

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, et al.,

Defendants.

CAUSE NO.: 2:10-CV-476-TLS

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on the Joint Motion to Terminate Settlement Agreement and For Final Dismissal [ECF No. 74], filed on December 17, 2019. For the reasons stated below, the Court grants this request.

On December 3, 2010, the United States of America filed a Complaint [ECF No. 1] in which it alleged that the Defendants were deliberately indifferent to the health and safety of inmates at the Lake County Jail (LCJ). *See* Compl. ¶ 26. On December 20, 2010, the Court (1) approved a Joint Settlement Agreement [ECF No. 9] which established guidelines for the Defendants to follow and (2) retained jurisdiction to ensure the timely and proper implementation of the agreement. Order, ECF No. 12. The agreement provided that it “shall terminate when LCJ has achieved substantial compliance with the substantive provisions of this Agreement and has maintained that substantial compliance for one (1) year.” Settlement Agreement, p. 28, ECF No. 9.

On December 17, 2019, the parties filed the instant Joint Motion to Terminate Settlement Agreement in which they agreed that “Lake County has reached substantial compliance with the terms of the Agreement in its entirety and termination is appropriate under Section V.3.(a) of the

Agreement.” Joint Mot. to Terminate Settlement Agreement, p. 6. The Court has reviewed the record and finds that the requested relief is appropriate. Therefore, the parties’ joint motion is granted.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the Court GRANTS the Joint Motion to Terminate Settlement Agreement and For Final Dismissal [ECF No. 74]. The Court ORDERS that the Settlement Agreement [ECF No. 9] is TERMINATED. The Court RELINQUISHES its continuing jurisdiction and DISMISSES this case.

SO ORDERED on December 18, 2019.

s/ Theresa L. Springmann
CHIEF JUDGE THERESA L. SPRINGMANN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT