

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, David Hamm, Jerome Prince, Daniel Dernulc, Christine Cid, and Eldon Strong, County Councilpersons, together with Ray Szarmach, County Council Attorney. Councilwoman Elsie Franklin was absent.

President Ted Bilski wanted to take a moment, in observation of Veterans Day. He thanked all of the Veterans, for serving our Country, and took a moment of silence for all of our fallen heroes.

In the Matter of Minutes of the Lake County Council

- August 27, 2014 – Joint Special Meeting
- September 3, 2014 - 2015 Public Budget Hearing
- September 4, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- September 9, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- September 9, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- September 11, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- September 18, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- September 22, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- September 24, 2014 – Budget Workshop & 1st Reading
- September 25, 2014 – Budget Workshop for Non-Binding Cities & Towns
- October 2, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- October 7, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- October 9, 2014 – Budget Workshop
- October 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- October 14, 2014 – 2nd Reading

Cid made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve all of the minutes. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO 1378

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>Commissioners</u> 2900		
41260 Workman’s Compensation(Reduction)	-\$ 500.00	-\$ 500.00
<u>Center Township Assessor</u> 1200		
41350 Assessor Certification	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Gambling Adm Tax Fund 196		
<u>Court Administrator</u> 3910		
42130 Lawbooks(CNL)	\$ 15,000.00	No Action Taken
CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012		
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
41100 Overtime(CNL)	\$117,225.00	\$117,225.00
41220 FICA(CNL)	\$ 11,475.00	\$ 11,475.00
41230 PERF(CNL)	\$ 21,300.00	\$ 21,300.00
Highway Fund 102		
<u>Highway</u> 5013		
42220 Garage & Motors	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
43720 Laundry & Cleaning	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sheriff’s Grant Fund 239		
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 2,648.88	\$ 2,648.00
44420 Office Machines	\$ 12,067.12	\$ 12,067.12

Justice Assistance Grant Fund 262

Sheriff 1010

Lake County Drug Task Force

2014 JAG Grant

Create All New Lines

43190	Other Professional Services	\$ 77,129.00	\$ 77,129.00
43231	Travel-Registration	\$ 21,480.00	\$ 21,480.00
43232	Travel-Meals	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
43233	Travel-Lodging	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
43234	Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
44120	Other Supplies	\$ 26,102.00	\$ 26,102.00
44490	Other Equipment	\$ 46,212.00	\$ 46,212.00

Community Supervision Grant Fund 372

Criminal Court 4000

Create All New Lines

41190	Part-Time	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
41220	FICA	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
41260	Workman's Comp Deduction	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
43190	Other Professional Services	\$202,130.00	\$202,130.00
44420	Office Machines	\$ 11,870.00	\$ 11,870.00

TIF Dissolution General Fund 686

Economic Development 6100

43150	Consultant Fees	\$ 56,034.00	\$ 56,034.00
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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>County Court Div IV</u> 4070		
SAPS Fund 143		
From: 143-42110 Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	
To: 143-44420 Office Machines(CNL)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
From: 001-41120 Professionals	\$ 4,000.00	
001-41140 Protective Services	\$ 80,000.00	
001-41180 Service/Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	
001-41336 Lateral Pay	\$ 6,000.00	
001-43190 Other Professional Service	\$ 2,000.00	
001-43234 Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 500.00	
001-43910 Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,964.00	
To: 001-43188 Employment Testing	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
001-43920 Food & Lodging	\$ 92,464.00	\$ 92,464.00
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
Public Safety CAGIT Fund 010		
From: 010-41190 Part-Time	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
010-42260 Jail Inmate Clothing	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
To: 010-41100 Overtime	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
010-43610 Building & Structure	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
010-43620 Equipment Repair	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Jail</u> 3100		
Misdemeanant Co Jail Fund 152		
From: 152-41190 Part-Time	\$ 7,900.00	
To: 152-41100 Overtime	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
152-41230 PERF	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
<u>Sheriff</u> 0500		
From: 001-43235 Travel-Mileage	\$ 1,000.00	
To: 001-43940 Narcotics Purchase Money(CNL)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Sheriff</u> 0500		
VIP Grant Fund 333		
From: 333-42410 Other Supplies	\$ 1,078.00	
To: 333-41390 Supplemental Pay	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 1,078.00
<u>Treasurer</u> 0300		
From: 001-43220 Postage	\$ 1,000.00	
To: 001-43231 Travel-Registration(CNL)	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00
001-43232 Travel-Meals(CNL)	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
001-43233 Travel-Lodging(CNL)	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00

Center Township Assessor 1200

2015 Reassessment Fund 337

From: 337-41190 Part-Time \$ 1,200.00

To: 337-42110 Office Supplies \$ 1,200.00 \$ 1,200.00

County Court Div II 4040

SAPS Fund 143

From: 143-44410 Furniture & Fixtures \$ 1,000.00

To: 143-43232 Travel-Meals \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

County Court Div II 4040

SAPS Fund 143

From: 143-42110 Office Supplies \$ 220.00

143-44410 Furniture & Fixtures \$ 700.00

To: 143-41210 Longevity \$ 220.00 \$ 220.00

143-43235 Mileage \$ 700.00 \$ 700.00

Detention Center 4200

From: 001-43240 Telephone \$ 1,000.00

To: 001-42220 Garage & Motors \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Detention Center 4200

From: 001-41120 Professional \$ 4,000.00

001-41190 Part-Time \$ 4,000.00

To: 001-41110 Officials & Admin \$ 8,000.00 \$ 8,000.00

LADOS Div II 4042

Div II Lados Fund 218

Retro to 10-1-14

From: 218-43190 Other Professional Service \$ 610.00

To: 218-41210 Longevity \$ 610.00 \$ 610.00

Commissioners 2900

From: 001-41250 Unemployment Comp \$ 2,031.00

To: 001-41110 Officials & Admin \$ 1,500.00 \$ 1,500.00

001-41190 Part-Time \$ 531.00 \$ 531.00

Commissioners 2900

From: 001-41250 Unemployment Comp \$450,000.00

To: 001-43995 Other Service & Charges \$450,000.00 \$450,000.00

Juvenile Court 4100

From: 001-42110 Office Supplies \$ 200.00

To: 001-42230 Clothing \$ 200.00 \$ 200.00

Surveyor 0600

From: 001-41120 Professionals \$ 1,365.00

To: 001-41130 Technicians \$ 1,365.00 \$ 1,365.00

Surveyor 0600

Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund 167

From: 167-41220 FICA Deduction \$ 170.00

To: 167-41230 PERF Deduction \$ 170.00 \$ 170.00

Ross Township Assessor 1700

From: 001-43220 Postage \$ 218.64

001-43910 Dues & Subscriptions \$ 480.00

To: 001-42110 Office Supplies \$ 323.64 \$ 323.64

001-43240 Telephone \$ 300.00 \$ 300.00

001-43630 Maintenance & Service Contr \$ 75.00 \$ 75.00

Ross Township Assessor 1700

Sales Disclosure Fund 710

From: 710-43232 Travel-Meals \$ 110.00

710-43233 Travel-Lodging \$ 502.00

710-43234 Travel-Trans/Other \$ 56.00

710-43235 Travel-Mileage \$ 646.00

To: 710-44490 Other Equipment \$ 1,314.00 \$ 1,314.00

Ross Township Assessor 1700

2015 Reassessment Fund 337

From: 337-43310 Printing \$ 1,200.00

To: 337-42110 Office Supplies \$ 1,200.00 \$ 1,200.00

Fairgrounds 2920

From: 001-41190 Part-Time \$ 440.00

To: 001-41210 Longevity \$ 440.00 \$ 440.00

Fairgrounds 2920

Non-Reverting Fund 131

From: 131-44505 Covered Bridge \$ 6,000.00

To: 131-42410 Other Supplies \$ 4,000.00 \$ 4,000.00

131-43610 Building & Structure \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

131-43620 Equipment Repair \$ 1,000.00 \$ 1,000.00

Coroner 0700

From: 001-41150	Paraprofessionals	\$ 14,200.00	
001-41190	Part-Time	\$ 435.00	
To: 001-41210	Longevity	\$ 220.00	\$ 220.00
001-42110	Office Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
001-42255	Pathology Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
001-43190	Other Professional Service	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
001-43231	Travel/Registration	\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00
001-43232	Travel/Food	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
001-43630	Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Courthouses 3000

From: 001-43630	Maintenance & Serv Contr	\$ 440.00	
To: 001-41210	Longevity	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00

Prosecutor 0800

Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 135

From: 135-43310	Printing	\$ 2,000.00	
135-44410	Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 4,000.00	
135-44440	Motor Vehicles	\$ 10,600.00	
To: 135-41240	Group Insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
135-42130	Law Books	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
135-42210	Petroleum Products	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00

Prosecutor 0800

From: 001-41125	Discretionary Salaries	\$ 15,000.00	
001-42110	Office Supplies	\$ 2,500.00	
001-43220	Postage	\$ 300.00	
001-43234	Travel-Trans/Other	\$ 275.00	
001-43235	Travel-Mileage	\$ 300.00	
001-43240	Telephone	\$ 650.00	
001-43620	Equipment Repair	\$ 3,500.00	
To: 001-41190	Part-Time	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
001-42410	Other Supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
001-43231	Travel-Registration	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
001-43233	Travel-Lodging	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
001-43630	Maintenance & Service Contr	\$ 3,971.00	\$ 3,971.00
001-43910	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 454.00	\$ 454.00

Calumet Township Assessor 1000

From: 001-43231	Travel-Registration	\$ 2,770.00	
001-43232	Travel-Meals	\$ 1,000.00	
001-43233	Travel-Lodging	\$ 1,100.00	
001-43310	Printing	\$ 2,483.00	
001-43910	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,100.00	
To: 001-41350	Assessor Certification	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
001-42110	Office Supplies	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 1,870.00
001-43190	Other Professional Serv	\$ 1,154.00	\$ 1,154.00
001-43240	Telephone	\$ 3,483.00	\$ 3,483.00
001-43620	Equipment Repair	\$ 1,446.00	\$ 1,446.00

Calumet Township Assessor 1000

2015 Reassessment Fund 337

From: 337-43188	Employment Testing	\$ 1,000.00	
337-43233	Travel-Lodging	\$ 1,100.00	
337-43235	Travel-Mileage	\$ 30,000.00	
To: 337-42110	Office Supplies	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
337-42230	Clothing	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
337-43190	Other Professional Service	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
337-44490	Office Machines	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

Public Defender 4002

From: 001-41160	Office & Clerical	\$ 2,000.00	
To: 001-41190	Part-Time	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

Public Defender 4002

From: 001-43630	Maintenance & Service	\$ 600.00	
001-43910	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 600.00	
To: 001-42110	Office Supplies	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

Health Department 5130

Health Fund 105

From: 105-41150	Paraprofessionals	\$ 440.00	
To: 105-41210	Longevity	\$ 440.00	\$ 440.00

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 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 13th day of November, 2014.

Approved this 13th day of November, 2014.

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Ted Bilski
David Hamm
Jerome Prince
Daniel Dernulc
Christine Cid
Eldon Strong

Members of the Lake County Council

ATTEST:
John Petalas,
Lake County Auditor

Additional

	made motions	seconded	
<u>general fund 001</u> Commissioners(-\$500)	Prince	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Center Township Assr(\$500)	Prince	Cid	The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Gambling Adm Tax Fund 196</u> Court Administration(\$15,000) <u>CEDIT Non-Reverting Fund 012</u> Jail(\$150,000) (See Footnotes)	NO ACTION TAKEN		
	Dernulc	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes". Strong, "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.
<u>Highway Fund 102</u> Highway(\$8,200)	Prince	Strong	The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Sheriff's Grant Fund 239</u> Jail(\$14,716)	Dernulc	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to create new line item, and approve, except Franklin, "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Justice Assistance Grant Fund 262</u> Sheriff(\$174,623)	Cid	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" To create all new line items, and approve, except Franklin , absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>Community Supervision Grant Fund 372</u> Criminal Court(\$220,000)	Hamm	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to create all new line items, and approve, except Franklin, "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
<u>TIF Dissolution General Fund 686</u> Economnic Development(\$56,034)	Hamm	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Footnotes:

Re: Jail(\$150,000) CEDIT Fund 012 – Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to create 3 new line items, and approve.

Dernulc said this was initially a large amount, and he wanted to reduce it, so he, Councilman Hamm, and Dante sat with Melanie, a staff member of the Sheriff's Department, who then reduced it.

Strong said that the Sheriff is asking for a transfer, out of the CEDIT fund, and asked if this CEDIT fund can be used for Overtime, if it's not part of the CEDIT plan?

Attorney Szarmach answered, it can be used, if in the Plan, the use of the money, if there is a line item in the budget for that. If there is no line item, you would have to create one.

Strong asked is there a line item in that CEDIT plan?

Attorney Szarmach said he would probably want to check with Attorney Dull, and Mr. Blanchard to see what the...

Attorney Szarmach asked if the Commissioners are onboard with this?

He said if they are, then this can be done.

Strong asked Mr. Blanchard is the Commissioners are onboard?

Commissioner Allen responded, but his response is inaudible, (he isn't at the microphone).

Strong said, I understand the situation with the Sheriff, and his overtime. He said to the Sheriff, with all due respect, you made a change in your department without the approval of anybody, the Commissioner, or Council, and you are putting yourself into a hole for overtime, and now you are coming to us for CEDIT.

Strong said, I can not support using CEDIT for overtime. He said, later on, we are going to be voting on a Bond, and part of that Bond is road repair, and ... (inaudible, others speaking at the same time, and can't hear what Councilman Strong is saying).

Bilski asked Strong is he would support the creation of new line items?

Strong answered he probably would not.

Bilski said then we would probably need a motion to defer, or withdraw, because it needs 6 votes to create the new line items, and due to our quorum, there would be no point.

Cid said she understood that there were some PO's that could be cancelled, and asked if there was any money from the cancelled PO's?

Melanie said it was discussed if they could find \$100,000 dollars in their budget, then they could come here,(inaudible). She said she did do that last night, she found \$100,000 dollars, and transferred it into overtime. This would be for the last overtime payment for the Correctional Officers for 2014.

Cid asked Melanie if they made that agreement with the Commissioners, or with your Committee?

Melanie answered, with the Committee. Councilman Hamm, Councilman Dernulc, and Dante, we were all in the meeting together. Dernulc said that's where we were able to reduce it by \$100,000 dollars.

Dernulc said, that's where the PO's came in.

Hamm said that's correct, there were some PO's that were cancelled, that Melanie worked with. He said that both Dan and I received cooperation from the Sheriff' Office, reducing it from the \$250,000 to the \$150,000, so Hamm said that he appreciates the cooperation that the Sheriff's Office has given in this matter.

Bilski asked if the motion could be amended to do it in 2 parts, first to create a new line item, and then second, for the appropriation, because the objection is to the appropriation.

Bilski said it takes 6 votes to create the new line item, if we pass that, then we could go back and make the second motion for the appropriation.

Hamm said to defer this, we are saying that we are not going to pay these men and women who have worked.

Bilski asked if Dernulc would consider withdrawing his original motion, and if we could do it twofold, that way we could create the line items, and allow each Councilmember to state their objection to the appropriation.

Dernulc rescinded his motion.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the creation of the 3 new line items. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to create the 3 new line items carried, 6-yes, 1-absent.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve the appropriation, with the total amount being \$150,000.

Strong wanted to restate his position, which is he doesn't believe that this is what CEDIT should be used for. He said this money is needed because the Sheriff changed the (inaudible).

The majority voted "Yes". Strong voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

Re: Economic Development(\$56,034 TIF Dissolution General Fund 686) - Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve.

Hamm explained that this is a new State Statute. He explained that the Treasurer's Office is just being used as a conduit, so that's the whole purpose of the new law.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Transfers

	Made motions	seconded	
County Court Div IV(\$300)	Hamm	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Jail(\$104,464)	Dernulc	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Jail(\$22,600) Public Safety CAGIT Fund 010	Dernulc	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Jail(\$7,900) Misdemeanant Cty Jail Fund 152	Dernulc	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Sheriff(\$1,000)	Cid	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to create new line item, and approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Sheriff(\$1,078) VIP Grant Fund 333	Cid	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Treasurer(\$1,000) (See Footnotes)	Hamm	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" Cid "abstain". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 4-yes, 1-abstention, 1-absent.
Center Twp Assr(\$1,200) 2015 Reassessment Fund 337 (See Footnotes)	Prince	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
County Court Div II(\$1,000) SAPS Fund 143	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
County Court Div II(\$920) SAPS Fund 143	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Detention Center(\$1,000)	Dernulc	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Detention Center(\$8,000)	Dernulc	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Lados Div II(\$610) Fund 218	Prince	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve retro to 10-1-14. Franklin was "absent". Motion Carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Commissioners(\$2,031)	Prince	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Commissioners(\$450,000) (See Footnotes)	Prince	Cid	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Juvenile Court(\$200)	Dernulc	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Surveyor(\$1,365)	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Surveyor(\$170) Surveyor's Corner Perpetuation Fund 167	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Ross Twp Assr(\$698.64)	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Ross Twp Assr(\$1,314) Sales Disclosure Fund 710	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Ross Twp Assr(\$1,200) Reassessment Fund 337	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Fairground(\$440)	Strong	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Fairgrounds(\$6,000) NR LC Fairgrounds Fund 131	Strong	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Coroner(\$14,635)	Cid	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Courthouses(\$440)	Cid	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Prosecutor(\$16,600) Pre-Trial Diversion Fund 135	Cid	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Prosecutor(\$22,525)	Cid	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Calumet Twp Assr(\$8,453)	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Calumet Twp Assr(\$32,100) Reassessment 2015 Fund 337	Prince	Hamm	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Public Defender(\$2,000)	Cid	Dernulc	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Public Defender(\$1,200)	Cid	Prince	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.
Health Dept(\$440)	Dernulc	Strong	The majority voted "Yes" to approve. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Footnotes:

Re: Treasurer – Strong made a motion, seconded by Prince to create all new line items and approve the transfer. The majority voted “Yes”. Cid “abstained”.

Motions withdrawn (It takes 6 votes to create new line items).

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to create 3 new line items. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion to create 3 new line items carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve the transfer. The majority voted “Yes”. Cid “abstain”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion to approve the transfer carried 5-yes, 1-abstention, 1-absent.

Re: Commissioners(\$450,000) – Prince made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve.
Dernulc asked Blanchard, where are the other services and charges? Blanchard said, actually, when you talk about the towers...

Dante said, that was part of our solution, the other part didn't come forward, but the Commissioner didn't know about this, (inaudible). Dante said this is for a tower, there's a couple more coming, so that's why I was saying, it shouldn't have been in the bond issue, in the first place.

The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Revised 144's for Juvenile Court

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

<u>Rev 144- Fund 001</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12428-006 Probation Officer	\$42,618	\$46,879	\$4,261

In the Matter of Lease Need Approval – Center Township Assessor, 213 S. Court St, Crown Point, IN.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve the lease need. Prince wanted to point out that there are other lease needs on the agenda, and the Council's role, or responsibility in transactions, such as this one, is to simply verify and approve that there is a need for a new lease, and that's what this action is about.

Bilski added that there is a very slight \$50 dollar increase on this one.

Cid said, but we are not approving the lease.

Bilski added, we are not approving the lease, just the need for it.

The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Lease Need Approval – St. John Township Assessor, 9157 Wicker Ave, St. John, IN

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve the lease need. The majority voted “Yes”. Franklin was “absent”. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Lease Need Approval – Calumet Township Assessor, 201 E. 5th Ave, Gary, IN

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve the lease need. Prince said the location of the new lease is 201 E 5th Avenue, Gary.

Mr. Nowicki asked if he could speak now.

Attorney Szarmach said this is not a Public Hearing, this is a Public meeting.
He said you could still recognize a member of the public.

Prince said he would prefer to continue with the agenda, and if Mr. Nowacki wants to comment, he should do so at the portion that everyone does, which is at the end of the meeting. You can speak on anything that you like, including this particular item.

Bilski said this is not the approval of the Lease, this is just the need for a lease approval, whether or not it's denied or accepted.

Mr. Nowicke said my comments will be addressed as to the need for the lease.

Prince said he thinks the questions are legitimate, but he would just prefer that Mr. Nowacki acknowledge the processes, and the procedure of this Body, and speak on it afterwards. You will get an opportunity to speak on it, it's just not now, that's all.

Strong asked a representative of the Calumet Township Assessor's Office, why are you moving?

Lynn said they are moving because they are having problems with the structure of the other location, as far as different issues with maintenance.

Strong asked, is it going to cost more, or is it going to cost less?

Lynn answered, it's going to cost less, we are actually saving money, that's another reason we are considering moving. We will be saving about \$4,000 dollars.

Strong said it's his understanding that the Township also owns some buildings, (the Trustee's Office), and have you ever considered renting from them, for a savings to kind of work with each other. Have you ever thought about that?

Lynn said the Assessor looked at different locations, and the locations were not large enough to accommodate our facility.

Prince said he didn't intend to comment on this, but as the Chairman for Calumet Township Assessor, as he suggested earlier, Prince said, he understand the questions, he believes they actually arose, after the study session, and timing is not of the essence here. He said more importantly, Prince said, he thinks it's more important to just consider what the responsibility of this Body is, and as you suggested, it's to approve the need for a lease. Some of the questions, or concerns that may come up, frankly, I don't think are relevant to this action that the Body is going to take, and furthermore, in some instances, I think it's a separate issue, outside of this particular lease need, and as demonstrated in 2 other items, before this one, a lease need approval is a standard procedure that we take, before the actual lease approval goes to the Commissioner's Office, so, having said that, Prince said he appreciates the Assessor's being available to answer any questions.

Dernulc said, we do not sign this lease, that is up to the Commissioners, and there is a need for..., and your other lease is coming due, correct?

Lynn answered, yes.

Dernulc said this has to be done.

Strong agreed with his colleagues, if there is an issue with the lease, then it needs to be addressed by the Commissioners Office, not this Body.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve the lease need for Calumet Township Assessor carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Strategic Planning Committee Report

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to defer to 12-9-14. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointments – Lake Ridge Fire Protection District(1)

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to defer to 12-9-14. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Citizen Appointment – Crown Point Library District (1)

Strong nominated Rose Kendall to the Crown Point Library District. Prince seconded the nomination. Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to close the nominations. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to close the nominations carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve Rose Ann Kendall to the Crown Point Library District. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Councilmanic & Citizen Appointments – Lake County Redevelopment Commission(2)

Hamm moved to open the nominations.

Hamm said, as far as the Councilmanic appointment, he nominated Councilman elect Jamal Washington, effective 1-1-15. Strong seconded the nomination.

Hamm moved to close the nominations, seconded by Strong.

The majority voted "Yes" to appoint Jamal Washington. Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Cid nominated John Brezik as the Citizen Appointment. Hamm seconded the nomination.

Hamm moved to close the nominations. Prince seconded. Motion to close the nominations carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Cid made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve the appointment of John Brezik. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Reconsider the October 9, 2014 Motion to Establish a Hiring Freeze for the remainder of 2014 for the Following Positions:

Bilski explained that if there is a need to fill the position, this is the opportunity to present it to the Council. He said the position is eliminated January 1, 2015. If it is a position that they would need, or find a need to re-create, they would have to come back to the Council to ask to create that new position in the January/2015 meeting.

Attorney Szarmach said they may want to take the motion, with regard to the 7 Courts. Criminal Court, thru Detention Center, just as one motion.

Bilski said these are positions that they have discussed regarding the settlement, and the negotiations between the Courts, and the County Council to divert a Mandate.

Dante said that in January, there will be carryovers, so they don't have to come forward in January. If you approve it today, he will have it on the carryover. It will be automatic, if they approve it today.

Hamm made a motion for reconsideration on the following positions:

001-4000-13608-011 Criminal Court
001-4030-12427-001 County Court Div I
001-4030-12536-004 County Court Div I
001-4040-12537-001 County Court Div II
001-4050-15528-003 County Court Div III
001-4200-12433-025 Detention Center
001-4200-12433-037 Detention Center

Prince seconded the motion. The majority voted "Yes". Cid, "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion for reconsideration carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to rescind the Hiring Freeze for the aforementioned positions.

Strong asked if this was because of the agreement that was made in the Mandate correct?

Attorney Szarmach answered, right, pursuant to Statutes, pursuant to Supreme Court rules, procedurally how you handle Mandates.

Cid stated that some of these positions had been vacant since 2011, 2013, the beginning of 2014, and it is my opinion, and I don't manage these offices, but if these positions weren't filled, to me it meant that these departments became more efficient, and didn't need to fill these positions, that the offices were managing fine without them. There are a lot of people out there looking for jobs, and I didn't see these positions posted, or advertised, and that's the reason for my "no" vote.

Attorney Szarmach said he thinks the motion was well-intended, and Councilwoman Cid' intentions were well-intended, and it seemed like a good idea at the time, but procedurally, you had, with a majority vote agreed to certain conditions, with regard to the 2014/2015 budget, to avoid the Mandate suit, as I mentioned in my Opinion to everybody. There is a procedure in the Indiana Rule (inaudible), regarding Mandates, and the first thing is the Supreme Court has directed Courts, and Fiscal Bodies to try to reach an agreement, and then through public hearings, motions regarding budgets, vote on what that agreement is, and that would avoid a Mandate. Attorney Szarmach said that Mandate suits are extremely expensive for municipalities. You not only have to pay your Attorney' fees, you have to pay the Court's Attorney's fees. It's like preparing for the trial. He said you would have depositions, witnesses, you would be on the stand for a day. He said that is the reason the Supreme Court, and their Mandate Rules like to see compromises, and agreements. He said, and that's basically what we had, technically, was their 2014/2015 budget, in which we agreed to give them 3% raise, on that budget, plus the Civil Courts got 4 floaters, and they got to use their fees for the Internet Access, and that was the Agreement.

Then, at another date, a few days later, to take away 7 positions out of that budget, would be a breach of that Agreement. It would be similar to, in the Sheriff's budget, we've had over the years, allowed him to have positions filled by fees. It would not be fair to the Sheriff to allow him to create positions filled with fees, and at the next meeting, or a few days later, vacate 6 positions, other than the 6 that we've created for him. It's the same logic, the same analogy.

Prince said that he appreciates that Attorney Szarmach does the legal and technical explanation, but then there is one other factor that is applicable to not all of the Court positions, but certainly one of them, and more so to some of the other positions that we will consider, and that is, that each one of them have a different set of circumstances, such as, Prince said he believes that one of the Courts had a position, that wasn't filled, due to our traditional process of waiting for all benefits to be resolved, so in that instance, it couldn't be filled until the person who was in the slot, previously had all of their benefits, expired.

Prince that is the case, as he understands, for at least one of the other positions. He said there are a some Officeholders present, who will probably reiterate what he is speaking of, and speak to it. Prince said he wanted to mention that, just for clarity purposes.

Bilski said this Council will always look for ways to cut the budget, and reduce spending. He said they will look at another way to reduce; however, he said they don't want to set a precedence out there either that says that if a position becomes vacant, fill it immediately. He said there was another occasion in which they were searching for the right qualified person, and sometimes that's lengthy, sometimes that person that possesses the right technical, or skills, it takes time to find that person. Sometimes it takes longer because our salaries aren't that high, and when it comes to professional people, to find them to fill those positions. Bilski said, by no means do we want to set a precedent saying that as soon as a position becomes vacant, you'd better fill it, or it's going to be gone. He said it's not the intent of this Council. It was to look for ways to reduce spending. The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Hiring Freeze - Treasurer – 001-0300-16058-001

Bilski explained that there is a change in the Elected Official, effective 1/1/15. Peggy Katona will become the Treasurer, and it was explained that she wanted to leave that position open so she can make that appointment in accordance, as part of her reorganization.

Dante said it would be easier to get them done today, and he can put them all on the carryovers.

Prince made a motion to reconsider the hiring freeze for position 001-0300-16058-001, Treasurer's Office. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted "Yes". Cid "abstained". Franklin was "absent". Motion to reconsider carried 5-yes, 1-abstention, 1-absent.

Prince made a motion to repeal the Hiring Freeze established for 2014 for the position of 001-0300-16058-001, Treasurer. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted "Yes". Cid, "abstained". Franklin was "absent". Motion to repeal the Hiring Freeze carried 5-yes, 1-abstention, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Hiring Freeze – Surveyor – 001-0600-11727-001

Prince made a motion, to reconsider the hiring freeze for position 001-0600-11727-001, Surveyor's Office. Hamm seconded the motion.

Strong asked the Surveyor if this position is important to him. The Surveyor answered, it is. He said the candidate for that position is currently in his part-time, seasonal drainage crew, and they are finishing up right now.

He said this year he eliminated 1 position, to save the money for the County.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to reconsider carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

Prince made a motion to repeal the hiring freeze for the remainder of 2014 for position 001-0600-11727-001, Surveyor. Hamm seconded the motion. The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Hiring Freeze – Plan Commission – 001-2400-12420-001

Prince made a motion to reconsider the motion to establish a hiring freeze for the remainder of 2014 for position 001-2400-12420-001 Plan Commission. Strong seconded the motion. The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to repeal the Hiring Freeze for the remainder of 2014 for position 001-2400-12420-001, Plan Commission.

Strong wanted to state, for the record that he knows that the Plan Commission Director didn't fill this position, of his own choice because he was trying to save the County money, because things were not busy enough, then when things did get busy, and he tried to fill the position. Strong said that he confirmed that with his predecessor, Senator-Elect, Niemeyer, who did say, that was a part of the minutes, in a meeting a couple of years ago, so he wanted to credit Ned for doing the right thing, and for us to take the position away, now, when he needs it, I think is wrong, therefore, I will support this.

Cid commented that she received an e-mail from the Director that he may have a Plan that he is working on, that would reduce the cost, and him having to fill this position, so Cid said she would like to see his Plan to see what he has in mind.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Hiring Freeze – Courthouse – 001-3000-18817-001.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to reconsider the Hiring Freeze for the remainder of 2014, for the following position: 001-3000-18817-001, Courthouses.

Blanchard explained in 2012, there was a reorganization in some of their departments, and this was one of them. He said they streamlined a couple of positions, and got it down to what it is today, and it is an engineer' position, which is an important position, and they are trying to find someone who is qualified to do electrical work, and other types of work, plumbing, and minor things so we wouldn't have to call out people and pay \$90 to \$100 dollars an hour. He said he believes they have found someone to fill the role, and they would like to fill that position. He said one of the benefits of having it vacant is to save substantial money in that line item. He said they didn't want to hurry up to fill the position, just to avoid something like this from happening.

Bilski interjected that there is a line 2 savings, when you keep a position vacant.

The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to reconsider carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to repeal the hiring freeze for the remainder of 2014 for position 001-3000-18817-001, Courthouse. The majority voted "Yes". Cid voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to repeal carried 5-yes, 1-no, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Frank Hammond Elementary School – National Blue Ribbon Award Winner.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-103

**RESOLUTION HONORING MUNSTER'S FRANK H. HAMMOND
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, students and scholars from Lake County, Indiana, have consistently excelled in all academic matters throughout the State and Country; and

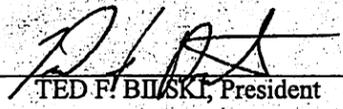
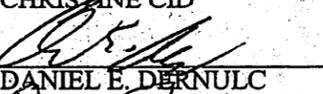
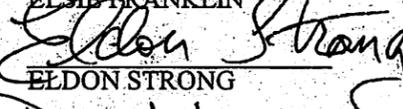
WHEREAS, Lake County is justly proud of its sons and daughters who have so willingly taken upon themselves the academic hardships and disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program award recognizes public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students either achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvements toward those standards; and

WHEREAS, Frank H. Hammond Elementary School of the Munster School Corporation was one of eight Indiana schools named as a National Blue Ribbon award winner, having been among the top performers on ISTEP+, including student pass rates of more than 85 percent on both the math and English/language arts portions of the exam.

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 and parents of Frank H. Hammond Elementary School of Munster, Indiana for being a National Blue Ribbon Award Winner; that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the official records of the Lake County Council, and an official copy be delivered to FRANK H. HAMMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

DATED THIS 13th day of November, 2014.

 CHRISTINE CID	 TED F. BILSKI, President	 ELSIE FRANKLIN
 DANIEL E. DERNULC		 ELDON STRONG
 JEROME A. PRINCE		 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Honoring Merrillville Pop Warner Jr. Pee Wee -D2 Team - Indiana State Champions

Prince made a motion, seconded by Bilski to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Prince read the following names of the team members, as well as the coaches:

- Robert Buggs
- Devon Davis
- Colin Cantrell
- Caleb Carter
- RaShaun Donald, Jr.
- Travis Grayson
- Devin Jarrett
- Joel Johnson
- Jorryn Junigan
- A'veyawn Madry
- Jeremiah Mahone

Keonta McKinney
Yusef Muhammad
Angel Nelson
Anthony Parker, Jr
Leon Roberts
Amarion Scott
Waine Smith, Jr.
Jaylen Thomas
Jaavon Tolbert
Marrell Tyler, II
Cameron Williams
Coaching Staff:
Sieon Roberts, Sr.
Terrence Thomas
Tim Grayson
Kenneth Butler
James Williams
Eric Nelson
Henry Johnson
Sam Vesley
Wesley Davis
Team Parent:
Anita Roberts

RESOLUTION NO. 14-104

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE MERRILLVILLE
POP WARNER JUNIOR PEE WEE - D2 FOOTBALL 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 son 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

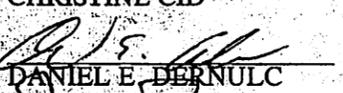
WHEREAS, Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides youth football and cheer and dance programs for participants in 42 states and several countries around the world, consisting of approximately 325,000 young people ranging from ages 5 to 16 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Merrillville Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee - D2 Football Team won the State Championship title on November 2, 2014, the Team finished their regular season on October 5, 2014 with a 6-1 record.

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 Merrillville Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee - D2 Football Team, winners of the State Championship Title 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 Merrillville Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee - D2 Football Team.

SO RESOLVED by the Lake County Council, this 13th day of November, 2014.


CHRISTINE CID


DANIEL E. DERNULC


JEROME A. PRINCE


TED F. BILSKI, President


ELSIE FRANKLIN


ELDON STRONG


DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Board of Commissioners to pay a 2012 invoice with 2014 funds in the amount of \$25.00 – 001-2900-43982 Change of Venue.

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-105

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING THE LAKE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS TO PAY AN OUTSTANDING
2012 INVOICE/DEBT FROM THE 2014 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Commissioners are currently operating in the 2014 Budget; and

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

<u>001-2900-43982</u>	<u>Change of Venue</u>
Marshall County Auditor	\$ 25.00

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 Commissioners' 2014 Budget:

<u>001-2900-43982</u>	<u>Change of Venue</u>
Marshall County Auditor	\$ 25.00

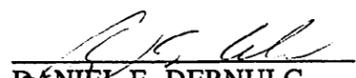
SO RESOLVED THIS 13th day of November, 2014.



 TED F. BILSKI, President



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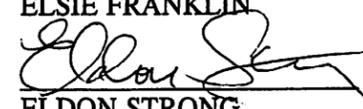
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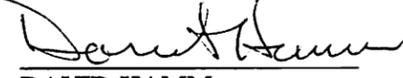
 JEROME A. PRINCE

Absent

 ELSIE FRANKLIN



 ELDON STRONG



 DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Resolution Permitting the Lake County Sheriff to pay 2012 & 2013 Jail invoices with 2013 funds in the amount of \$8,179.77 – 001-3100-43120 Medical & Hospital Services.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-106

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF TO PAY
OUTSTANDING 2012 AND 2013 JAIL INVOICES/DEBTS FROM THE 2014 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department of Lake County is currently operating in the 2014 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the following invoices/debts which were incurred in the Budget years of 2012 and 2013 have not been paid:

<u>001-3100-43120</u>	<u>Medical & Hospital Services</u>
Methodist Physician Ser.	\$ 1,425.45
Dr. Marcus Wigutow	189.05
Carepointe	230.00
Rehabilitation Medical	267.71
Quest Diagnostics	274.56
Oral Surgery	<u>5,793.00</u>
	\$8,179.77; and

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

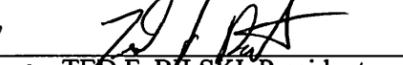
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

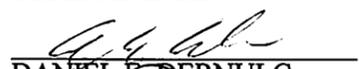
That the Lake County Sheriff's Department shall pay from its 2014 Budget the following jail invoices/debts incurred in the calendar years 2012 and 2013 as follows:

<u>001-3100-43120</u>	<u>Medical & Hospital Services</u>
Methodist Physician Ser.	\$ 1,425.45
Dr. Marcus Wigutow	189.05
Carepointe	230.00
Rehabilitation Medical	267.71
Quest Diagnostics	274.56
Oral Surgery	<u>5,793.00</u>
	\$8,179.77

SO RESOLVED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.


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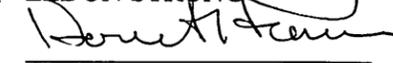

TED F. BILSKI, President


DANIEL E. DERNULC


JEROME A. PRINCE

Absent

ELSIE FRANKLIN

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of An Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Lake, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds of the County for the Purpose of Procuring Funds to pay for Repairs to existing County Owned and Occupied Buildings, Renovating the County Jail, Paving Roads within the County and Constructing Drainage Projects Within the County, Together with the Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds Therefor and Appropriating the Proceeds of the Bonds to Such Purpose.

Commissioner Roosevelt Allen said that he was present today to discuss the recommendation by the County Commissioners for the \$12 million dollars Bond Issue. He said at the special meeting between the Commissioners, and the Council, on the issue of the 3rd Floor repairs at the County Jail. He said it was suggested that the Commissioners, and the Council would supply a lists of capital improvements that needed to be done, or Plans, for the County Government, and one reason for this suggestion was because it's more expensive to make emergency repairs all the time. To react to emergency situations, and rush out, and hire Contractors in a very quick manor, to do the repairs, we felt that if we have a list, and a plan, that we could issue one Bond, that would cover these Capital improvements that were submitted by the County Council, and the Commissioners.

He said, you have before you the list of all of the capital improvements that needs to be done by the County, and the total amount of the list of unfunded improvements is actually \$17.5 million dollars. Commissioner Allen said that he knows that some of the Council members decided that they didn't want to include the 911 towers, or the dark site, as part of that Capital Bond. He said that he is quite sure that you are aware that the dark site does not require January 1st, 2015, but we can not complete the primary consolidation, without those towers. He said, we are asking for \$1 million dollars, additional, for those towers. He said, we stand to lose approximately \$3 million dollars annually, if we don't complete that primary site. He said there were some questions, when we decided to issue the initial bond. We were going to issue it at \$22.5 million dollars, and there were some discussion that that amount was too large, so when we reached a concession, and it was negotiated among the Council, and Commissioners down to \$20 million dollars, \$2.5 million dollars less than what the actual estimate was. It was suggested, at that time that we had some cost overrun because budgeting is just an estimate. Budgeting is not exactly accurate, it's an estimate, and that if we had some overruns that we would be able to use some of the CEDIT money.

Commissioner Allen said, well the 2014 CEDIT money, the Council decided \$5 million dollars would be used for Health Insurance, and \$3 million of it would be, well, it's actually \$5.2 million dollars for Health Insurance, and \$1.7 million was used for PERF, so out of the \$8 million dollars of CEDIT money, for 2014, \$7 million dollars of it was used by the County Council, so that's another reason that we have the cost overrun.

Commissioner Allen said, if you take the 911 towers out of the equation, you take the dark site out of the equation, you still need the \$12 million dollars bond.

Commissioner Allen said, on your list, you still have \$11, 718,000 dollars, and that's excluding the dark site, and the towers, so if that's what you want to do, if you want to exclude the dark site, and the towers, that's your prerogative, but that's an issue that your will have to deal with January 1, 2015, as far as those towers are concerned, if we are not able to get our primary site up, and operating, and we start losing \$3 million dollars annually, because you get \$2.6, and then you add an additional allocation, management, 911 State Management Committee, and allocations usually \$300,000 or \$400,000 so you are actually going to lose about, if you don't want to include the \$1 million in the Bond issue, you stand to lose \$3 million in money, and Commissioner Allen said, he just wanted to make everyone aware.

He said it's the Council' decision, you are the fiscal authority, you make the fiscal decisions, and the County Commissioners will act accordingly.

Bilski commented that the \$5 million dollars, to put into Health Insurance, was a collaboration, the Commissioners were in agreement with that. The Council didn't just cut \$5 million dollars out of there, the Commissioners said there was a need for the "shoring" up of the Insurance, so it was a collaboration. Bilski said he didn't want it to sound like the Council just arbitrarily took \$5 million dollars away, that could have been used for something else for the Commissioners, but a collaboration between the Council and Commissioners to "shore up" Health care.

Commissioner Allen said, you are absolutely right, when we were trying to determine what we were going to do about that Bond Issue, the \$22.5 Million dollars, it was suggested, if there were some cost overruns, that it could come out of the CEDIT.

Bilski said I think we are in a good spot right now. I think what we're looking for today, is just a First Reading, as to the breakdown, I think there is going to need to be some discussions on what is exactly paid out of there.

Bilski said that when we vote on this, he wants it to be very clear that the project will not include 911 towers, or dark sites.

Bilski suggested that the Council not commit to that, at this point, because there is a need for it, and he thinks that between now, and the next meeting, we can look at every other "avenue" there is to look at for different funding sources, and other ways to do that. If not, it's going to have to be done one way, or the other.

Bilski said he has had conversations with almost everyone on the Council, over these issues, and there are very big concerns over the costs overruns of E911, going into this for the first year, and trying to make sure that everything is 100% in place, is a guess, we've never done this before, so we are counting on financial specialists to say, this is what anticipated costs are, and we are trying to move it out, and Bilski said once we are up and running, and in an operation mode, we will have time to evaluate.

Commissioner Allen said, the purpose of this list is just to show you that the \$12 million dollar amount, is not an arbitrary amount coming from the Commissioners. He said, on the Chart, the towers, and the dark site is shaded, if you take those amounts out of the equation, you are still at \$12 million dollars.

Dernulc said, as it relates to the towers, this should have been discussed with us before. This is something that was just "dumped in our lap, for lack of a better term. Dernulc said he believes that they need to find it in their own budget.

Commissioner Allen said you have to realize the scenario, initially we were contemplating that all 18 units would sign on, and we were going to use the St. John tower, and St. John was one of the Communities that decided, at least up to this point, not to participate.

That means we have to have our own tower site, the initial location in Gary turned out not to be a good location, and they decided that we had to have a higher tower. The tower had to be 400 feet, and we were going to use a private tower in Gary, but the negotiations with the owner of the private tower, wanted to charge about \$10,000 dollars a month, that's an exorbitant cost, and we tried to negotiate the cost down, and he said, no.

We were able to go to the Little Calumet Basin Commission, and use their land, at basically no cost, and construct a tower there, so we are trying to be cost efficient, we could have entered a lease at \$10,000 dollars a month.

Dernulc said that should have been all resolved before the Bond Issue was.... He said I'm not looking at you, I'm looking at whoever put this Plan together. Dernulc said, that's my issue, but he said he also heard Dante saying something, and asked Dante was he saying?

Dante said we met over 6 weeks ago, we are covering these towers within, not a part of the Bond Issue, so he doesn't know why it's being said it's being co-mingled with this issue on the \$12 million dollars. He said we were supposed to fund it. He said he expressed those options, and to make sure they were executed upon, or being executed upon. He said right now it's resolved, it's not a part of this \$12 million dollars.

Bilski said the issue of the Bond, it still needs to be passed.

Dante said, the funding for the towers was never at risk, eventhough it wasn't part of the first \$20 million dollar issue, we do have a "Plan B".

Commissioner Allen said he knows we have a deadline, and it was important to him that we have a concrete funding source, so that we know that it could get done, because we have to begin constructing these towers, you can't just put those towers up overnight.

Commissioner Allen said, the would also like to say that even though discussions occurred in October, it needs Council approval, it hadn't been approved by the Council, so we can't proceed and issue Contracts, and move forward, without your approval, so whatever was discussed in October, there is no Council approval, and we as the Commissioners, can't spend money that has not been approved by the County Council, so when do we get the Council's approval, so that we can move forward to construct the towers? We are in mid-November now.

Dante said, it takes 3 weeks to get on our agenda, and the request has to start with the Commissioners, we don't initiate it.

Strong said apparently there is some sort of a snafu. He said he asked for Brian to be here because he wanted his to explain what happened. Strong said he should have had the "cart behind the horse", not "in front of the horse". He should have made sure that he had everything covered, and now he is coming to us in the eleventh hour. Strong said he appreciates getting this paperwork, but this also is coming at the eleventh hour. He said he wants to know exactly where this Bond issue is going to go, if he is expected to support it. He has a few questions regarding it. He said the 3rd Floor Jail, I get it. The DOJ requires us to do this stuff, I understand that. He said the Highway match, now is this going to be a match from the State, so Mark would have \$3.2 to work with? We have a lot of issues with our County roads, we all know that. I don't like bonding for roads. We have a lot of things we need to do. He asked Co-Op Extension, what is that for, \$1 million dollars?

Commissioner Allen explained, that's Co-Op Extension that you requested in the budget.

Strong said, I requested it, but I've been told by the Commissioners, that's not going to happen, so Strong asked, why is it in there, if it's not going to happen? We don't need it.

Commissioner Allen said, the Commissioners decided to put it in there, so it's in there.

Strong asked, does that mean that a building is going to be built, or does that mean that we are going to allocate the money, and set it elsewhere?

Commissioner Allen answered, they have not decided whether they will build a structure, or whether they will take an existing structure and renovate it. They have talked about the 3rd floor of Westwind, to renovate it. He said I don't know if you have been over there to see the Health Department, and how it looks now, after renovation, so they talked about renovating the 3rd floor of Westwind, to put the Cooperative Center.

Strong said I am going to need more definitive clarification of where that money is going to go before I am going to support this. The other \$6 million that we were looking for, I guess part of that is for the towers then right?

Commissioner Allen answered, right. When we presented the list, this morning, we don't expect you to act on it this morning, we feel that you will probably act on it at your next meeting, so we are giving it to you in advance, so you will have plenty of time.

Bilski said to Commissioner Allen, I think our protocol is a little different than yours, we would require a First Reading today, and that's what we are looking for today. We need to walk out of here with a First Reading. He said time-wise on this, and getting this approved, and making sure that the bond time is there, so that renovations can start immediately on the 3rd floor, so timing of this issue is crucial. We can't wait any longer, we have to have a First Reading today, in order to have a Second Reading in December.

Strong said, I get that, but there are parts of it I don't get.

Bilski said to Councilman Strong, we've had a lot of discussions, and I am not opposed to any of your objections.

Commissioner Allen said, one point that he wants to make is when we get back to the \$12 million dollars bond issue, excluding the 911 towers, and the dark site, you are still at \$12 million dollars, according to your list.

Cid asked, so the dark site was included in the original bond?

Commissioner Allen answered, no.

Bilski said, it was in the original bond.

Cid said, I thought the dark site, the towers, and the capital cost here, for this building were all included in that original bond.

Bilski said, not the towers, but the dark site was in there.

Strong said, the dark site was not included in the original bond, it was taken out.

Cid said she doesn't understand, why was it taken out?

Commissioner Allen said, you wanted to reduce the bond issue from \$22.5 million dollars, down to \$20 million, so we had to take something out, and in order to reduce the bond issue, something had to be taken out.

Cid said, and we took the dark site out, so when do you proposed that if the bond was approved, and the dark site included, when would that project start? How long is it going to take that project to...

Commissioner Allen answered, well the dark site project is not required by December 31st 2014, just the primary site, and primary tower. The dark site project would begin whenever the money is available to start it, if there is money in 2015 to begin renovation for a dark site, then we do it then, if there's not, then there is no dark site, until the money is available.

Cid asked, so if something happens here, then we have no stations, or we use local stations?

Bilski said Mr. Hitchcock is here, he may be able to answer the technical side.

Mr. Hitchcock said there are during the present time, compared to the centers that are presently out there, there are a lot of redundancies built into the center that would preclude us from having to move out, the only time we would have to move out is something major happen in the building itself. He said, you are correct, until that back-up center is up and running, we have no place to go to.

Cid wanted to state that her issues with anything with 911 costs now, she said she thought we did a bond, she said she didn't approve of the 911 Agreement because we were going to ask the Communities to contribute a quarter of their Public Safety tax, and we didn't do that, so that shorted the County \$6 million dollars, where we wouldn't have to bond as much, if we had that \$6 million dollars now. That's why I didn't approve of the 911 because I thought that everyone should have participated in these costs. Cid said, unfortunately, the Agreement does read, "any cost outside of the levies that were transferred over into fees, is the responsibility of the County". So, it is our responsibility.

Bilski said, Cid brings up a good point. He asked Commissioner Allen, where are we with the 3 Communities that don't want to participate? Are we getting closer at all, or is this a moot point?

Commissioner Allen answered, we are getting closer, we have a meeting scheduled for Monday at 6 PM, in St. John. He said that Councilman Strong, as well as myself will be participating in that meeting.

Commissioner Allen said, he thinks we are very close to getting those 3 units to sign on, he can't guarantee that they will agree to sign on, but it is closer than we have ever been, and hopefully after the meeting on Monday, we will be able to get those 3 units to sign on to the Interlocal Agreement.

Bilski asked, if they don't, I know the County, and units lose out in millions, but at that point, he said he thinks we need to have an Executive Session to find out what ours is.

Bilski said he never wanted the consolidation, this has been nothing but a burden on County Government from the beginning, taking on the new employees on our insurance. Taking on new employees, in our Insurance has been a burden for us, nobody takes that into consideration, or liability, by increasing our staffing. Over the last 10 years in which we have eliminated 300-plus positions, we are now forced, by the State, to consolidate, and take these new employees and put them onto our Health Care, so early on, in our meeting, you heard about "shoring up" \$5 million dollars, this is in anticipation, and to make sure that we can cover costs. None of us wanted this, so Bilski asked, is this all a moot point, if they are going to hold out? Do we need to consider, and this is more of a legal question, Bilski asked, do we pull the plug on the whole thing, and just go back to business as usual, and take the losses? This is frustrating.

Attorney Szarmach answered, no, you don't want to do that. He said to over simplify what's required by Statute, you need to have no more than 2 PSAPS, 2 sites, and no more than 1 Interlocal Agreement. You can have 1 Interlocal Agreement, with 18 signatures on it, providing for 2 sites.

Cid said right, they just have to sign onto our Agreement.

Attorney Szarmach said, and I'm not working with the Interlocal Agreement, that's the Commissioners, and Nicole Bennett, and John Dull, but that's the simplification of it. You can have no more than 2 sites, which it appears that it's a possibility, but no more than 1 Interlocal Agreement, so the Interlocal Agreement can provide that it's going to be for 2 sites.

Commissioner Allen said, the problem in the negotiations, with the 2 sites, we had a public meeting with 3 units of Government, a few weeks ago, and the problem was that they wanted to have autonomous authority over the second site. They did not want the County Director, the 911 Director to oversee that site. They wanted the operation to be completely autonomous, but they wanted the other 13 units of Government to fund it, so that was a "sticking point", because if we had agreed to fund it, the other 13 units, we would have had some of those units pulling out of the Agreement. There was no way they would have agreed to fund the second PSAP in St. John, and not have the County have controlling authority. They did not want the County to have any control, or authority over the second PSAPS, so our response was, if you want to have second PSAP, and you want it to be autonomous, you want it to be completely independent, that's find, but you have to fund the expansion of it because to expand that Center would cost almost \$2 million dollars. Their contribution to a bond issue, those 3 units, their contribution would have only been about a couple of hundred thousand dollars, so the rest of the funding would have been provided by the other 13 units, well if you don't want to be part of our group, and you want to be completely independent, then you can't ask, for our group to fund your operations, so that was one of the major "sticking points", and the other members of the Commission, and the representatives of those 13 units, said, "there's no way that's going to happen". That would have resulted in a complete breakdown of all of the units that have already signed on.

He said, also there was discussion about the Resolution that they submitted to us, the requirements, the demands that they made to us. They demanded that the County Commissioners not be involved in the hiring process, which we weren't. We met that part of their demand in their formal Resolution, they demanded that the debt service for the 911 bond be less than \$1.8 million dollars. We showed them that it was less than \$1.8 million dollars...the rest is inaudible. They said they wanted the make up of the Public Service Commission ...(inaudible). We came back to the County Council, and by Ordinance, you changed the make-up of the Public Service Commission to their satisfaction, so we are trying to figure out, what's the matter now? We fulfilled your request, and requirements, so why are you still refusing to become part of the group? He said that is probably going to be the topic of discussion, at the meeting on Monday.

Strong said it's a possibility that this dark site issue may become part of the negotiations too.

Cid asked Attorney Szarmach, if one Agreement, but they stay separate, they still keep their levy?

Attorney Szarmach answered, yes, but for everyone to keep their levy, there has to be 18 signatures on one Agreement. Even if the Agreement provides that they have their own site. We will see.

Cid asked when you said, everyone keeps their levy, I am just talking about the 3, if they sign our Agreement, our one Interlocal, they could still remain separate, the 3 still retain their levy?

Attorney Szarmach answered, correct, with everyone else. We maintain ours, as well. The problem lies, if you don't have the one Interlocal Agreement, and even though you are operating, with the 14, or 15, you are going to have a problem with keeping your levy, and whatever punishment they are going to give out(Indianapolis).

Bilski asked, if that happens, how are we going to keep the Center running? "Shut it down".

Attorney Szarmach said, that's a huge hammer.

Cid said it was my understanding that, if they were separate, before this went downstate, they asked to be separate, they could remain separate, we could have 2 sites, so we knew if there was going to be 2 sites, what we thought was going to be transferred over to us would not, it would go back to them.

If we sign one Agreement, does that still remain the same?

Attorney Szarmach answered, that can remain the same, if the Interlocal Agreement provides that they will have their PSAP under whatever conditions, is agreed, and we would have ours. The problem that may arise is we are running short on time, and when your amending the Interlocal Agreement, it's not an Ordinance or Resolution, we have a mere motion to amend. It's a Contract, and you've got to have all of the parties to the Contract, agree to those terms.

Commissioner Allen said, if they sign the current Interlocal Agreement, which they may sign, in the current Interlocal Agreement, it indicates the amount that they agreed to transfer to the County. That amount could be transferred by the DLGF, or transferred by the individual units, but if they sign the Agreement, they are agreeing to those would be transferred to the County. Now any changes to the Interlocal Agreement, would have to be signed by all 13 units of Government that originally signed the Interlocal Agreement. That took us, to get those 13 units of Government to sign, it took almost a year because you have to deal with all of those Attorneys', the legal Counsel for all of those 13 units, you have to deal with the City Controllers, Clerk Treasurers, and the executives of all of those units of Government, so it would be highly improbable that we could amend the Agreement that's already signed by the 13 units, and expect to get those signatures in a timely manner.

As I indicated, it took almost a year to get them the first time, and a lot of them have already indicated that they are not going to agree to an amendment. He said the problem with the law, is the Indiana General Assembly established a law saying that all 18 units have to sign off. That means Cedar Lake, which has 12,000 citizens has veto authority over 500,000 citizens in Lake County. That's the flaw in the law.

Bilski added, I agree with you Commissioner Allen. We gave everybody in the group, veto power. I think our State Legislators made a huge mistake by not going with 2/3 majority, or some type of majority rule, and again, that's some of the issues that we get sent up here, the unfunded binding recommendations.

Strong said to Blanchard, and Mr. Hitchcock, in this Bond, it is still unclear to me, some of the stuff that's in here. He asked is there \$1 million dollars in here for the error in the building, the electrical?

Blanchard answered, it's not included in the Bond Issue.

Prince made a motion to approve an Ordinance of the County Council of the County of Lake, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Bonds of the County for the Purpose of Procuring Funds to pay for Repairs to Existing County Owned and Occupied Building, Renovating the County Jail, Paving Roads Within the County and Constructing Drainage Projects Within the County, Together with the Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of the Bonds Therefor and Appropriating the Proceeds of the Bonds to Such Purpose, on First Reading.

Hamm seconded the motion.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to amend to reduce this down to \$4.85 million dollars, to cover the 3rd floor Jail, and the Highway, and Bridge.

Bilski said he is coming back with motions to reduce in equal amounts, because he hasn't seen anything on this project line that doesn't need to be done. He said we are going have to find equal amount of reductions that we approved in the budget for 2015. Bilski said he can't support this.

Dernulc seconded the amended motion.

Bilski said he thinks the bottom line amount is where it needs to be, what is actually, how it's moved around. He thinks it's an issue that can be addressed, but ...

Strong said the problem is this, just this year, we did an income tax, and we reduced property tax. Now we are talking about doing things that are going to start increasing property taxes, that's my issue.

Cid said she sees the importance of the second site, only if something happens to this site, we have nothing. She really thought that was in the first bond, so she isn't sure right now, she said she needs to do more homework herself, and she knows that this is just First Reading, we can reduce at Second Reading.

Attorney Szarmach said, he thinks the Council should pass this, as it is on First Reading. It needs 2 readings, you can't do anything without 2 Readings, 4 votes on 2 Readings, and it's a lot easier to, on the Second Reading, to cut it, to reduce, than to go through the mechanics of raising it.

He said it's just like a budget that's way up there, knowing that it's not going to pass, you would be cutting it down, but that is what Attorney Szarmach said he would suggest.

On the motion to amend, Dernulc, and Strong voted "Yes". Hamm, Prince, Cid, and Bilski voted "No". Franklin was "absent". Motion to amend failed 4-no, 2-yes, 1-absent.

On the motion to approve, "as presented". Dernulc and Strong voted "No". Hamm, Prince, Cid, and Bilski voted "Yes". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 4-yes, 2-no, 1-absent.

Commissioner Allen suggested that a Committee be formed to go over this, before the next reading. Bilski said there is a Standing Committee, with E911, and we also have a Finance Committee, and Bilski suggested that the Finance Committee could address this issue because it falls within their umbrella. He said sometime today, they can ask for a Finance Committee meeting with the Commissioners, to discuss these issues.

In the Matter of Ordinance Establishing Lake County Recorder's Internet Access Fees

Prince made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to defer to 12-9-14. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to defer carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

In the Matter of Ordinance Granting the Lake County Recorder's Request to use Monies from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund to Supplement the Recorder's 2015 Budget.

NO ACTION TAKEN. (See Ordinance No 1377J, which was approved 10-14-14).

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1367B – Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2014 for the Detention Center.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Dernulc made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1367B-7

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE COUNTY PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES PAY RATE ORDINANCE FOR 2014, ORDINANCE NO. 1367B

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2013, the Lake County Council adopted the Lake County Part-Time Employees Pay Rate Ordinance for 2014, Ordinance No. 1367B; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council now desires to amend the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

That the following section be amended and adopted as follows:

DELETE:

Section III.

- 23. Lake County Juvenile Center
Psychologist
(Maximum 9 hrs. per week) 40.43/hr.

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Section III.

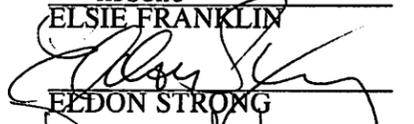
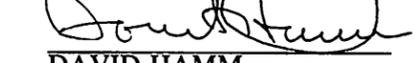
- 23. Lake County Juvenile Center
 - a. Psychologist
(Maximum 9 hrs. per week) 40.43/hr.
 - b. Court Reporter 10.00/hr.

SO ORDAINED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.


CHRISTINE CID


TED F. BILSKI, President


DANIEL E. DERNULC

Absent
ELSIE FRANKLIN

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM


JEROME A. PRINCE

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Concerning Holiday Schedule for the Calendar Year of 2015.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve, "as presented", on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Prince to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1378A

**ORDINANCE CONCERNING HOLIDAY
SCHEDULE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2015**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Council pursuant to I.C. 5-10-6-1(b) has authority to establish legal holidays for employees of Lake County, Indiana, and

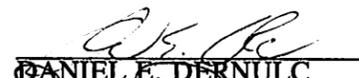
WHEREAS, the Lake County Council wishes to establish legal holidays for employees of Lake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the Lake County Council that the following holidays are established for the employees of Lake County, Indiana, for the calendar year of 2015:

New Year's Day	January 1st	Thursday closed
Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 19th	Monday closed
President's Day	February 16 th	Monday closed
Good Friday	April 3rd	Friday closed
Memorial Day	May 25th	Monday closed
Independence Day	July 4 th (Saturday)	Friday closed/July 3rd
Labor Day	September 7 th	Monday closed
Columbus Day	October 12th	Monday closed
Veterans Day	November 11th	Wednesday closed
Thanksgiving Day	November 26th	Thursday closed
	November 27th	Friday closed
Christmas Eve Day	December 24 th	Thursday closed
Christmas Day	December 25th	Friday closed
New Year's Eve	December 31 st	Thursday closed
New Year's Day	January 1 st (2016)	Friday closed

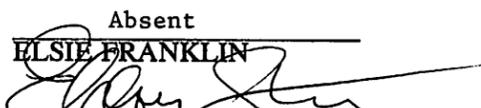
SO ORDAINED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

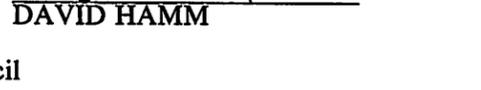

CHRISTINE CID


DANIEL E. DERNULC


JEROME A. PRINCE


TED F. BILSKI, President

Absent

ELSIE FRANKLIN

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Establishing the Lake County Community Corrections Grant Fund, Ordinance No. 1370A.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on First Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on First Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to Suspend Rules. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to Suspend Rules carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

Hamm made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve on Second Reading. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion to approve on Second Reading carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE NO. 1370A-2**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
GRANT FUND, ORDINANCE NO. 1370A**

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I.C. 36-2-3.5-5, the County Council shall adopt ordinances to promote efficient County Government; 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,** on March 11, 2014, the Lake County Council established the Lake County Community Corrections Grant Fund by Ordinance No. 1370A, for the deposit of funds from the grant awarded to the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division from the Indiana Department of Correction - Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program in the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Seven and 00/100 (\$93,437.00) Dollars. The purpose of the Grant is to develop an Evening Reporting Program in conjunction with its community partner, The Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Indiana, and the funds shall be used as follows: Personnel - \$37,500.00; Supplies - \$18,600.00; Consultants/Contracts - \$37,337.00; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 21, 2014, additional funds were awarded by the Indiana Department of Corrections-Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program to the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, in the sum of \$92,000.00 to be used as follows: Consultant-JDAI/DMC Coordinator - \$32,000.00, Consultant - Data Coordinator - \$15,000.00, Travel - \$3,000.00, Program Trainer - \$1,200.00, Consultant/Coordinators - \$25,000.00, Consultant/Mentors - \$13,500.00, Training - \$2,300.00.
- WHEREAS,** that the Indiana Department of Corrections approved a request from Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division to amend the Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program grant award of \$92,000.00, to be develop a county-wide **Truancy Practice** to reduce disparity in truancy referrals for court proceedings and to reduce the likelihood that truant youth will subsequently commit delinquent acts as follows: travel expenses - \$3,460.00, Consultant-JDAI/DMC Coordinator - \$32,500.00, Consultant-Data Coordinator - \$14,040.00, Truancy Program Coordinator travel expense - \$2,000.00, Truancy Prevention Prog. Coordinator - \$25,000.00, Parent Engagement Specialist - \$12,500.00, Parent Engaging Training - \$2,500.00; and
- WHEREAS,** that the Indiana Department of Corrections approved a request from Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division to amend the Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program grant award of \$93,437.00, to develop a **satellite office** to better serve the needs of North Lake County Youth, which will enable probation services to administer alternatives to detention services to youth, increase electronic home monitoring equipment, furnish and supply a satellite office and improve education services for youth detained at the detention center as follows: Electronic Monitoring System Equipment - \$22,040.00, Office Equipment - \$16,500.00, Office Furniture - \$8,000.00, Motor Vehicle - \$26,000.00, Office Supplies - \$2,000.00, Phone/Internet Service - \$5,500.00, Cell Phone - \$600.00, Vehicle Maintenance/Repair

- \$2,000.00, Education Services at Detention Center - \$10,797.00; and

WHEREAS, that the \$92,000.00 as well as the \$93,437.00 shall be deposited in the Lake County Community Corrections Grant Fund established by Ordinance No. 1370A.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

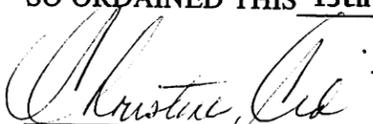
That Ordinance No. 1370A, the Lake County Community Corrections Grant Fund, shall be amended as follows:

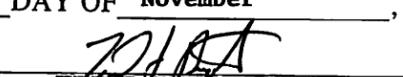
1. Pursuant to the Grant Amendment dated September 22, 2014,

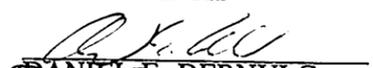
The Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program grant award of **\$92,000.00**, is to be used for a court based **Truancy Prevention Program** as follows: travel expenses - \$3,460.00, Consultant-JDAI/DMC Coordinator - \$32,500.00, Consultant-Data Coordinator - \$14,040.00, Truancy Program Coordinator travel expense - \$2,000.00, Truancy Prevention Prog. Coordinator - \$25,000.00, Parent Engagement Specialist - \$12,500.00, Parent Engaging Training - \$2,500.00.
2. Pursuant to Indiana Dept. Of Corrections' letter dated August 28, 2014, approving revised D12-4-015 grant proposal,

The Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiatives Grant Program grant award of **\$93,437.00**, is to be used for a **satellite office** as follows: Electronic Monitoring System Equipment - \$22,040.00, Office Equipment - \$16,500.00, Office Furniture - \$8,000.00, Motor Vehicle - \$26,000.00, Office Supplies - \$2,000.00, Phone/Internet Service - \$5,500.00, Cell Phone - \$600.00, Vehicle Maintenance/Repair - \$2,000.00, Education Services at Detention Center - \$10,797.00.
3. That pursuant to I.C. 36-2-5-2(b), the Lake County fiscal body shall appropriate all money to be paid out of the fund, except as otherwise provided by law.
4. Any money remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not revert to any other fund but continues in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division's, Lake County Community Corrections Grant Fund.

SO ORDAINED THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2014.

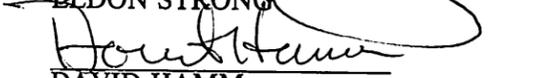

CHRISTINE CID


TED F. BILSKI, President


DANIEL E. DERNULC


JEROME A. PRINCE

Absent
ELSIE FRANKLIN

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Members of the Lake County Council

In the Matter of Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinances 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, and 2450.

Steve, from the Plan Commission explained that they are putting an addition on to the Fire Station, and it requires a revision of the Special Exception. There was a favorable recommendation of 4-0.

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2445. The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2445
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a REVISION TO A SPECIAL EXCEPTION. (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended in favor 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

SPECIAL EXCEPTION – SHELBY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, RODNEY CROSS, FIRE CHIEF, Owner/Petitioner to allow an addition to an existing fire station on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 5/10 of a mile north of 237th Avenue on the west side of State Road 55 (Shelby Road), a/k/a 23318 Shelby Road in Cedar Creek Township.

Legal: Lot 1 and part of Lot 2, in Block 13, said entire tract being described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 1; thence south along the east line of said Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 56.05 feet; thence westerly a distance of 175 feet, more or less, to a point on the west line of Lot 2, which point is 56.5 feet south of the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence north along the west line of Lots 1 and 2, a distance of 56.5 feet to the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence east along the north line of Lot 1, a distance of 175 feet to the point of beginning, as said lots are marked and laid down on the recorded plat of the Village of Shelby, as shown in Plat Book 2, page 7, in Lake County, Indiana, and vacated 9th Street adjacent to Lot 1, Block 13, on the north, in the original Town of Shelby, as shown in Plat Book 2, page 7, in Lake County, Indiana.

Also, that part of vacated Ninth Street lying adjacent to the north of said Lot 1.

HEREBY X _____ BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2014.

MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

TED BILSKI, PRESIDENT

Absent

ELSIE FRANKLIN

CHRISTINE CID

JEROME A. PRINCE

DANIEL DERNULC

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Strong made a motion, seconded by Prince to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2446.

Steve explained that this is zoned B-2,(Rural Business), and it does not permit a Church to operate there, so rather than pursue a change in zoning, they are simply requesting a variance to allow that Church to operate in that B-2, Rural Business Zone.

Strong added that this Church has been operating for awhile, this is more of a housekeeping issue.

There were no remonstrators present.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2446
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a VARIANCE OF USE (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended in favor 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

VARIANCE OF USE owned by APOSTOLIC OF LOWELL, INC. and petitioned by REV. LAWRENCE E. SIMNICK to allow a church in a B-2 (Rural Business Zone) on the following described property:

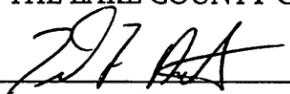
General Location: Located approximately 1/10 of a mile east of US 41 (Wicker Boulevard) on the north side of 181st Avenue (State Road 2), a/k/a 11102 W. 181st Avenue in West Creek Township.

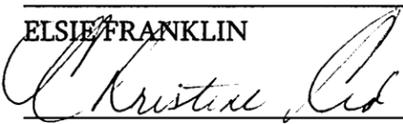
Legal: The South 232.53 feet as measured along the property line of the following described parcel; Part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 33 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 21; thence East, along the South line thereof, 425.45 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; thence North with an angle (measured from West to North) of 88 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds, a distance of 522 feet; thence East with an internal angle of 88 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds, a distance of 166 feet; thence South with an internal angle of 91 degrees 17 minutes 30 seconds, a distance of 522 feet; thence West with an internal angle of 88 degrees 42 minutes 30 seconds, a distance of 166 feet to the point of beginning.

HEREBY X BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
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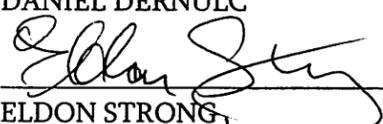
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TED BILSKI, PRESIDENT

Absent
ELSIE FRANKLIN

CHRISTINE GID

JEROME A. PRINCE


DANIEL DERNULC

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Strong made a motion, seconded by Dernulc to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2447.

Steve explained that they are moving from Lansing to the corner of 109th & Sheffield, they are required to pursue a special exception to allow for an educational institution in an A-1, Agricultural Zone.

There were no remonstrators present.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2447
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a SPECIAL EXCEPTION. (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended in favor 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

SPECIAL EXCEPTION – ILLIANA CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, Owner/Petitioner to allow an educational institution in an A-1 (Agricultural Zone) on the following described property:

General Location: Located at the southwest quadrant at the intersection at 109th Avenue and Calumet, except the north 295 feet in Hanover Township.

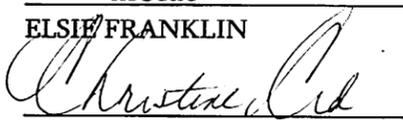
Legal: The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 34 North, Range 10 West of the Second Principal Meridian, excepting 2 acres in the Northeast corner thereof now owned by said Bernard C. Piepho, containing 38 acres, more or less; and also except the following: That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 34 North, Range 10 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at a point 295.2 feet West of the Northeast corner thereof; thence West 147.6 feet along the North line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 295.2 feet; thence East 147.6 feet; thence North 295.2 feet to the place of beginning, which is owned by James S. Ambroziak and Beverly F. Ambroziak.

HEREBY x BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPROVED DENIED REMANDED

OF LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 13th DAY OF November , 2014.

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TED BILSKI, PRESIDENT

Absent
ELSIÉ FRANKLIN

CHRISTINE CID

JEROME A. PRINCE


DANIEL DERNULG

ELDON STRONG

DAVID HAMM

Strong made a motion, seconded by Cid to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2448.

Steve explained said this individual wants to build an accessory building, it's across the street from the location of where his home is, and he is asking for an accessory building, without a principal structure, although he is right across the street. That requires approval to the variance of use process.

Strong said he routinely opposes out buildings on property without inaudible residence. These are extremely small lots in this area, and there are many homes that are likely to have a lot across the street for their out-building.

There were no remonstrators present.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2448
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a VARIANCE OF USE (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended in favor 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

VARIANCE OF USE owned by ARTHUR SHAVEY and petitioned by SHALIMAR SHAVEY to allow an accessory building on a lot without a main residence on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 2/10 of a mile west of State Road 55 (Harrison Street) on the north side of Island Drive, a/k/a 1317 Island Drive in Cedar Creek Township.

Legal: Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 8 West of the 2nd p.m., more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 32 North, Range 8 West of the 2nd p.m., Lake County, Indiana, and running thence South 1190 feet; thence West 362.95 feet; thence South 28 degrees 02 minutes East 112 feet; thence South 60 degrees 38 minutes West 190.20 feet; thence North 41 degrees 27 minutes West 96.70 feet; thence South 63 degrees 08 minutes West 115.90 feet; thence South 15 degrees 19 minutes West 244.80 feet; thence South 30 degrees 24 minutes East 263.85 feet; thence South 50 degrees 06 minutes West 100 feet; thence South 79 degrees 19 minutes 30 seconds West 50 feet; thence North 73 degrees 21 minutes West 200 feet; thence South 80 degrees 39 minutes West 100 feet; thence North 72 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds West 100 feet; thence South 50 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West 175 feet; thence South 77 degrees 47 minutes West 100 feet (this point being the beginning of this description); thence North 04 degrees 22 minutes East 83.90 feet to the Southerly bank of Shady Shore Channel; thence Northwesterly along said bank 70 feet; thence South 19 degrees 28 minutes West 98.50 feet; thence South 59 degrees 44 minutes East 50 feet; thence North 77 degrees 47 minutes East 50 feet to the place of the beginning, in Lake County, Indiana; also known as unrecorded Shady Shores Addition, Lot 31.

LAKE COUNTY ORDINANCE #2448

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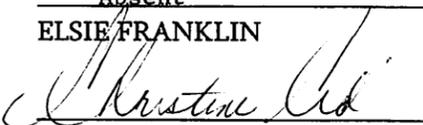
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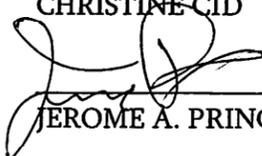
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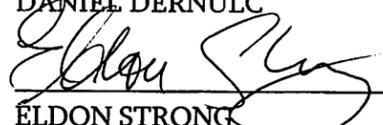
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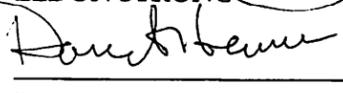
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DANIEL DERNULC


ELDON STRONG


DAVID HAMM

Prince made a motion, seconded by Hamm to approve Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2449.

Prince explained that this is for an out building on a lot that's other than the original structure, but it actually abuts the permanent structure that's there.

The owner, Martin Czajkowski was present.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2449
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a VARIANCE OF USE (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended in favor 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

VARIANCE OF USE owned and petitioned by MARTIN B. CZAJKOWSKI to allow an accessory building on a lot without a main residence on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 2/10 of a mile south of 61st Avenue on the west side of Broad Street, a/k/a 1120 S. Broad Street in St. John Township.

Legal: The East Half of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in Lake County, Indiana.

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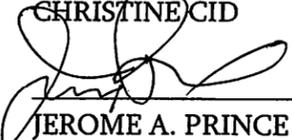
MEMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL



TED BILSKI, PRESIDENT

 Absent

ELSIE FRANKLIN


CHRISTINE CID


JEROME A. PRINCE



DANIEL DERNULC


ELDON STRONG


DAVID HAMM

Prince made a motion, seconded by Strong to deny Board of Zoning Appeals Ordinance # 2450.

Prince said we are denying this to give the Petitioner the opportunity to re-submit their application, if it isn't denied, the time-frame is 90 days, it actually takes effect.

Bilski said we have all had discussion, and correspondence. There was a request to have a no action taken, there was a request to have it withdrawn. Our Attorney advised that due to Statutes, there is an I.C. Code that it's not something that can happen, that the action that we have to do is a motion to deny the Petitioner, and that's where we are right now, due to that.

Dernulc said there was a Jim D. who gave him a call and asked to let them go back to the BZA.

The majority voted "Yes". Franklin was "absent". Motion carried 6-yes, 1-absent.

ORDINANCE #2450
OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Certified Zoning Maps of the County of Lake, Indiana to make provisions for a VARIANCE OF USE (Board of Zoning Appeals recommended unfavorable 10/15/2014).

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Lake County, Indiana as follows:

VARIANCE OF USE owned by AVELINO VALADEZ and petitioned by MICHAEL A. MOORE, JR. to allow the operation of a firearms safety and training education site on the following described property:

General Location: Located approximately 8/10 of a mile south of 61st Avenue on the east side of Broad Street, a/k/a 1629 S. Broad Street in St. John Township.

Legal: Parcel 1: That part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P.M., lying South of the center line of Turkey Creek and north of a line parallel to and 1380 feet North of the South line of said Section, all in Lake County, Indiana.

Parcel 2: The North 300 feet of the South 1380 feet of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 35 North, Range 9 West of the 2nd P.M., in Lake County, Indiana.

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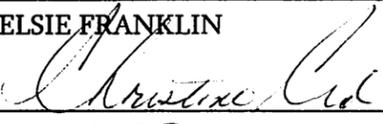
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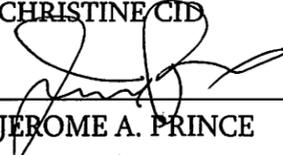
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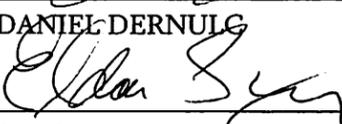
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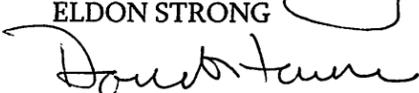
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ELDON STRONG


DAVID HAMM

Public Portion

Prince wanted to recognize Mr. Nowacki, and another gentleman for the issue of the lease for Calumet Township Assessor. Prince said that he was not trying to avoid this issue, but he said that possibly some of the questions aren't related to the action that this Council took, and he wanted to keep it in perspective.

Dante said there was an item on the agenda, in the amount of \$450,000 dollars, that you approved. We could have used that for the budget, we could have used it for cash, we could have let it roll into line 2. We chose not to take that for a bonus. Dante said that the money for the towers were never at risk. There were solutions, and options presented. (While Dante is speaking, someone else is speaking at the same time, and the microphone is picking up their discussion, and what Dante is saying is inaudible).

Prince reiterated that the action that the Council took, if very narrow in scope. It's a lease need approval. The question is, is there a need for a lease, and it's up to this Body to answer that question, which we did, through our official action.

Bilski said, for all properties, whether or not they needed the building to be facilitated, where it's facilitated at, is not it. If we don't approve the need of a lease, then the Calumet Township Assessor needs to build a building, then our vote would be do we approve. This is strictly a lease, the other issues are moot.

The following persons wanted to remonstrate in the matter of the Lease Need for Calumet Township Assessor:

Ken Davis wanted to clarify one point, his understanding was that they did not even investigate the buildings that the Township, County, or City owns. He said we are talking about the City of Gary, so the lease need approval, there may not be a need for a lease at those County...

Bilski said, they would still need to sign a lease, regardless. If it's County property, if it's private property, they would have to sign a lease with somebody. This isn't a question about who they rent from, where they rent from, or did they close the doors to their office January 1st, and no longer exist as an office, or do we approve them the facility. They would still have to sign the lease with a county-owned, with a vacant building, so where they decide to lease from, is handled by the Commissioners. The need to whether or not there is a lease is the only decision that was made here today.

Ken said that was the misrepresentation made that they did look at Township buildings. He said he had conversations with them, they said that they didn't know, (Bilski interjected, we don't know that), some of the buildings, I'm just representing to you what was said to me, I said, what about 487 Broadway.

Bilski interjected, I don't know, maybe we are not doing a good enough job conveying... Bilski asked, do you think that they should stop operations January 1st.

Someone in the audience answered, yes.

Bilski said, then that's going to be your comment. They should cease to exist January 1st. We had an obligation to say that we believe that the facility should remain open, they are going to have to remain open somewhere, therefore, they will require a lease January 1st, regardless of where it is, they can not just arbitrarily move in to another government entity without having some documentation, which is in the form of a lease.

Jim Nowacki, a resident of Gary, IN, said the request made earlier, a question that was asked by the President, "do you think that the Township should just close up on January 1st?"

I would say yes, I think that they should, like in other Townships. It would be a good idea that the residents of Calumet Township are given a proper assessed valuation, as some of these other, more successful Townships are, so Mr. Nowicki said, thank you for that, because I think that really is the gist of the matter.

Then when the when the motion before the Council was a lease need approval, and Councilman Strong asked are you going to be saving money, and members of the Township Board remonstrated that they would be saving money.

They also talked about some of the conditions of the building, but there was never a follow-up question of what is the problem, and what would be the expense of fixing where you're at, because there are more expenses than just signing a lease. There are also build-out expenses.

Strong said, I think those are the questions that the Commissioners will be asking.

Mr. Nowicki said, but it's also a question that was raised here, but not followed up, so I never think it's a good idea when elected officials or when appointed employees come before an elected body, and just give some facts, without being pressed a little further for more information regarding it.

Mr. Nowicki said I would have mentioned some things that maybe would have not been exactly on the mark, regarding the action that you took, but I don't feel that they demonstrated a need, and furthermore, there was never a request, there was never any solicitation for other locations, there was never any consideration for other...

Bilski interrupted by saying, again, Mr. Nowacki, that's an issue that's not relevant to us. We believe that that Office, by State Statute will be in effect, working come January 1st, therefore, they will need a place to facilitate, where, and how, and when, and all those questions will be addressed in the Lease Agreement. Your concerns with whether or not there is a need for the Office, itself, would be done by our State Legislators.

Mr. Nowicki said, let me make just one point, when Councilman Strong asked the question, it was not regarding the need for a Lease, it was regarding some specific details of why they were moving.

Bilski said it's his prerogative, but..

Mr. Nowicki said that opens the door for members of the public to ask those questions too.

Bilski said that to Councilman Strong, it is pointed out that he is suggesting that it's pointed out that your question was irrelevant to the vote.

Councilman Strong said, yes, understood.

Mr. Nowacki said, but it was appreciated, thank you.

Tom Ostrowski asked a question in reference to who owns the property where the compost facility for the Solid Waste District is located He asked if it is a County, State or Federal owned facility?

Councilman Hamm answered, Little Calumet Basin. He isn't at the microphone, so his comment was (inaudible)

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:

Lake County Auditor

