

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the County Auditor, the public interests required that the Lake County Council, should be called to meet in special session at this time, for the purpose of considering the budgets for the Year 2015, a written notice was sent to each member of the Council, and proper advertisement made, and all other acts performed in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

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

In the Matter of Public Hearings for the Budget Year 2015.

The following budgets were presented:

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| 0900 | ASSESSOR/ FUND 001/337/710 |
| 2505 | PTBOA/FUND/001/710 |
| 1000 | CALUMET TOWNSHIP ASSR/FUNDS 001/337/651/710 |
| 1200 | CENTER TWP ASSR/FUNDS 001/337/651/710 |
| 1500 | HOBART TWP ASSR/FUNDS 001/337/710 |
| 1700 | ROSS TWP ASSR/FUNDS 001/337/651/710 |
| 1800 | ST. JOHN TWP ASSR/FUNDS 001/337/651/710 |
| 0200 | REGIONAL PLANNING |
| 0100 | CLERK/FUND 001/194/256/286/651 |
| 0200 | AUDITOR/FUND 001/010/012/193/286/293/313/314/320 329/337/385/399/651/710 |
| 0300 | TREASURER/001/3356/427 |
| 0400 | RECORDER/001/179/260/286/651 |
| 0600 | SURVEYOR/001/167/206/250/264/286/651 |
| 2600 | DRAINAGE BOARD/001/313/314/790 |
| 0700 | CORONER/001/273 |
| 2100 | ELECTION BOARD/001/263/651/680 |
| 2300 | CO-OP EXTENSION/001/ALL FUNDS |
| 2400 | PLAN COMMISSION/001/106 |
| 2650 | SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION/001/651 |
| 2700 | VETERANS SERVICE/001 |
| 2800 | WEIGHTS & MEASURES/001/255/651 |
| 2900 | COMMISSIONERS/001/E-911/010/012/196/242/276/291/320/ 320/322/399/514/541/651 HERMITS LAKE / 356 |
| 3000 | COURTHOUSES-HAMMOND/GARY/EAST CHICAGO |
| 2920 | FAIRGROUNDS/131/196/651 |
| 5011-13-17 | HIGHWAY/102/320/322/651 |
| 2950 | HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS/001/651/ALL FUNDS |
| 3030 | GOVERNMENT CENTER/001/242 |
| 3500/01 | EMERGENCY MNT/EMERGENCY PLANNING/ HOMELAND SECURITY/001/185/249 TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH/SOUTHLAKE MENTAL HEALTH/ EDGEWATER SYSTEMS |
| 4100 | JUVENILE COURT/001/144/246/322/409/411/651 |
| 4150 | JUVENILE COURT CASA/001/233/796 |
| 3950 | JUVENILE COURT IV-D/001/297 |
| 4200 | JUVENILE DETENTION/001/144/ALL FUNDS |
| 0800 | PROSECUTOR/001/104/127/135/141/145/196/297/280/651 |
| 0850 | PROSECUTOR IV-D/001/196/651 |
| 3800 | CIRCUIT COURT/001/234/252/283/409/411/651 |
| 3900 | SUPERIOR COURT – CIVIL /001/252/283/409/411/651 |
| 3910 | COURT ADMINISTRATOR /001/210/283 |
| 4000 | SUPERIOR COURT – CRIMINAL /001/010/143/196/245/283 347/651 |
| 4002 | PUBLIC DEFENDER /001/010/405/651 |
| 4030 | LAKE COUNTY COURT DIVISION I /001/142/245/283/651 |
| 4040 | LAKE COUNTY COURT DIVISION II /001/143/245/283/405/651 |
| 4032 | LADOS – DIVISION I 217/651 |
| 4042 | LADOS – DIVISION II 218/651 |
| 4050 | LAKE COUNTY COURT DIVISION III 001/143/208/245/283 405/651 |
| 4070 | LAKE COUNTY COURT DIVISION IV 001/143/245/283 |
| 5060 | HIGHWAY – LOCAL ROADS 112/196/229/550 |
| 5020 | HIGHWAY – BRIDGES 313/314/350/686 |

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| 6100 | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 170/171/171/173/271/284 651/686 |
| 5130 | HEALTH DEPT /105/153/196/296/651 |
| 5151-5150 | PARKS 107/117/316/317 LAKE RIDGE FIRE PROTECTION SOLID WASTE DISTRICT |
| 3200 | ANIMAL CONTROL 001/156/163 |
| 0500 | SHERIFF 001/010/126/141/145/239/262/275/280/287/289/290 332/333/651/709 |
| 0580 | SHERIFF /141 |
| 0582 | SHERIFF 141/145/182 |
| 1007 | SHERIFF /262 |
| 1008 | SHERIFF / 262 |
| 3100 | JAIL /001/010/152/320 |
| 3700 | COUNCIL /001/012/196/320/322/651 |

OPEN: Public Comments, Council Discussions, and Actions.

Various Department Heads, and Departments came forward to make their presentations for their 2015 budgets.

Treasurer, John Petalas was present to present the 2015 budget for Solid Waste.

Bilski explained that we will have a little change here this year, Ajaz from the Auditor's Office will be present in the meetings. The Council created a liaison position with Ajaz. His duties and assignments were changed to work as a liaison between the Auditor, and the Council, which helps things go smoother, he is someone who has a direct contact with the State.

Attorney Szarmach informed Bilski that this is a Public Hearing, not just a Public meeting, so if anyone wanted to speak, they could.

Bilski asked after each department spoke, if there was anyone who wanted to speak.

Public Portion

Jim Nowcki, a taxpayer had an issue about the lack of services being provided by the Gary Health Department, and questioned why the County refused to absorb the Gary Health Department.

Dr. Best, from the County Health Department said that no request from the Gary Health Department nor do they have any intention to close in the City of Gary.

Franklin said, to move the Gary Health Department to Crown Point would cause a hardship for the citizens of Gary.

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

President, Lake County Council

Attest:

Peggy Holinga Katona,
Lake County Auditor

