

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in regular session at this time, for the purpose of considering additional appropriations, a written notice was sent to each member of the Council, and proper advertisement made, and all other acts performed in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

And now in obedience to such call, come Ted Bilski, President, Jerome A. Prince, David Hamm, Elsie Franklin, Daniel Dernulc, Christine Cid, and Eldon Strong, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney.

In the Matter of Minutes of the Lake County Council for March 12, 2013.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the minutes of the Lake County Council meeting for March 12, 2013. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 1359

Section 1. Be It Ordained by the County Council of Lake County, IN., that for the expenses of the County Government and its institutions, the following sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein appropriated, and shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

	Appropriation Requested	Appropriated
General Fund 001		
<u>Criminal Court</u> 4000		
41100 Overtime(CNL)	\$ 36,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
43920 Food & Lodging	\$ 80,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
Gambling Adm Tax Fund 196		
<u>Criminal Court</u> 4000		
41100 Overtime(CNL)	\$ 36,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
41220 FICA(CNL)	\$ 2,754.00	Defer to 5-14-13
41230 PERF(CNL)	\$ 4,140.00	Defer to 5-14-13
43920 Food & Lodging	\$ 80,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
Cum Cap Dev Fund 651		
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
44420 Office Machines(CNL)	\$ 60,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
<u>Criminal Court</u> 4000		
41100 Overtime(CNL)	\$ 36,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
41220 FICA(CNL)	\$ 2,754.00	Defer to 5-14-13
41230 PERF(CNL)	\$ 4,140.00	Defer to 5-14-13
43920 Food & Lodging(CNL)	\$ 80,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
Sex & Violent Offenders Fund 275		
<u>Sheriff</u> 0500		
41190 Part-Time	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
41220 FICA	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 1,375.00
VOCA Fund 280		
<u>Sheriff</u> 0500		
42410 Other Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
L.C. Operating Fund 312		
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
43630 Maintenance & Service Contr(CNL)	\$2,000,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
Reimbursement Fund 314		
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
44420 Office Machines(CNL)	\$ 60,000.00	Defer to 5-14-13
TIF Dissolution General Fund 686		
<u>Economic Development</u> 6100		
41120 Professionals	\$ 80,585.46	\$ 80,585.46
41160 Office & Clerical	\$ 36,386.33	\$ 36,386.33
41210 Longevity	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 2,460.00
41220 FICA	\$ 8,841.65	\$ 8,841.65
41230 PERF	\$ 12,574.39	\$ 12,574.39
41240 Group Ins Deductions	\$ 39,045.00	\$ 39,045.00
41260 Workman's Comp Deduction	\$ 940.50	\$ 940.50

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>Jail</u> 3100		
Misdemeanant County Jail Fund 152		
From: 152-41190 Part-Time	\$ 8,000.00	
To: 152-41370 Holiday Pay	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
<u>Center Township Assessor</u> 1200		
2015 Reassessment Fund 337		
From: 337-41190 Part-Time	\$ 132.00	
To: 337-43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 132.00	\$ 132.00
<u>Sheriff</u> 1007		
JAG 2011 Grant Fund 262		
From: 262-41190 Part-Time	\$ 1,396.00	
To: 262-41230 PERF	\$ 1,396.00	\$ 1,396.00
<u>Calumet Township Assessor</u> 1000		
2015 Reassessment Fund 337		
From: 337-43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 9,503.00	
To: 337-41190 Part-Time	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
337-41220 FICA	\$ 612.00	\$ 612.00
337-41260 Workman's Comp Deduction	\$ 891.00	\$ 891.00
<u>Election & Registration</u> 2100		
From: 001-43150 Consultant Fees	\$ 5,000.00	
To: 001-41120 Professionals	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
<u>St. John Township Assessor</u> 1800		
Sales Disclosure Fund 710		
From: 710-44490 Other Equipment	\$ 3,000.00	
To: 710-43231 Travel-Registration	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
710-43232 Travel-Meals	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
710-43233 Travel-Lodging	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
<u>Prosecutor</u> 0800		
Elderly Abuse Fund 127		
From: 127-41240 Group Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	
127-42110 Office Supplies	\$ 950.00	
127-42410 Other Supplies	\$ 475.00	
127-43630 Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 950.00	
To: 127-41110 Officials & Admin	\$ 6,507.00	\$ 6,507.00
127-41190 Part-Time	\$ 4,185.00	\$ 4,185.00
127-41220 FICA	\$ 765.00	\$ 765.00
127-41230 PERF	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00
127-41390 Supplemental Pay	\$ 462.00	\$ 462.00
127-43310 Printing	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
127-43620 Equipment Repair(CNL)	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
127-44410 Furniture & Fixtures(CNL)	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
127-44420 Office Machines	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00

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

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

Dated this 9th day of April, 2013.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2013.

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Ted F. Bilski
Jerome A. Prince
David A. Hamm
Daniel E. Dernulc
Christine Cid
Eldon Strong

Members of the Lake County Council

ATTEST:
Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor

Additional

	Made motion	seconded	
<u>Fund 001</u> Criminal Court(\$116,000) (See Footnote)	Hamm	Dernulc	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Gambling Adm Tax Fund 196</u> Criminal Court(\$122,894)	Hamm	Franklin	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Cum Cap Dev Fund 651</u> Jail(\$60,000)	Dernulc	Cid	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
Criminal Court(\$122,894)	Hamm	Franklin	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Sex & Violent Offenders Fund 275</u> Sheriff(\$19,375)	Cid	Dernulc	All voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>VOCA Fund 280</u> Sheriff(\$500)	Cid	Prince	All voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>L.C. Operating Fund 312</u> Jail(\$2,000,000)	Dernulc	Cid	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
Reimbursement Fund 314 Jail(\$60,000)	Dernulc	Cid	All voted "Yes" to defer to 5-14-13. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>TIF Dissolution General Fund 686</u> Economic Development (\$180,833.33)	Prince	Franklin	All voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.

Footnotes

Re: Criminal Court(\$116,000) general fund – Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve for a total of \$116,000.

Dante' recommendation was to refer this to the borrowing committee to make the appropriation through the borrowing Committee. Hamm withdrew his motion, and Franklin withdrew her second.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to defer to 5-14-13. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers

<u>Jail(\$8,000)</u> Misdemeanant County Jail Fund 152	Dernulc	Cid	All voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Center Twp Assr(\$132)</u> 2015 Reassessment Fund 337	Prince	Dernulc	All voted "Yes", except Strong, "No". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-no.
<u>Sheriff(\$1,396)</u> JAG 2011 Grant Fund 262	Cid	Hamm	All voted "Yes" to approve. Motion carried 7-0.
<u>Calumet Twp Assr(\$9,503)</u> 2015 Reassessment Fund 337 (See Footnotes)	Prince	Franklin	All voted "Yes", except Strong, "No". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-no.
Election & Registration(\$5,000) St. John Twp Assr(\$3,000)	Franklin Prince	Hamm Hamm	All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0. All voted "Yes", except Franklin, "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Sales Disclosure Fund 710</u> Prosecutor(\$14,375)	Cid	Prince	All voted "Yes", except Franklin, "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Elderly Abuse Fund 127

Prosecutor(\$14,375)

Cid

Prince

All voted "Yes", to approve and create 2 new line items, except Franklin, "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Footnotes

Re: Calumet Township Assessor(\$9,503) - Prince made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve. Strong said that Fund 337 is a reassessment fund for 2015 for a reassessment that has not been called for yet. Strong also said, we've had discussion on this item before. He said he wrote to the DLGF, and they responded. They said that you can indeed, access these funds, if it is something that is going to be worked towards the reassessment, and when just we have something here that has Other Professional Services, or Part-time, Strong said, it's too "generic" for him for to simply approve that can be done.

He said he believes that they need some more evidence, or information on it, so that we know that it's going towards the reassessment, and it's not just accessing funds to be used for some other category.

Prince said that this goes back to their actions in January, which have been solidified by DLGF by not "kicking back" the earlier appropriations that we did.

He said that this is, absolutely as relayed to Prince by the Assessor, related to reassessment, 2015, in that it's for trending efforts, which are part of the ongoing reassessment efforts.

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

In the Matter of Revised 144 for Public Defender, Economic Development, Treasurer, and County Court Div III,

Re: Public Defender - Cid made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

<u>Revised 144 Fund 405</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-009 Supplemental Pay	\$5,000	-0-	-\$5,000

Re: Economic Development – Prince made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve.

Prince explained that this is an attempt by Economic Development to continue their operations. They need to switch these positions to another fund, and they understand that it will be temporary, and once the situation is corrected, they will come back.

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

<u>Revised 144 – Fund 686</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12xxx-001 Fiscal Officer	-0-	\$65,707	\$65,707
12xxx-001 Planner	-0-	\$44,568	\$44,568
16xxx-001 Account/Bookkeeper	-0-	\$49,792	\$49,792

Re: Treasurer – Franklin made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve.

Treasurer Petalas explained that this is money that will be coming out of the Treasurer' Incentive Fund. It doesn't come from any tax levy supported fund. He said he actually wants to assist a couple of employees. He said he reduced his staff in his office by a total of 8 people. He said 6, when the County Council was making budget cuts, and 2 that he has done on his own, within the last year. He said their Gary Office is down to 2 full-time employees, and that's to the point of where he has to have his Chief Deputy assigned down there, 3 or 4 days a week to assist. He said he has a situation in the Auditor' Office where she is short-handed as well. He said since a number of his employees are cross-trained, he has assigned 2 of his people who are working for her, and for the last year, they've probably spent 8 months in the Auditor' Office, and only 4 months in the Treasurer' Office, so since he has employees who are doubling up on duties, he wants to try to assist them with supplemental pay. It's coming out of the Treasurer' Incentive Fund, which can only be used for certain specific purposes anyway, by statute, so it's there, and it's sitting in the fund, and he has the cash balance for it, it's a total of \$6,000 dollars.

Strong said that they listened, earlier to testimony of the financial crunch, and the things that we're doing, and it's hard for him to support supplemental pay. Strong said, he understands that there's some unfairness, and that's the part of the plan that Strong said, we need to fix, where everybody is even, where everybody is equal, but he has an issue with supplemental pay, especially when we want to create 2 positions, just to sit there to give later down the road.

Mr. Petalas said these are not positions that are being created, these are supplemental pay slots.

Franklin said in order to keep some of the good staff that we have, and when supplementary pay comes up, she doesn't have a problem because it's not coming out of the general fund. Franklin said, if the staff is doing the job, she thinks they need to understand that we are asking them to take on extra duties, other than what they were hired to do, since they are cross-trained.

Hamm asked Attorney Szarmach is this is a legal expenditure?

Attorney Szarmach answered, yes.

All voted "Yes", except Dernulc, and Strong, "No". Cid "abstained". Motion to approve carried 4-yes, 2-no, 1-abstention.

<u>Rev. 144 – Fund 427</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
39002-008 Suppl Pay NGenFnd	-0-	\$1,000	\$1,000
39002-009 Suppl Pay NGenFnd	-0-	\$1,000	\$1,000
39002-010 Supp Pay NGenFnd	-0-	\$1,000	\$1,000
39001-011 Suppl Pay NGenFnd	-0-	\$3,000	\$3,000

Re: County Court Div III – Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve and that it be retro to 3-18-13. All voted "Yes", except Franklin, "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

<u>Revised 144 – Fund 143</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Retro to 3-18-13</u>			
39003-007 Supp Pay Prob. O	\$2,322	-0-	-\$2,322
39002-028 Supp Pay NGenFnd	-0-	\$2,322	\$2,322

In the Matter of Citizen Appointments – Hammond Library Board (1).

Hamm nominated Carol Odom to the Hammond Library Board. Prince seconded the nomination Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to close the nominations. All voted "Yes" to close the nominations, and approve Carol Odom. Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – Whiting Library Board (1).

Hamm nominated Lynn Haynes. Cid seconded the nomination.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to close the nominations. All voted "Yes". Motion to close the nominations carried 7-0.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the appointment of Lynn Haynes to the Whiting Library Board. All voted "Yes". Motion to approve carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Citizen Nominations – Economic Development Commission – Town of Cedar Lake(1).

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to defer to 5-14-13. All voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Citizen Nominations – Economic Development Commission – Town of St. John.

Strong nominated Robert L. Meinzer, Jr. .
Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Cid to close the nominations. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0
Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve Robert Meinzer, Jr to the Economic Development Commission, for the Town of St. John. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Interlocal Agreement for Consolidation of Public Safety Answering Points in Lake County, IN

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to defer to 5-14-13. All voted "Yes". Motion to defer carried 7-0.

In the Matter of County Council Meeting Time

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to hold all regular Council meetings in the evening.

Cid explained that she sent e-mails out to all of the Elected Officials, and department heads. She said that she didn't receive any negative responses, and she did receive some positive, in support of this. She said she has addressed the overtime concerns, where the offices have agreed to re-schedule their employees in a manner that will not increase overtime.

She said that all other Cities and Towns have their meetings in the evenings. She has spoken with the Sheriff, and he has assured her that if security is needed at the door, during the evening, he will provide some service, and it would not be overtime. He would re-schedule those person' hours.

Bilski said their primary function is not like any other City or Town Council. It's more about the staff, and servicing the staff. He said he appreciated her research, but he would prefer to do it in the early morning on a Saturday, or Sunday morning personally, before he plays golf. He would like to do it on a Sunday morning perhaps at 6:00 a.m., or 5:30 in the Sunday morning would be no excuse for anyone not to be here, because Sunday, everybody is not working. Bilski said, that would be his suggestion on the time-frame.

Cid said this is a compromise. She isn't asking every Council meeting be changed to the evening, the Study sessions will still be at 10:00 in the morning. The Elected Officials who are normally excused, won't have to come to an evening meeting, so it is a compromise that she is asking for.

Bilski asked if she is also asking that all Special Meetings be held after 4:30?

Cid answered, she wants all regular Tuesday Council meetings to be in the evening, and her motion will be for 6:00, or 6:30 in the evening.

Cid amended her motion to hold all regular Tuesday Council meetings at 6:30 P.M. Dornulc seconded the motion.

Franklin said that she understands that there may be some concerns as to changing the time of the meetings, but she doesn't understand the reasons why because if you look at the Cities and Towns that she saw in the packet, and then she said when you look at the City of Gary, they do have their meetings in the evenings because most of the Councilmembers work in the day time, but most of our people are in the county building on a daily basis. Franklin also said, that when you look at that audience, you may find 5 citizens that are sitting in the audience, to attend the meeting, they are not there. She said we've tried this time and time again, to do, just what Councilwoman Cid is suggesting by having the public there, they don't come.

Franklin also asked, when do they take their staff into consideration, and also think about the streets in the winter time.

All voted "Yes", except Franklin, Prince, and Bilski, "No". Motion to approve carried 4-yes, 3-no.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

Cid nominated Randy Palmateer, as the Council' appointment to the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority. Prince seconded.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Cid to close the nominations. All voted "Yes". Motion to close the nominations carried 7-0.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the appointment of Randy Palmateer. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

In the Matter of Strategic Steps to Reduce Lake County Government Operational and Capital Expenditures.

Strong explained that this a Plan that he submitted at last week' workshop, some strategic steps to reduce the County' spending, and expenditures. Strong said he believes that these are some of the things that we need to do, and he was hoping we could get them done before we impose the Income Tax, but we are beyond that, so obviously it needs to be put in place, in conjunction, with the Income Tax, and clearly have these things in place before the next budget year, so this doesn't reoccur, and have another situation where we would have to come back in 4 or 5 years.

Bilski said, he agrees with Councilman Strong, and as we move forward, he would like to start as early as July on our budget layout for 2014.

No Action Taken

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Thea Bowman Academy Boys Basketball Team – 2013 IHSA Class 2 Indiana State Champion.

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

RESOLUTION NO 13-38

**RESOLUTION HONORING THEA BOWMAN
ACADEMY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, students and professional athletes nurtured and trained in Lake County, Indiana,
Have consistently shown excellence in all sporting endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has generously sent forth its spirited and athletic youth to compete With other youths of this state and of every country and nation of this world; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken Upon themselves the hardships and disciplines, both physical and mental, which Successful participation in sporting events demands; and

WHEREAS, the Thea Bowman Academy Eagles Boys Basketball Team, won their second title In four years, the other coming in Class 1A in 2010, by defeating Linton Stockton 86-73 on March 23, 2013 in Indianapolis, Indiana capturing the IHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball Championship.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Lake County Council, And all citizens of Lake County who are represented By this august body, extend congratulations and praise To the students, teachers, coaches and trainers but Most particularly to the young men of the Thea Bowman Academy Eagles Boys Basketball Team, the IHSAA Class 2A Basketball State Champions and champions always for Lake County; that a copy Of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to the THEA BOWMAN ACADEMY EAGLES BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM.

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Veterans Service Office to pay 2012 invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$30.00 – 001-2700-42110 Office Supplies

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-39

RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE TO PAY OUTSTANDING 2012 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Lake County Veterans Service Office, is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2012 have not been Paid:

<u>001-2700-42110</u>	<u>Office Supplies</u>
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	\$10.00
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	\$10.00
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$30.00

WHEREAS, THE Lake County Veterans Service Office desires to pay the above invoices/debts Due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Veterans Service Office, shall pay From its 2013 Budget the following invoice/debts incurred in the Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-2700-42110</u>	<u>Office Supplies</u>
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	\$10.00
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	\$10.00
Marshall II Enterprises/Alpine Valley Water	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$30.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

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JEROME A. PRINCE

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake Circuit Court to pay a 2012 invoice with 2013 funds in the amount of \$580.00 – 001-3800-43620 Equipment Repair

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-40

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF LAKE COUNTY TO PAY AN
OUTSTANDING 2012 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake Circuit Court is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2012, has not been Paid:

<u>001-3800-43620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Word Systems, Inc	\$ 580.00

WHEREAS, the Lake Circuit Court desires to pay the above invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2012 expense shall be paid from
The Circuit Court of Lake County's 2013 Budget:

<u>001-3800-43620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Word Systems, Inc.	\$ 580.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

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ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$7,553.28 – 001-0500-43620 Equipment Repair.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-41

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts which were incurred in the Budget year of 2012 have Not been paid:

<u>001-0500-43620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Phil & Son	\$ 140.00
Tri Electronics	\$5,085.28
Lowell Body Shop	<u>\$2,328.00</u>
	\$7,553.28

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department desires to pay the above invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff’s Department shall pay
From its 2013 Budget the following invoices/debts incurred in the
Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-0500-43620</u>	<u>Equipment Repair</u>
Phil & Son	\$ 140.00
Tri Electronics	\$5,085.28
Lowell Body Shop	<u>\$2,328.00</u>
	\$7,553.28

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council;

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 Jail invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$6,222.52 – 001-3100-43610 Building & Structure.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-42

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 JAIL INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts which were incurred in the Budget year of 2012 have Not been paid:

<u>001-3100-43610</u>	<u>Building & Structure</u>
Tri Electronics	\$2,608.99
Keough Mechanical	\$1,613.53
Glass America	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$6,222.52

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department desires to pay the above jail invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff’s Department shall pay
From its 2013 Budget the following jail invoices/debts incurred in the
Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-3100-43610</u>	<u>Building & Structure</u>
Tri Electronics	\$2,608.99
Keough Mechanical	\$1,613.53
Glass America	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	\$6,222.52

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

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DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 Jail invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$5,220.00 – 001-3100-43920 Food & Lodging.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-43

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 JAIL INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt which was incurred in the Budget year of 2012 has Not been paid:

<u>001-3100-43920</u>	<u>Food & Lodging</u>
Global Food Industries	\$5,220.00

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department desires to pay the above jail invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff's Department shall pay
From its 2013 Budget the following jail invoice/debt incurred in the
Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-3100-43920</u>	<u>Food & Lodging</u>
Global Food Industries	\$5,220.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 Jail invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$2,093.52 – 001-3100-43120 Medical & Hospital Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-44

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 JAIL INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts which were incurred in the Budget year of 2012 Have not been paid:

<u>001-3100-43120</u>	<u>Medical & Hospital</u>
Northwest Indiana Nephrology	\$ 433.57
George F. Abu-Aita, M.D.	\$ 78.29
Cardiomed Specialists	\$ 220.16

Lake County Hospitalist	\$ 580.92
Patterson Dental	\$ 145.00
Methodist Physician	<u>\$ 635.58</u>
	\$2,093.52

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department desires to pay the above jail invoices/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff’s Department shall pay from its 2013 Budget
The following jail invoices/debts incurred in the calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-3100-43120</u>	<u>Medical & Hospital</u>
Northwest Indiana Nephrology	\$ 433.57
George F. Abu-Aita, M.D.	\$ 78.29
Cardiomed Specialists	\$ 220.16
Lake County Hospitalist	\$ 580.92
Patterson Dental	\$ 145.00
Methodist Physician	<u>\$ 635.58</u>
	\$2,093.52

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, PRESIDENT

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DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 Animal Control invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$420.00 – 163-3200-42250.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-45

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF
TO PAY OUTSTANDING 2012 ANIMAL CONTROL
INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Sheriff’s Animal Control Department is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2012 have not been Paid:

<u>163-3200-42250</u>	<u>Health Care & Lab Supply</u>
McAfee Animal Hospital	\$ 45.00
Hammond Pet Hospital	\$ 35.00
Hebron Animal Hospital	\$ 45.00
South Suburban	<u>\$ 295.00</u>
	\$ 420.00

WHEREAS, the Lake County Sheriff-Animal Control Department desires to pay the above Invoice/debts due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff-Animal Control Department shall pay
From its 2013 Budget the following invoices/debts incurred in the
Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>163-3200-42250</u>	<u>Health Care & Lab Supply</u>
McAfee Animal Hospital	\$ 45.00
Hammond Pet Hospital	\$ 35.00
Hebron Animal Hospital	\$ 45.00
South Suburban	<u>\$ 295.00</u>

\$420.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, PRESIDENT

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Public Defender to pay 2012 invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$80,342.21 – 196-4002-43190 Other Professional Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-46

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE OFFICE OF
THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Office of the Public Defender, is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts incurred in the Budget year of 2012 have not been paid:

<u>196-4002-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Herbert I. Shaps	\$ 27,072.40
Casey J. McCloskey	\$ 36,533.96
Luli Buxton	<u>\$ 16,735.85</u>
	\$ 80,342.21

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to transfer funds and pay the above invoices/debts Due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2012 expenses shall be paid from the Office of the Public Defender’s 2013 Budget:

<u>196-4002-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Herbert I. Shaps	\$ 27,072.40
Casey J. McCloskey	\$36,533.96
Luli Buxton	<u>\$16,735.85</u>
	\$80,342.21

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, PRESIDENT

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
ELDON STRONG

JEROME A. PRINCE
ELSIE FRANKLIN
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Board of Elections and Registrations to pay a 2012 invoice with 2013 funds in the amount of \$587.50 – 001-2100-43150 Consultant Fees.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-47

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION TO PAY AN
OUTSTANDING 2012 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration, is currently operating in the 2013 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt incurred in the Budget year of 2012 has not been Paid:

<u>001-2100-43150</u>	<u>Consultant Fees</u>
Boss Reporters	\$ 587.50

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

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following 2012 expense shall be paid from
The Lake County Board of Elections and Registration's 2013 Budget:

<u>001-2100-43150</u>	<u>Consultant Fees</u>
Boss Reporters	\$ 587.50

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, PRESIDENT

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
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ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Sheriff to pay 2012 Jail invoice with 2013 funds in the amount of \$13,500.00 – 001-3100-43190 Other Professional Services.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-48

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 JAIL INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2013 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2013 Budet; and

WHEREAS, the following invoice/debt which was incurred in the Budget year of 2012 has Not been paid:

<u>001-3100-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Correctek, Inc	\$ 13,500.00

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department desires to pay the above jail invoice/debt due.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Sheriff's Department shall pay
From its 2013 Budget the following jail invoice/debt incurred in the
Calendar year 2012 as follows:

<u>001-3100-43190</u>	<u>Other Professional Services</u>
Correctek, Inc.	\$ 13,500.00

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

In the Matter of Resolution Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month

Cid made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve.

Bilski said he thinks it is very important that we get the word out there, that there are a lot of fundraising efforts going on this month, a lot of activities to not only, awareness, but revenue. Bilski said the best way to address this issue is early detection, and support.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-49**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
APRIL AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a general term for a group of disorders characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention; and

WHEREAS, presently there is no cure for autism and there is no one cause of autism; and

WHEREAS, over the last five years, scientists have identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism; most cases appear to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development; and

WHEREAS, the clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involve events before and during birth which include advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain; and

WHEREAS, these factors by themselves do not cause autism, rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase the risk; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is committed to take steps to raise awareness of autism.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council declares April as Autism Awareness Month in Lake County as a special opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

SO RESOLVED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance of the Lake County Council Imposing a County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) in Lake County, Indiana pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-1.1-26(f)(4)(A) (1% CAGIT).

Bilski asked for a motion to move to the front of the agenda, an item on page 7, item#17F-1, the County Option Income Tax issue.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to move this item to the front of the agenda. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

Bilski explained that there will be a motion on this to hear this issue, it will be back to the Council, the Councilmembers will each have an opportunity to discuss it, then, there will be a segment after that to open it up to the general public.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve on First Reading.

Bilski said that what brought us to this point started several years ago, it started as we loss, and the State took away the inventory tax. Once that happened, it started off where we had House Bill 1901, which took the assessment rights away from the local Township Assessors, for industry, and allowed them basically to assess through the State, or self-assess their own property.

In conjunction, came House Bill 1858, which what was described as a taxing obsolescence bill. That Bill depreciated real property value prior to taxation. So as they moved forward and industry was allowed to self-assess, depreciate real property value, along came House Bill 1001.

House Bill 1001 created the property tax caps, the 1,2 and 3%. It allowed industry to be capped at 3% of the self-assessed depreciated real property values.

Bilski said, during that the time, the State pushed for multi-level taxing distributions started. It started a push for what is known as a County Option Income Tax. Several years ago, is when it first came around, there are 92 counties in this State, there is one county that has tried, and endeavored not to pass an income tax, that is this county. Bilski said he had the privilege to sit on the Council at that time, and we moved forward, we made reductions, we felt that in the taxing units, there were cuts that could be made, that we would try to fight this on every level, as we continue down, the savings to Lake County residents by frozen levy would equate somewhere near \$80 million dollars over the last 7 years.

Bilski said we, at this point have eliminated approximately 350 jobs out at government. We have cut well over \$20 million dollars out of the budget, and we have to continue on that path to streamline. Bilski said, in the event an Options Income Tax is passed, it is not enough. It is not a bail-out, it is not the resort that gets us out of this trouble. Local units of government, Lake County being one that actually cut it's levy, and reduced its' levy, had to continue down that path of cutting; however, we can not provide basic services, and what we need. One of the hang-ups during all of this, this was also distribution formula, so as we go on to discussions, you will hear that the County will reduce the County portion of your property-tax, and the distribution formula that was based on levy, for your Lake County portion of property taxes.

Bilski said the tax itself, the 1% is applied to relief on property taxes based on your levy distribution by your county portion of property tax.

Bilski said the other, we have a Public Safety, and a Economic Development, which in return also can be used to subsidize your local taxing units, that's the new money, if you would, that would subsidize your local taxing units to allow them more relief in their general funds. We had some very high hopes of MVH relief from the State. 70% of the State Police pension is funded through MVH funding. We were hopeful that would be returned to our units, the money we are already sending down there, unfortunately, it doesn't look like that's going to happen.

It also generates revenue for us to re-establish our levies that have been cut in our bridge work, as well as our storm water that we've reduced that levy as well.

Councilman Eldon Strong said that he has seen the hard work that this Council has done. He said we are very concerned about our situation; however, he thinks there are still some more things that they need to do. Councilman Strong reminded everyone that in 1999, a Resolution failed at the Commissioner' level consolidating Courthouses. It was never brought back before the Council again, for an override. In 2012, an Ordinance failed to reduce employment in the County through attrition. It failed at the Commissioner' level again, that was not brought back before the Council.

Strong said he believes that there are still some more things that we need to do, he has prepared a plan that is going to be discussed later this morning, at this meeting, that he thinks they need to do before they impose these taxes. He understands the difficulties with the levy being frozen since 2008. It's a burden that the State has put on this County to still fulfill it's obligations to all of its' residents.

These are still hard decisions that need to be made, and I am going to oppose this, and I do believe that there are just still some more things that we need to do at our level, before we create this income tax.

Councilman Dernulc wanted to reiterate the point that Councilman Strong made, and he agrees with him. He said that he agrees with Strong' plan, and he has added a couple of things on his plan. Councilman Dernulc said that he also oppose this, at this time, and said, there are other things that we can do. He said there are other taxes that are coming up with the tax for the Crown Point/Lake Central Schools, with the referendum. Munster is having a new tax, along with a fee on the Little Calumet River Basin.

Dernulc said there are a lot of taxes being thrown at our constituents, and I believe we need to look at what Strong has put together, and move ahead. Dernulc said again, he is against the tax.

Prince said that his support isn't meant to diminish anyone' opinion, or representation. Prince said that since he has become a member of this Council, he has supported the Income Tax, and that was

January/2008. He said that it wasn't because they had the authority to tax, but it was very evident, very early on the detrimental financial situation that this body was in.

Prince said that in his first year on this Council, they reduced salaries, by \$10 million dollars, positions by 100, and our budget the same, at \$10 million. He said we followed that path consecutively, for 3 years, and we are still at a point where we have to borrow, \$15 million dollars, and it's largely because of some of the things that Bilski spoke of, such as tax caps, inflation is certainly a factor that contributes, and then the inability to control certain portions, or functions of government. Prince said this particular tax comes down to, today, our ability to be able to continue to bring the government that we are statutorily obligated to, such as public safety, and various functions like that.

Prince said there are discretionary parts of government, such as the Parks system, which could be eliminated, but in Prince's opinion, those sort of issues, or things that this body could consider to eliminate, could be done so at the behest of residents, and Prince said he thinks that most people are focused on the fact that this tax is going to cost them additional revenue, and not necessarily looking at what the benefit, or the outcome of that would be. Prince said, for instance, take public safety, which consumes about \$30 million dollars of our annual budget right now. We are looking at a \$15 million dollar deficit, so I guess the first point is, you have to be able to figure out how you can fill in \$15 million dollars, realistically. A lot of people say cut, cut, cut.

Prince also wanted to give a factual perspective of some of the cuts that would be necessary in order to fill up a \$15 million dollars deficit.

He said that public safety consumes the lion's share of this budget, so it would be reasonable to consider that public safety would have to be one of the areas where we cut. Prince said I don't know anyone who is willing today to stand up and say, "yes", cut 25% of the police officers off the street. He said if that's the sentiment of the public, then those are the things that this Body needs to hear.

Prince said he is not trying to scare anyone with saying public safety, but there is not a lot of room to cut. Prince said that if public safety is reduced by 25%, that would probably produce somewhere in the area of \$7 million dollars. Another area that could be eliminated would be our Parks system. Prince said that we have quality parks, and we use those to experience and enhance quality of life, but let's just consider Parks as a function of government that we could eliminate the levy. That would produce us about another \$1.5 million to \$2 million dollars. Now I'm up to about \$9 million dollars, still having a \$10 million dollar deficit.

There are a couple of other areas that we could probably go with, but I believe in the final analysis of it, that these are the services that you that you, as residents have come to count, or rely on, as taxpayers, and some of them we're statutorily relegated, or obligated to provide.

One of the last things that Prince wanted to say, and this is probably one of the most important parts to me because it's an absolute affront to a portion of the communities that I serve. I constantly hear that this is nothing more than a distribution of wealth, and that the northern communities aren't going to pay anything into the tax, and again, Prince said, nothing could be further from the truth, in fact, Gary and Hammond, and East Chicago together, and these numbers are from about 5 years ago, but I would imagine they would have increased up to this point, but Gary, Hammond, and East Chicago alone will contribute \$25 million dollars in revenues towards this particular..., as it relates to the 1.5% tax.

Prince said, understand that all of the other communities on a aggregate, would certainly pay more than that, but it's just unfair, and it's just outright untrue to suggest that the northern communities are not going to pay anything into this tax, and that they are going to reap all of the benefits.

Prince mentioned that one of their colleagues has scheduled a series of forums, in which Prince plans to attend as well. He said that if anyone wants to continue to discuss this, up until the point where it actually becomes a reality, Prince said that he is certainly open to it.

Franklin said that since Councilman Prince and herself come from the same area, Prince has really laid it out in the same manner that she would have; however, what is a misnomer is the fact that the northern end would reap the benefits more so than anybody else. Franklin said, what has always troubled her about that particular comment, is the fact that for years, the northern end paid the lions' share of taxes for everybody because we had the steel mills. We had the resources to do the things that, where you didn't have to pay the taxes. But it's come down to now that everybody has to share and take a role in this tax debacle.

Franklin said, that the people who this hurts more than anybody is the nuts and bolts of Lake County, and that is, our staff. We have had to lay off people, we've had to do it through attrition, we've done all of these things, trying to get this budget balanced, however; we've not gotten to where we need to get to. Franklin said, she sincerely hopes that the public understands that we are doing all that we can do by being frugal with our spending, we're doing that, and this is something that I have known since I've been on this Council, we don't just go and throw money around, we don't do that. We don't take this money and go out and do all the frivolous things that you find in some of the other communities, we don't. We don't do a lot of travel, we don't spend money on foolish stuff. We do what we have to do, and take care of the business of the citizens who put us here, and the only other thing that I'd like to say is that I have really

taken issue with, is that we the Council has constantly been blamed for not passing the Option Income Tax, which is the furthest thing from the truth, we did. When the Option Income Tax came up, and we were asked to do this, Lake County Council stepped up and passed it. It was not our fault that it got turned around on the other side of the room, but it did.

Franklin said, we have been frugal, we have been responsible.

Hamm said he happens to be in favor of this, but he agrees with Strong' ideas when it comes to finding cost savings measures, but there is no way that we can come up with between \$18 and \$20 million dollars when, prior to his arrival on the Council. He said the County Council did a wonderful job in reducing staffing levels by 20% throughout the county. Hamm said, that's a lot of people, luckily enough, they were mostly through attrition, not a lot of people lost their jobs. Hamm said he was disappointed when this didn't pass 6 years ago. Hamm said, he thought it was an absolute necessity. There is no way we are going to find between \$18 and \$20 million dollars more in cuts. He said he isn't excited about imposing this, and I'm not excited about having to pay for it, but it's a reality, and I will be in favor of this.

Cid said that she was Council President when this first started with our levies, when the caps took place, we had to cut \$15 million from our budget at that time, and we did reduce the workforce here. Cid said, and during that time, the Police have made several concessions, a lot of people think that the Unions are greedy, and they've got the best salaries, but that's not true here, in the County. They have even given up some positions so that everyone can remain on the same page. We've also reduced benefits here in the County for our employees. We've taken away benefits, we used to contribute a larger portion to the PERF, we've taken that away. They haven't received raises, I know a few have, here and there, which I haven't supported, but we haven't given raises to all of our employees, as we should be doing. Cid said "I think everybody works and stays with a company for a long time, so that you have a pension, and some day you can retire, and have a little something there.

Cid said that the public, you are the employers of the employees, and I know, I would not want anything less for them, that I would want for myself. In reality, you should want your employees to be happy, and to have the same benefits that you have also.

Cid said she represents East Chicago, parts of Hammond, mostly the 6th District, and Highland, and she has sat with some of her representatives, the Mayors, and some of the Council, and their financial people, and Cid said that they are not in clarity, she is not in clarity that yet, a full understanding that this is really property tax relief for the residents in her district. Cid said she still needs a better understanding of that. She said that she knows that it is probably best for Lake County Government, but she has constituents that she represents, so Cid said she can not make a decision to vote in favor of this today, she just can't, and she feels that it has been rushed. She said they started discussing this just recently, and she had asked that they move a little slower, and some studies were supposed to be done, and she really hasn't seen much results of those studies. When you say property tax relief, in the northern part, and East Chicago, she know, and Hammond as well, she said she is not too sure about Highland, but when you see this property tax relief, the County portion of your bill will be reduced, that's true for most of the southern part of the County because they don't fall into the caps as much as the northern cities. So, in the northern cities, that money will go to... taxpayers I'm not going to see it off my tax bill, my neighbors aren't going to see it off their tax bills, but the Cities will get that portion of that dollar, but I don't know yet what that portion of that dollar is, so I really do need to do more research to see, are my constituents going to put \$8 million into it, but only get \$2 million back, how will they benefit? Cid said, "I need time", but I will admit, this Council has done a tremendous job of cutting. There is more to do, and if this tax passes, I want you to know that I will keep looking for cuts, way to cut the property taxes. Cid said that she is going to be holding some public forums. She isn't sure if she is going to have 1 for all of her constituents, or do two, because she doesn't know when this next meeting will be for the Second Reading. Cid said there are a lot of answers, who is going to pay, whose going to contribute to it, how are you personally going to be taxed?

Cid said that she would also like to have a CPA at her meeting as well.

Cid said, the public really deserves, in my opinion, that chance to at least be informed, my constituents anyway, but everyone is always welcome. Cid said that she is going to do what she can to try to answer some of those questions, she said she needs those questions answered, and she thinks the public deserves to have those questions answered as well.

Prince said that he believes in his heart of hearts, that he has enough information after 5 years, and many meetings. He has tried to be addressed, and versed on every issue that he possibly could so that he will be able to answer the questions that the constituents were having, and he said that he is ready today.

Cid said that she didn't appreciate Prince' comments because, she didn't want it to turn into a debate, but she mentioned a meeting that Prince went to yesterday, and he saw the confusion so please don't make it seem as though the answer is there, and she hasn't looked for it, which isn't true.

Hamm said he wanted to mention a few things that he hadn't touched on, one was the \$15 million dollars, for example, if it takes us \$15 million dollars, to get by this year, what is it going to us next year? Hamm

said, I guess, the same amount. This could go on forever and ever, and we are going to have to bond that on that.

The other thing, it's just a fact. Sheriff Buncich walked into office, and I'm sorry, this is Sheriff Buncich' second term, and when he left office the last time, he got a clean bill of health by the Department of Justice. When he came back in, after eight years, there was an audit done by the DOJ, and there were 99 violations, and the DOJ does not say would you please fix these things, they are mandated by the Federal Government, and they cost money. They are very important. We have no option, so on top of the \$15 million dollars, we have to fund the Sheriff, who has done an admirable job. They are going to be coming back with another audit, and we have to get these things cleaned up, so Hamm said he just wanted to make sure that it's clear.

Attorney Szarmach said with regard to who pays the tax, the Ordinances are drafted so that it's a tax on the residents of Lake County, whether you rent, whether you own. If you are a resident of Lake County, you pay the tax no matter where you work. Also the County Council has an option to give these tax credits to homeowners, homesteads, commercial, residential, rentals, whatever, and Szarmach said he was directed by the Council to draft the Ordinance so that the only entity getting these tax credits are the homesteads homeowners.

Szarmach said, on the Sheriff, great job, came in and inherited a mess, I don't know if we bring up also, the lawsuit. The lawsuit was sitting there when you took over, \$7 million dollars of lawsuits because of conditions in the jail from the previous administration. That had to be paid. The DOJ, is the US Attorney's Office, it's the government, the Federal Government. They are telling us, "this is what you need to do, you need to do it today, and we don't care what it costs". And we are stuck with that. It's tens of millions of dollars over a few cases.

Dan Blankenship, a resident of Lowell, Indiana read a letter that he wrote. It reads as follows:

4/9/13

From: Dan Blankenship
1837 W. 172nd Lane
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: 219-696-7706

To: The Lake County Council Members
2293 N. Main St.
Crown Point, IN 46307

Dear Council Members,

Thanks for allowing me to speak today. I will be as brief as I can be. First of all, I

want to thank all of you for your public service. I also hope and pray 2nd District Councilwoman Elsie Brown Franklin's health is improving and she can be back soon.

My main purpose in requesting to speak to you today is to ask all of you to consider three things before you vote in favor of this County Option Income Tax (COIT):

#1. That any vote concerning the Lake County Income Tax not take place until the complete legislation is posted online for at least two weeks, in order for all Lake County residents to be able to examine EXACTLY what is being voted on and how the council would like to distribute the funds. The website address of proposed legislation should be publicly advertised in all local newspapers so all of your constituents have time to investigate the new tax.

#2. That all plans to cut spending be implemented before a County Option Income Tax is passed by this governing body. Two of the council members have put together a plan to cut spending, and the total savings of these plans should be understood and implemented before a 1.5-percent total income tax is enacted on all the residents of this county.

And #3. That the council consider how many working families in Lake County, Indiana, do not have the ability to absorb a 1.5 percent cut in pay during these very difficult economic times. It is not just the cities, towns, and county government that are suffering right now. While the levy against raising spending throughout our municipalities is indeed causing pain, many Lake County residents employed by private companies have been suffering just as much. While the pressure from the media and downstate legislature to implement the County Option Income Tax has never been higher, I ask you to not pass this legislation at this time.

Thank you for hearing my requests.
Sincerely,

Dan Blankenship

Leon Gamino, a resident of Whiting, IN asked how is it possible for one governmental body to coerce another governmental body into passing something that they might not want to pass?

He also asked why the County never challenged the State on whether or not they could do that?

Mr. Gamino said its been 7 or 8 years since 1902, and 1858 passed, and the public has yet to see a breakdown of where all of the tax money is going. He said he believes that there will never be public support for another income tax, especially in this economy, until the books are opened up so we can see where all of these funds are going from these different governmental agencies.

He also said that he doesn't understand how this Council or any other governmental body in this County, can think that the public is going to support more taxes when you can't even explain where the money is going for the taxes that are already being levied against us.

Attorney Szarmach explained, on the legal challenge, with Special Legislation for Lake County, we challenged maybe 10 or 15 years ago, HCI, healthcare for the indigent. The County Council with the Commissioners challenged HCI on a constitutional basis, healthcare for the indigent. That was a State Law, applied to Lake County only, and it assessed Lake County residents about 25 million a year to go into coffers in Indianapolis. Some of the money we got back here to support hospitals, but it was special legislation, it imposed a tax on Lake County only. We challenged that in the trial court at the Taxation Court, Judge Fisher, in the tax court in Indianapolis, and he agreed with our argument. He found that that tax was unconstitutional. State appealed that to the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court took it away from the Court of Appeals, because they were probably going to affirm Judge Fisher' decision, and they decided to reverse it. We were stuck with the tax for many years after that. Now it's been diminished, but we are still stuck with the tax.

Attorney Szarmach said, "my point being that you can raise that issue, but I will bet you, you might win at the trial level, but you could lose at the Supreme Court".

Mr., Gamino asked, isn't it worth trying?

Attorney Szarmach answered, no, because you're going to spend about \$400,000 or \$500,000 dollars in legal fees, appeal fees, going all that way, and you certainly don't have that, to go in front of a court that we know is going to reverse this.

Szarmach answered, on your second point, where is the money going? Szarmach said that every penny that's taken in, every penny that's spent, is public record at the Auditor's Office, and it's all public record.

Mr. Gamino said I think we need to make this public, I think all revenue that's garnered through taxes in this County need to be made public, and should be furnished to the public.

Dan Murchek, President of L.C Police Union, Local 72 said , he stands in support of the County Options Income Tax. Mr. Murchek said that the State of Indiana has pushed us back in the corner, where we can no longer back up any further. We've reduced county government in the hundreds, we've cut programs, reduced services, and even laid off Police Officers. He said this is about a quality of life issue, it's about having Parks, having police officers, school teachers, and not having 50 kids in a classroom. It's about employees here that deserve a raise, and haven't received a raise. We've done everything we can to reduce here, from insurance and everything else, but the time has come. He said our Local, along with our FOP 125, in the City of Hobart, has actually filed a suit against the State on the Option Income Tax, for freezing our levy. But as everybody knows, fighting the State is an uphill battle at best.

There is no more room to make any more cuts, I want my streets plowed, I want the ambulance from Schererville to show up when I dial 911, if somebody needs it. I want my bridges fixed, I want my roads repaired, that cost money, nobody wants an increase in taxes, nobody does, I don't, but I understand that you have to pay for services to get the services.

Murchek said, I stand in front of you this morning, asking you to pass this as quickly as possible, and let's move forward.

Crissy Barron, Councilwoman in Merrillville, Ward 5 said she is in favor of this tax. She can concur with Murchek on what he said. She said the Town of Merrillville is at 48 Police Officers, we need to be at 52, we have no money to hire any police officers, we have no money to give any police officers a raise.

Along with the levy being frozen, it's frozen at 2007 levy. She said that she doesn't know anyone that can live on 2007' budget. We are in a bind, and we are dying because of the situation being the way it is. We can't afford to give raises to anyone who works for the Town of Merrillville because there is no money. She said we have made more cuts than anybody to try and fix our problem, and we just can't because every year, the cost goes up. We have no more money coming in. We don't know what we are going to do, at this point, if the levy doesn't get unfrozen.

The secretaries who work for the Town of Merrillville, are making \$22,000 a year, that's poverty level. Not only have we not given the employees that work for the Town of Merrillville a raise, but we've cut their insurance, so now they have to pay more, when they go to the doctor. It's not unfair. Crissy said, we need a levy unfroze, and I'm in favor of this tax because we need a quality of life in Lake County, where we can move, breathe, and pay for things.

Lorraine Bank, Lowell said that she represents the taxpayers. She said the mills used to pay all of the taxes. She spoke of corruption in City and County government, which she said is an ongoing problem. She said the accounting system in the County is awful because nobody knows where the money is going. She said look at these budgets in the Cities and Towns, especially Gary, and tell them to get their act together.

Bilski said since she singled out a City, he added, was there corruption in Gary, yes there was, but let's talk all of that out of the picture, and look at where we are today. He said take away the racism, take away corruption, and all of the other issues, just strictly look at where Gary is sitting right now. Logistically it is the largest City in Lake County, has 80,000 residents, and due to the legislation, House Bill 1858, and 1901, which gave U.S. Steel, who owns 8 miles of lakefront, unbelievable, tax reductions to where they paid only \$20 million dollars in real property tax, for 2012. Bilski said, if you look at that by square foot, they pay less than a citizen that lives in the Miller section of Gary.

Bilski said the money distribution is a reduction in your county property tax, which is based on your county portion of income tax, it's done by your levy, so that those that pay more, get the largest share of the reduction on the PTRC credits.

Dave Vinzant a Hobart Councilman said that a community such as Hobart is being strangled by this, and very much like what was spoke about with Merrillville, we are taking from their employees, we are reducing services, and when you look around to the thriving active communities in the County, it's supposed to provide the best services, and you want to protect your property values, and do what's right for your community. He said we need to find services, we need to find ways to pay for services, and the reduction of services like we've done in Hobart. We've shuttered a fire station because there is no money for it, and we have streets we can't pave, and we've got Park programs that we are not going to be able to do, and I think these are the programs that give quality of life, and protect property value. Mr. Vinzant said I urge you to pass the income tax.

Franklin said, in defense of the City of Gary, she wanted to comment that if we were allowed to keep all of our revenues from the casino gaming, we wouldn't need not one City to give us a penny. Instead, the government has said, we have to share. We started this project for economic development, that was the reason for doing the referendum for gambling in the first place, but we had to share. So we are sharing with all of the Cities and Towns, that does not have it.

Franklin said she takes offense when you talk about corruption. Franklin said that every day that she picks up the paper, there is some City, not just Gary, but there is someone from every one of these Cities of Towns, big or little, that has stolen some money from their bosses, so just throw up in the mix, when you talk about Gary, and Franklin said she takes offense, because that's where I live, and I know that we have problems all across Lake County, as it relates to honesty, but please keep in mind, that the City of Gary has helped every City and Town in Lake County, and is still doing so, with it's casino dollars.

Florian Bolsega, Sr, Hammond, IN said that we do not have a government that represents the people, it's a bureaucracy doing business through government at the expense of the people, that's exactly what we have

in Lake County, Indiana, that's suppressing free enterprise creating bigger government, more taxes and laws that's restricting the citizens with more loss, more codes, more everything.

Mr. Bolsega said, in too many cases, the officeholders are young, and inexperienced, thus requires them to hire consultants, lawyers, etc.

Mr. Bolsega recommended that this audience phone the County Council, and send them letters so they can have more research and make the proper judgment.

Susan Zivich, of Munster, IN agrees with Mr. Blankenship, and asks that the Council post all of this online, including a breakdown. She said it is true that the State has pushed us into a corner, and you sit there admitting that you've done nothing to fight it. She said we are singled out as far as the income tax, but we are also singled out as far as debt on top of property taxes. She said we are only one of two counties out of 92 allowed to add additional debt on top of property tax.

She said you will find it on your property tax, table 2, line 2. Her' are 50% higher, it's a 50% addition to her property taxes. She said that when she called the County to find out where that tax was being originated, it took over an hour of talking to person after person. She said you don't even have any idea of where it's coming from. She finally found out, but said, you are not really managing your money well, if it takes that long to find out who's even taxing me.

She said that Mr. Dernulc and Mr. Strong have presented some excellent cost saving ideas, which you haven't even put into place yet. She said, give it a chance before you charge us more money. She also said if there is a \$7 million dollar lawsuit against the L.C. Jail, it means you are not doing your job properly, and the taxpayers should not be stuck with bill.

George Stoya, Hammond, IN, said to Attorney Szarmach that he doesn't find his answer at all satisfactory, with respect to challenging the issue with respect to the 1% we have to make before we have the frozen levy lifted. He said, you are basing it on a 15 year old HCI precedent. He said it's incomprehensible that there hasn't been any other developments in the law, new ones enough, that you can construct or try to challenge this, because contrary to what's been in the newspapers lately, we've been told by Commissioner Scheub that this has to be rescinded by the legislature. He was serious about this, never mind the presumption of constitutionality. But you are going to spend \$500,000 dollars on a criminal defense for a death penalty case? But you're not going to risk a challenge, simply because HCI, and this particular issue are different, now granted there are degrees of differentiation here, but those are distinctions that you as Lawyers, that's your bread and butter, making analytical distinctions, and if you can't do it yourselves, then you can go outside and get some expertise on this. Everybody else does it.

Mr. Stoya said, \$500,000 dollars, compared to what we pay for the criminal defense of an indigent defendant on a death penalty case, is just intolerable to even raise that issue that way.

Paula Burrell, Crown Point, IN said we taxes change behavior. You are going to institute an income tax in Lake County, IN, and it's going to change the behavior of the residents in Lake County, IN, probably to the fact that, we will lose some residents. The residents that we lose would be people that would pay a lot of County income tax.

She also said you talk about the income tax going to some relief for property tax. She said if you want to relieve my property taxes, then just do it now, you don't need to institute another tax to give me property tax relief, or to relieve taxes in another area.

She said that someone said that county employees have gone without raises. She said she owns her own business, and in 2007 she had a great year, and in 2008, the economy started to tank. She said quite frankly, it has not really picked up yet for those of us who own small businesses. She said she has not had a raise since 2007, in fact she has seen the exact opposite happen, her income has been cut by 50% since 2007. She said she appreciates that everyone is working without a raise, but asked would you feel equally good about working at 50% less than you were currently making, because that is what she is facing, as a resident of Crown Point, and as a business owner.

You want to increase my taxes another 1.5%, at some point and time I remember hearing that it would never go above 1%, if we had a Lake County Income Tax. Now we're at 1.5%. I would imagine, as Mr. Hamm pointed out, it's \$15 million dollars that we are behind this year, next year it will be \$15 million, and the year after that, eventually that Lake County income tax is going to have to go up. She said taxes never go down, they only go up.

Teresa Everett, Gary, IN said that she is new to the area, but she resides in Gary, IN. She said that she isn't here to debate the merits of high taxes, no one likes taxes. She said she isn't here to debate the merits of past corruption, she moved here from Miami, and corruption happens everywhere.

She wants to address the issue of the importance of public safety, regardless of what you may have to pay for it, regardless of where you live, regardless of your race, or your gender. Public safety is an important issue for all of us. This is not just a law enforcement matter, this is a matter that impacts every first responder that responds to your residents, or your business, that responds to you on 80/94. She said that public safety is critical here. She came here because she wanted to help. She asks that you, for a moment, set aside what the impact may be on your personal income, and look at the impact that this could have on us as a community. You can't separate Gary from Hammond, you can't separate Hammond from Merrillville. We are all one, when it comes to first responders and public safety. If you help one community, you help all communities. If you help one set of first responders, you help them all, so again, I admit, I have not lived here long. I have probably lived places that pay a lot higher taxes, I've probably lived in some places that pay a lot lower, but I will say this, no matter where a person lives, public safety should be a priority. It addresses the safety of your children going to school, it addresses the safety of everything that we do. So just for one moment, maybe the cost may be a bit high, maybe it's not high enough, but again, think of it, not just for first responders, police and fire, but the communities that we protect.

Jerry Tippy, Schererville Town Councilman said that he seems to be hearing two debates. One is at a county level, and one is at a municipal level.

He said, at the county level, the debate is over have we cut enough, is there more to cut. He said his question is do we really know. He said that passing an income tax, without really knowing where you stand, he believes is a big mistake.

He said at the municipal level, he has heard many municipal officials come here today, elected, appointed, employees. This whole concept of frozen levy. He said that Councilwoman Cid hit it on the head, because we really don't know what's going to happen, there is this belief that if we vote for income tax, that all of this money is going to start flowing because the levy is unfrozen. Then he asked, is that true, no, it's not true, but yet we have public safety people here who believe that money is going to be flowing their way, and here I am as a Councilman, you enact an income tax, I'm going to have my PD, and Fire Department in my office wanting more money because they think "hey, we get more money now".

Mr. Tippy said he thinks we need to be honest about this, and he thinks they need to let everyone know what the results are going to be, and every community is going to have a different result. He said that Council lady Cid brought it up. She said that some of her communities may receive nothing because of the unfrozen levy. In Schererville, we will get something for a short period of time, and then we're going to run out again because the tax caps will take effect.

Cid said passing the 1% that gives property tax relief, that is probably true. She said she thinks the public safety portion is straight distribution, so if you pass the 1%, then you pass the quarter per cent public safety, then that would be straight distribution, and Cid said she doesn't think that is affected by the caps.

Dante said that there are two basic formularies here, but the PTRC, 1% relief. That's the zero percent growth quotient reliever that we have to hit at 1%. That's going to come through the county rate, exclusively, \$90 million dollars going to reduce our rate across the board to every municipality by 45 cents.

It's going to have different impacts on different communities and in the southern communities it's going to bring you much less in the cap and give you some measure of protection against tax cap liability.

Dante said there are revenue taxes, that's the CEDIT, Economic Development Tax, and that is the public safety tax. That variable is going to be an additional stipend to your budgets for economic development, and public safety, but the risks there with that tax is not so much implications on tax cap inflation, unless you start spending like crazy. You are going to have income tax variance, it's highly volatile. Income tax is not like property taxes where it's very stable, and it stays at 95%, and it could go down to 92, and up to 97. Dante said, when income tax tanks, it goes down by 25, 30% over night. That's the risks with those 2 different formularies.

Dante said that this is a well thought out package here.

Joe Gomeztagle, of St. John, IN said unfortunately, there are some opportunities that we have not looked at. He said, policy making decisions downstate, have adversely affected us. House Bill 1901, HB 1851, which I went downstate to remonstrate because they were going to cut, they were going to do obsolescence on the industry, and they, the industry was promising, we are going to have a creation of jobs.

He said we have an issue that the State, policy making decisions downstate have adversely affected our county, first of all, unconstitutional, and the DNA of everything unethical. They have put us in this corner, with the caps, 1,2,3. That's another issue. Mr. Gomeztagle said, I'm not opposing the County Option income tax, if we had a healthy economy, but the problem with the State is that they haven't given, not only Lake County, but other Cities throughout the entire State and opportunity to have economic development.

That's where we're at right now. He said we have a lot of other options here, and said that he will donate his time, if you need, to put numbers together, because that's what we're here for. I know what you're going through, and I will dedicate my time. Mr. Gomeztagle said I support safety and security because that's a fundamental democracy. He said, please take your time before you make your decision.

Mike Neal, Schererville, IN, said he is a proud Lake County resident, and one thing that he has heard a lot today is, that we can't live on 2007' budget. He said it "stinks" that the State decided to enact special legislation on Lake County. He said that he is personally against that idea, but there is a reason why they continue to do it to us. It's because there has been a lot of mismanagement over many years in Lake County, and they continue to do that, not that it doesn't happen in other places, but on the scale that it happens in Lake County, versus other places, is massive.

He said we have to continue to realize why they do it to us, and what can we do as Lake County residents, as Lake County Council members, and Lake County Commissioners, to fix those things.

We are one county. What happens in Gary, does affect Schererville, what happens in St. John, does affect Lowell. We are one county, and we've got to realize that. We've got to continue to work together from every race, from every generation, from every ideology, from every Party, to fix the issue, but I think the issue is that continuing to impose taxes, since I've moved back to Lake County in 2008, I've only seen debt increase, and not come down. Obviously you have cut the budget, but my debt continues to increase, and for someone who is 25 years old, everyone in here is going to pay this tax, who is a county member, and it doesn't matter where they work, or how much money they make, they are going to pay this tax.

Mr. Neal said that we continue to increase our debt, so that people like me, I'm younger than a lot of people in here, but I'm going to be the one, and my generation, and my kids, are going to continue to have to take the burden that this county puts on its' residents now, and its' future residents, and that doesn't make me want to continue to live in a county like this at 25 years old. I want to continue to be a part of the solution, but I really want to ask you to think, not just about yourselves, not just about people in this room, but the future of Lake County.

Mr. Neal said that he appreciates Councilwoman Cid, Councilman Strong, and Councilman Dernulc for wanting to take some more time to research this, and really do the right thing, and he asks that the entire Council continue to move forward on doing things like that, and not try to just pass this today, and get it done.

Chuck Rosek, of Hammond said he has some concerns, and it's not about public safety, it's about fiscal accountability. He said in reviewing the budget. He said that county government' expenses should be online, for the public to review, the same thing with municipalities, all expenditures should be online.

He said before this Council acts, all measures to reduce costs should be explored before any tax is implemented.

He said he is amazed that this Body hasn't challenged some of the laws that have been pushed down by Indianapolis, whether you are going to be successful or not, that's your obligation to represent the taxpayer. He said just this tax alone, as a mandate, and then asked if the term optional is still in this tax, so it's an option. He said the mandate is that you should not implement this, this is what the public is telling you. He said that he doesn't understand why this Body hasn't challenged U.S. steel, Mittel, and some of the other large corporations providing their own assessment to Indianapolis.

He said with regard to the IRS rule, corporations are an entity. What that means to me is this law excludes corporations from paying their fair share, although, they benefited from my tax dollars in the roads, the fire protection, the police protection, the libraries, and everything else that brings people to Lake County to be employed in these institutions, so if you are going to institute a tax, let's do it equitably across the table, let's include Corporate America that benefits from the resources that their taxpayers have paid for. Bilski asked Dante to comment on our budget.

Dante said he believes that the budget is posted online, at the County's website. The State, even though it's late, it comes out about a year after they publish under the DLGF's website, county expenditures, and where it goes to basically, by department, the departmental budgets should be posted online through the County's website and the tax bill is very definitive, that tax bill is pretty complicated, it should show where your money goes, and those responsible for anything over your 1, 2, and 3% caps, you can pretty much arithmetically figure it out where your .5, like the lady that was just up here saying, where that .5 over that 1% going to. Take a look down the list, and if your Bond Issues are going, whether it's Civil, Municipal, or School, that's where a good share of your .5 is going.

Cid said, since 2008, or 2009, the County has posted the county budget of each department. It is online. You can go to www.lakecountyin.org. Cid said you can also find our Council Agenda, and Council minutes online.

Attorney Szarmach said that under Home Rule, which was passed by the General Assembly, in Indianapolis, local entities, like the County can not impose a tax on Corporations because there is no enabling Statute in Indianapolis to support that. We can not, legally, under State Law tax Corporations, or else we would I'm sure, but we can't.

Szarmach said, Home Rule is 35-2-35(1)-2-8 has the exceptions, and he believes that there are about 10 of them, what Municipalities can not do. One of them is, impose an Income Tax, or any tax not supported by enabling Legislation in Indianapolis, it's like number 7, it's in there.

Bonnie Beddigs, a resident of Unincorporated Crown Point said she used to live in Illinois, until 4 1/2 years ago. She is not unfamiliar with what you are talking about here today. She said they moved from Park Forest, IL, to get out from under the oppressive tax burden and oppressive politics of Illinois, and Cook County. She said and it is oppressive, believe me. She said they came here, and it took her about a year before she realized, what's different around here, and she realized that she had been liberated, until the last few weeks. She said now she is finding out that maybe some of this stuff that's going on in Indiana, could possibly be worse than what has gone on in Illinois.

She said the people in Indianapolis are completely misguided to have frozen the taxes in Lake County. She said there has been no mention of the legacy pension cost for municipal, or county employees in all of this discussion.

Bilski said we all fall under, in the State of Indiana, PERF.

She said I'm talking about the legacy, the retired municipal...

Bilski said it's ran through the State of Indiana, it's called Public Employee Retirement Fund, we have to participate through that, through the State.

Mrs. Beddigs, interrupted by saying, I understand that, but is it funded 100%?

Bilski answered, yes, it's fully funded.

Mrs. Beddigs asked where were the State Reps, and Senators for Lake County? Did they fight for Lake County when this bill came up to freeze the levy? She said she hasn't heard their names, or how they voted. She hasn't heard anything about them.

She said she wishes she could self-assess her house, because you guys would really have nothing.

Cid added, and neither would you, by the way.

She also said that you get property tax relief from surplus in the budget, not from "taking it from one pocket and putting it in another pocket".

She asked if the Council considered putting a quarter of a percent sales tax because you could capture a lot of money with a quarter of a percent sales tax from people in Illinois.

Attorney Szarmach said that the Sales Tax were limited by what Indianapolis, in the Home Rules Statutes would allow us to do, and we can not impose any tax, unless it's an enabling statute in Indianapolis that allows us to do it. We can not do it unless there is enabling legislation, and there isn't.

Allen Katz, of Crown Point, IN said that he has heard people speaking on behalf of the needs of the Parks, the Schools, the roads, the Towns, the Cities, but he hasn't heard anyone speaking on behalf of the needs of the taxpayers, and the voters, which we all agree are the bosses, the people who you are all accountable and responsible to.

He said Lake County needs more jobs, not more taxes. The fact of the matter is you talk about the needs of the various entities, the people can't afford it. We have people in Lake County who are trying to decide today whether to spend their money on medicine or food. We have people who are trying to decide whether or not they're going to be able to stay in their homes because foreclosures are at record highs. We have people who can't find jobs because the Mayors, the Council, the leadership has been unable to bring jobs to Lake County. Mr. Katz said, yes, you need money for these things, but the people need money to live on.

He said that everyone in this room knows, the main reason we aren't respected in Indianapolis is because we have the reputation as one of the most corrupt counties in America. Mr. Katz also said that in the last 25 years, we have sent 55 elected officials to prison. There is almost no other County that's even in the same league with us.

He said we have a very unhealthy situation, both in terms of political corruption, which appears in the paper, almost weekly, and we have a very serious problem here, that you have to address in terms of people not being able to afford the "wish list" of the County Council.

Mr. Katz said, in my opinion, Lake County needs more jobs, and we need less taxes to attract those jobs.

Dale Scopelite, of Hammond, In was had questions about the budgets. He said that you start at the Department of Government and Finance, you have a budget manual online. I printed out a page. He stated that the budget is a plan of financial activity for a specified period of time indicating all planned revenues and expenses for the period. He said he lives in Hammond, and he has been to many Council meetings. He said, according to State Board' Audit Reports, the revenues are over \$200 million dollars, and asked why is there a difference between that report and the budget? He said according to the manual, your budgets are supposed to be all expenses, and all revenues, but yet we're off by about \$80 to \$100 million dollars. He said specific items, such as the self-insurance fund, for Hammond wasn't in the budget. He said the Gaming revenue is a fixed amount.

Bilski asked him to stay on Lake County' issues because no one here has any control or any say on Hammond' budget.

He said, all I'm saying is, our budgets don't reflect our planned revenues and expenses. He goes to the audit report from the State Board of Accounts, and had some questions. He said you are not looking, as a Body, at anything above what Dante is giving you.

The Treasurer gave an explanation for the difference in the reports, but he was far away from the microphone, so it was inaudible.

Dante said, unless you operate in my business, it's very difficult to see. He said on the Revenue and Expense report, required by the State Board of Accounts, what they do is take all disbursements and receipts, including repeat investments, and repurchases in that tally, so when we have an investment, and we re-sell it, and we repurchase it, \$2 million dollars. It will show \$2 million dollars in, and \$2 million dollars out, times 12. That's why the budgets can never match that expense and revenue report because you have multiple repeat instruments coming in and out of that report, and that's just the way the State Board of

Accounts makes it's report, so you are indeed correct, we have \$250 million dollars worth of budgets, give or take, and it shows \$2 million dollars worth of revenue, and expenses. Investments come in and out repeatedly, in their multiple millions, and they treat each exchange as an expense, and revenue, even though it's the same repeat item.

Dante said every dollar has to be balanced, if it isn't, we get a write up by the State Board of Accounts. We have a very, very aggressive State Board of Accounts Agency, nothing like Illinois. We have the super duper power, in terms of the State Board of Accounts Oversight. Dante said, he doesn't think that any other State has closer oversight than our State Board of Accounts

Mr. Scopelite said that as a taxpayer, he is concerned because some of the Findings from the State Board of Accounts are not good. He said that he is asking for financial accountability.

A gentleman had a question about Public Safety. He asked what percentage goes towards Public Safety, in the budgets?

The answer is 34%.

Dante said he has a chart, and he will provide that to the gentleman.

The gentleman said there is another thing called social intelligence, and that means the status of the citizens, and the people around us. He said that has deteriorated drastically in this particular area.

Commissioner Scheub said, his problem has been for a long time, that this is an option tax, and it's option is liberty of choice. The State is ordering us to violate the State Constitution by passing this tax, because the State Article, in our Constitution, Article 10, Section 1, said that "you will have a level tax for everybody". It mandates that, that this tax is only against homeowners, so the State is saying violate the State Constitution and pass an illegal tax. Scheub said he thinks that's an insult, and they defeated this in 2007, when we vetoed this, it still stands today. The State, everybody here, these folks are being forced into something they don't want to do, but the State is the illegal entity that's forcing an illegal tax, by our County Council. Everybody should be calling Mr. Boesma, and Kennley because these are the 2 gentlemen who are forcing this down Lake County' throat, and these are the people downstate that are mandating us to violate the State Constitution, which I will never do, as a County Commissioner. He also said that he thinks that it is an insult what the State is doing.

After further discussion, **all voted "Yes" to approve on First Reading, except Dernulc, Cid, and Strong, "No". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 3-no**

A motion, and a second was made for a 5 minute recess. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.

In the Matter of Ordinance of the Lake County Council Imposing a Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT) in Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-1.1-25(b) (.25%CAGIT)

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve on First Reading. All voted "Yes", except Dernulc, Cid, and Strong, "No". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 3-no.

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Public Safety County Adjusted Gross Income Tax Fund, a non-reverting fund pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-1.1-25 (Fund only).

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on First Reading. All voted "Yes", except Dernulc, Cid, and Strong, "No". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 3-no.

In the Matter of Ordinance of the Lake County Council Imposing a County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT) in Lake County, Indiana, pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-7-12 (.25% CEDIT).

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Franklin to approve on First Reading. All voted "Yes", except Dernulc, Cid, and Strong, "No". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 3-no.

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Economic Development Income Tax Fund, a non-reverting fund, pursuant to I.C. 6-3.5-7-13 (Fund only).

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on First Reading. All voted "Yes", except Dernulc, Cid, and Strong, "No". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 3-no.

In the Matter of Ordinance Rescinding Ord # 1258H-8, Establishing Fees for Internet Access to Lake County Court Records.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ord No. 992C-3. – Second Reading

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve on Second Reading, “as amended”. All voted “Yes”. Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 992C-41

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY
SELF INSURANCE ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 992C-3**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 5-10-8-2.2 and I.C. 5-10-8-2.6 provide that Lake County, as a local Unit of government, may provide for group health insurance for its current and Retired employees; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1989, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 992C-3, which in part established the benefits available To Lake County employees and retired employees covered under the Lake County Group Insurance Employee Benefit Program, known as the “Employee Benefit Program”; and

WHEREAS, the Employee Benefit Program is funded principally from tax revenues which have Decreased substantially in the last three years; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect and continue to cover the health insurance benefits for Lake County employees and retired employees it is necessary to amend the Employee Benefit Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Self Insurance Ordinance, Ordinance No. 992C-3, be amended as follows:

1. That Employee Benefit program for all County employees in a full-time position after Adoption of this Ordinance will consist of the following:
 - A. The non-PPO co-insurance shall be sixty (60%) percent.
 - B. The co-pays for pharmaceutical expenses are indicated below. The 90 day tier refers to the mandatory 90 day mail order plan now in effect for maintenance drugs used after filling their first 30 day prescription.

Co-Pays	Retail (30 day) Non-Maintenance	Retail (30) day Maintenance	Mail (90) days
Generic	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Brand Formulary	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 30.00
Non-formulary Brand	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00

C. A member shall be allowed one (1) refill at a 30 day supply of a maintenance drug. After that, the member shall fill either through the Mail Order Program or Retail 90 Day Program.

D. Employee Contribution/Payroll Deductions

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
Single	\$40.00	\$480.00
Family	\$75.00	\$900.00

E. Limit glasses and contacts to every 24 months for members.

F. The deductible for single is \$400.00 and deductible for Family is \$800.00

- G. The hospice allowance shall be Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars.
- H. The food and lodging benefit shall be eliminated.
- I. Retiree contributions.

	<u>Retired Employees under 65</u>	
Single		\$125.00
Family		\$200.00
	<u>Retired Employees over 65</u>	
Single		\$ 90.00
Family		\$165.00

- J. The in-network maximum out-of-pocket for a single policy Shall be \$1,500.00 and for a family shall be \$4,000.00.

K. Proposal: Implement mandatory generic only.

- 2. Notwithstanding the above amendments to the Employee Benefit Program shall not Change the benefits negotiated in an existing Collective Bargaining Agreement with a Collective Bargaining Unit recognized by Lake County.
- 3. This Ordinance and its provisions supersede and replace any other Ordinances enacted By the Lake County Council dealing with the Lake County Employee Benefit Program.
- 4. The changes in the Employee Benefit Program established by this Ordinance shall apply To all County employees as of the date of adoption.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM
ELSIE FRANKLIN
JEROME A. PRINCE

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Dedicating Revenue from the NACO Drug Card to the County General Fund.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on First Reading. All voted "Yes". Motion carried 7-0.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to Suspend Rules. All voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on Second Reading.
Cid wanted to add that this prescription drug card can also be used for prescriptions for your pets, as long as they are human drugs.
All voted "Yes". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO 1359A

**ORDINANCE DEDICATING REVENUE FROM
NACO DRUG CARD TO COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is a national organization Representing county government; and

WHEREAS, CVS Caremark is a provider of retail pharmacy services, clinical services, Pharmacy benefit services with locations across Indiana; and

WHEREAS, NACo, in partnership with Caremark, has negotiated a prescription drug discount Program;

WHEREAS, the discount program makes prescription drug cards available to all citizens in a Participating county; and

WHEREAS, participation in the NACO prescription drug card program is a benefit made Available to all member counties of NACo; and

WHEREAS, Lake County is a member of NACo and a participant in the NACo drug card Program and participation in the program promotes the health and welfare of The residents of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to savings to users of the drug card on purchases of prescription drugs, Revenue is also generated to Lake County based on the usage of the discount cards in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, revenue received by Lake County through Lake County's participation in The NACo prescription drug discount program will be used for the benefit Of the County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, I.C.36-1-3, THE home Rule Statute, provides local units of government powers To effectively operate local government in areas where state statute is silent; And

WHEREAS, I.C.36-1-3-6(b) provides that, if there is no constitutional or statutory Provision requiring a specific manner for exercising a power, a unit wanting to Exercise the power must either adopt an ordinance prescribing a specific manner For exercising the power or comply with a statutory provision permitting a Specific manner for exercising the power.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the Lake County Council as follows:

That revenues received through Lake County's participation
In the NACo prescription drug discount program shall be
Deposited by the Lake County Treasurer in the County General
Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

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Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Repealing and Rescinding the Ordinance Establishing an Inmate Processing Fee, Ord. 1217B

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

Cid made a motion, seconded by Prince to Suspend Rules. All voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1359B

ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RESCINDING THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INMATE PROCESSING FEE, ORDINANCE NO. 1217B

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2001, the Lake County Council adopted Ordinance No. 1217B, The Ordinance Establishing an Inmate Processing Fee of \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2011, the Lake County Council adopted the Ordinance Establishing Reimbursement for Lawful Detention in the Lake County Jail Pursuant to I.C. 36-2-13-15, replacing the Inmate Processing Fee; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to repeal and rescind the Ordinance Establishing an Inmate Processing Fee, Ordinance No. 1217B.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

That the Lake County Council now repeals and rescinds Ordinance no. 1217B, the Ordinance Establishing an Inmate Processing Fee adopted on July 10, 2001.

SO ORDAINED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

TED F. BILSKI, President

CHRISTINE CID
DANIEL E. DERNULC
JEROME A. PRINCE

ELSIE FRANKLIN
ELDON STRONG
DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing the Prosecutor's Elderly Abuse Fund, Fund No. 127.

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

Cid made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to Suspend Rules. All voted "Yes". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 7-0.

Cid 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. 1359C

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
LAKE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S ELDERLY
ABUSE FUND, A NON-REVERTING FUND**

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances To promote efficient County Government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the County Council shall appropriate money to Be paid out of the County Treasury, and money may be paid from the County Treasury only under appropriation made by the County Council, except as Otherwise provided as law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-8-4, the Lake County Council may by ordinance or Resolution transfer money from one fund to another; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to establish by ordinance all funds within The County Treasury, from which appropriations and transfers require County Council approval; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana Dept. of Aging entered into an agreement with Lake County To establish a protective services unit pursuant to I.C. 12-10-3 for the purpose to Protect the health and safety of individuals determined to be endangered adults; and

WHEREAS, the contractual agreements are for three (3) year periods with set budgets for Each year to reimburse the Prosecutor's Office for the expenses related to the Operation of the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council desires to create the Lake County Prosecutor's Elderly Abuse Fund for the deposit of the funds received as reimbursement from the State of Indiana Department of Aging pursuant to I.C. 12-10-3.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Lake County Council now establishes the Lake County Prosecutor's Elderly Abuse Fund, a non-reverting fund, Established for the deposit of the funds received as Reimbursement from the contracts entered into with the State of Indiana Department of Aging for establishment Of an adult protective services unit pursuant to I.C. 12-10-3.
2. That appropriations from the fund shall be subject to approval

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