

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 Review of 2014 Non-Binding Civil Taxing Unit Budgets and Budget Recommendation, 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 Ted Bilski, President, David Hamm, Elsie Franklin, Daniel Dernulc, and Eldon Strong, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney. Councilwoman Christine Cid, and Councilman Jerome Prince were absent.

Bilski said that the reason for this meeting today is because we are mandated to take this action. The last day to complete this required task is October 1st. He explained that the Code said it must be done before October 2nd, and the following is from I.C. 6-1.1-17-3.5. He read a brief overlay that, "the County Fiscal Body shall complete the following in a manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance to review any proposed and estimated tax rates, or tax levies filed by the taxing units with the County fiscal body under this section. If the County Fiscal Body fails to complete the requirements of sub-section E, before deadline as subscribed for any taxing units subject to this section, the most recent annual appropriation and annual tax levy of the County are continued for the ensuing budget year."

Bilski said that is one of the reasons why we are here.

Mr. Perkins explained that the first thing that the Council has a charge to do is to make a comparison of the budgets, levy, and tax rates. He said the taxing units submitted it, the formula has been done, the only column that is left to be done, and that is the action that the Council chooses to take today.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin for a letter to be sent to all taxing units, stressing that they need to work towards getting their budgets to stay within the caps. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Dernulc commented that whenever someone goes over that levy, it hurts the County, and our resources. So he has asked that each taxing district, if they are above their levy, to please try to live within their certified levy because it's really hurting us.

In the Matter of Calumet Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, "as submitted" by Calumet Township. Franklin seconded the motion.

Hamm said that he already made the motion, and it passed, in regards that all taxing units, and we are stressing that they need to work towards getting their budget to stay within the caps, so I made that motion first. And that is going to go to every taxing unit.

All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Cedar Creek Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved "as submitted" by Cedar Creek Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Cedar Lake Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved "as submitted" by Cedar Lake Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Center Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved "as submitted" by Center Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Crown Point Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved "as submitted" by Crown Point Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Crown Point Community Public Library

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Crown Point Community Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Crown Point Community School Corporation.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Crown Point Community School Corp. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Dyer Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Dyer Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Eagle Creek Township.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Eagle Creek Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of East Chicago Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by East Chicago Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of East Chicago Public Library.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by East Chicago Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Gary Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Gary Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Gary Community School Corporation.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by the Gary Community School Corp. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Gary Public Library.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by the Gary Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Griffith Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Griffith Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Griffith Public School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Griffith Public School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hammond City School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hammond City School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hammond Civil City

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hammond Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hammond Public Library.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hammond Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hanover Community School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hanover Community School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hanover Township.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hanover Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Highland Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Highland Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Highland Town School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Highland Town School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hobart Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hobart Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Hobart Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Hobart Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Independence Hill Conservancy District

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Independence Hill Conservancy District. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Central School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lake Central School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake County Public Library

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lake County Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Ridge School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lake Ridge School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Station Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lake Station Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lake Station School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lake Station School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lowell Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lowell Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Lowell Public Library

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Lowell Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Merrillville Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Merrillville Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Merrillville Conservancy

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Merrillville Conservancy. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Merrillville School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014, be approved, "as submitted" by Merrillville School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Munster Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Munster Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Munster Community School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Munster Community School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of New Chicago Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by New Chicago Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of North Township.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by North Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of River Forest Community School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by River Forest Community School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Ross Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Ross Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Schererville Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Schererville Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Schneider Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Schneider Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of School City of East Chicago.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by School City of East Chicago. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of School City of Hobart School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by School City of Hobart School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of St. John Civil Town.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by St. John Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of St. John Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by St. John Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Tri-Creek School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Tri-Creek School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of West Creek Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by West Creek Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Whiting City School Corporation

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Whiting City School Corporation. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Whiting Civil City.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Whiting Civil City. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Whiting Public Library.

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Whiting Public Library. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Winfield Civil Town

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Winfield Civil Town. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

In the Matter of Winfield Township

Hamm moved to recommend the proposed budget, levy, and tax rate for the year 2014 be approved, "as submitted" by Winfield Township. Franklin seconded the motion. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to cancel the Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for Friday, 9-20-13, and the next Budget Workshop will be held Tuesday, 9-24-13 @ 4:00 P.M. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to reduce in the general fund, in Cooperative Extension, Department 2300, add the amount of \$11,750, to line item 43235, which will increase it to \$12,500, from \$750.00, also for Cooperative Extension, Department 2300, line item 43190, Other Professional Services, increase to \$142,950,(from \$141,290), an increase of \$1,660, for a total amount of \$13,410.00. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve for Soil & Water, Department 2650, a reduction in the general fund, and add it to line item:

42110, Office Supplies, increase to \$4,000, (from \$2,000).

Line item 42410, Other Supplies, increase to \$4,430,(from \$2,430),

line item 43235, Travel-Mileage, increase to \$3,200,(from \$2,000),

line item 43231, Travel Registration, increase to \$800,(from \$500),

line item 43240, Telephone, increase to \$2,038,(from \$1,838),

line 43620, Equipment Repair, increase to \$1,700,(from \$1,300),

Line item 43730, Property Rental, increase to \$9,000,(from \$7,000),

Line Item 43910, Dues & Subscriptions, increase to \$2,069, (from \$1,069), a total difference of \$10,000. All voted "Yes", except Cid, and Prince, "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 2-absent.

There being no further business to come before the 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