you're talking about. Currently from Booker' reductions the overage was already put in for the lease, so that's already there, so there is no shortfall in Calumet Township.

O'Donnell said but if we close the office, there will be extra money to cover the other Assessors.

Franklin said I am not going to sit here and vote with you to talk about closing this man' office without talking to him, I'm not doing that. I want to give him the opportunity to sit down with his Committee which is comprised of myself, Cid, and O'Donnell to tell him what we're doing. I just don't think that at anytime that we should disrespect an elected official by not sitting down with them, as it relates to their department. I don't care what we have to do, it's in the budget. Whatever has to be adjusted, can be adjusted later on. What's the big hurry today to do it?

Prince said if I heard Dante' explanation, I don't think it's necessary to have the motion today, just from a professional courtesy, I would agree and give our colleague an opportunity, she is the Chair of that committee, to speak with him. I think it's clear what direction this body wants to go in, I think that he's discussed it with everybody and we don't feel, at least I don't, that he needs the extra office and that subsequent meeting that you're talking about, I think that that should be the direction that we take. There is no room for a compromise. Franklin wants to have a meeting, I think Dante suggested that we've got until November 1st to do it, so why don't we just let her set up a meeting, and I don't think we have to make the motion today, but It's clear of the direction that we want to go in, and that's to take the office, and eliminate that office.

Franklin said that was my proposal to this Council this morning, when I brought it to the floor, that that was what I wanted to do, was to close Ranburn but not to do it this way, I want to sit down with Mr. Blumenberg to do it.

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

O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on Second Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1316I

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TAX LEVIES FOR LAKE COUNTY FOR 2010

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 I. That it is the intent of the Lake County Council to approve tax levies For the purpose of supporting 2010 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 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

CHRISTINE CID
THOMAS O'DONNELL
TED F. BILSKI

ERNIE DILLON
ELSIE FRANKLIN
JEROME A. PRINCE

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Longevity Ordinance for 2010 – Second Reading.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on Second Reading. All voted “Yes”. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1316L

**LAKE COUNTY
LONGEVITY ORDINANCE FOR 2010**

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, 2009.
2. For part-time employees add the consecutive years completed as of December 31, 2009. Prior years shall not count unless they are consecutive As of December 31, 2009.
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.

<u>Years Completed</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5 Years	\$220.00
10 Years	\$320.00
15 Years	\$440.00
20 Years	\$620.00
25 Years	\$920.00
30 Years and over	\$1,220.00
(Lake County Code Sec. 32.027 LONGEVITY)	

DULY ADOPTED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

LARRY BLANCHARD, President

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

Dillon made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on Second Reading. All voted “Yes”. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1316M

**LAKE COUNTY SEHERIFF UNIFORM
CLOTHING ALLOWANCE ORDINANCE FOR 2010**

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 I.** Full-time deputy sheriffs shall receive an annual uniform clothing Allowance of \$1,300.00, 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, 2009, for the calendar year of 2010.
- 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 13th day of October, 2009.

LARRY BLANCHARD, President

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In the Matter of Per Diem Expense Ordinance for 2010 – Second Reading.

Franklin made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on Second Reading. All voted “Yes”. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1316N

PER DIEM EXPENSE ORDINANCE FOR 2010

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish a per diem 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 diem Expenses for County officials, department heads and Lake County Agencies and their Employees who travel on County business shall be as follows:

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

SO ORDAINED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

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In the Matter of Resolution for the Distribution of Funds for Mental Health for Lake County 2010.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dillon to approve.

Blanchard said that we have an opinion from the Lake County Auditor on the growth quotient. We will attach that as an exhibit to this resolution.

All voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-93

RESOLUTION FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR LAKE COUNTY FOR 2010

WHEREAS, the Gary Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc. and the Regional Mental Health Center 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 2009 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 (2009); multiplied by the County's assessed value growth quotient for the ensuing calendar year, as determined under I.C. 6-1.1-18.5-2;
- (B) 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:

Gary 22.80%	Regional Mental Health Center 77.20%
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DATED this 13th day of October, 2009.

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SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED TO RESOLUTION

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-94

**RESOLUTION TO REDUCE
CERTAIN FUNDS TO BALANCE THE 2010 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, 2010, the Lake County Council Desires the following reductions in the respective budgets:

LINE 2 REDUCTIONS:

General Fund	Fund No. 001	\$ 3,616,290.00
Local Roads & Streets Fund	Fund No. 112	\$ 541,783.00
Major Moves Fund	Fund No. 550	\$ 2,362,249.00

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council in order to balance the County Budget for Lake County for 2010 Makes the following Line Two reductions:

LINE 2 REDUCTIONS:

General Fund	Fund No. 001	\$ 3,616,290.00
Local Roads & Streets Fund	Fund No. 112	\$ 541,783.00
Major Moves Fund	Fund No. 550	\$ 2,362,249.00

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In the Matter of Resolution to Establish the Reserve Carryover Payroll Expense Line in the Lake County Auditor's 2010 Budget.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09-95

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE RESERVE
CARRYOVER PAYROLL EXPENSE LINE IN THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR'S
2010 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-1, et. Seq., the Lake County Council has adopted the Lake County Budget for 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council has eliminated from the 2010 Budget full-time positions which Were included in the Lake County 2009 Budget; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the elimination of the full-time positions certain carryover expenses (longevity, vacation pay, etc.) will accrue in 2010 for the eliminated positions; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires that the carryover payroll expenses be paid by the Lake County Auditor as needed throughout 2010, without appropriation by the Lake County Council; and

WHEREAS, the carryover payroll expenses in 2010 may total \$850,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Reserve Carryover Payroll Expense Line (Line) is created in the Lake County Auditor's 2010 Budget for the payment of carryover payroll expenses (Expenses) (longevity, vacation pay, etc.) which accrue in 2010 for the 2009 full-time positions which were eliminated in the Lake County 2010 Budget.
2. That the Lake County Auditor shall pay the carryover payroll expenses as they come Due from the Reserve Carryover Payroll Expense Line without appropriation or

Approval by the Lake County Council.

- 3. That the Lake County Council hereby places in the Lake County Auditor's 2010 Budget, Reserve Carryover Payroll Expense Line, the sum of \$850,000.00.
- 4. That after payment of the expenses any remaining funds in the Line shall be returned to the General Fund.

SO RESOLVED THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

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In the Matter of Verbal Motion to Use the sum of Nineteen Billion as the assessed value of 2010 for Lake County.

O'Donnell made a motion, seconded by Bilski to approve 19 billion dollars as the Assessed Value or 2010 for Lake County. 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 2010 for Lake County.

Bilski made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Verbal Motion to approve all other Budgets Required by Indiana Law not listed in the 16 Line Statement, for Lake County for 2010 as follows:

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

- 1. Lake Ridge Fire Protection District Budget
 - a. Operations
 - b. Capital

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

President, Lake County Council

ATTEST:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor