

1 **162-12011**

2 **RESOLUTION:** Appropriate \$2,996,000 to a Capital
3 Project to Remodel the UW-Fox Valley
4 Property at 1655 University Avenue to
5 be Used as an Engineering Building
6 with 50% Reimbursed by Outagamie
7 County and Winnebago County's 50%
8 to be Funded with General Obligation
9 Note Proceeds

10

11

12 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

13 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago and Outagamie Counties jointly purchased the building
14 at 1655 University Ave, adjacent to the UW-Fox Valley in 2008 with the intention of
15 remodeling it for use by the UW-Fox Valley at some future date, primarily for use as
16 classrooms and laboratories for the bachelor's degrees in engineering programs; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the engineering program scope and enrollment has grown from its
18 2002 inception to a level that now exceeds the capacity of the existing community-
19 provided facility; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the engineering program has been an enormous success providing
21 highly educated accredited engineers for mostly local businesses, and all graduates
22 have remained in the State of Wisconsin; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the engineering programs at UW-Fox Valley are considered a
24 model of collaboration and efficient use of resources by the University of Wisconsin
25 System and the State of Wisconsin; and

26 **WHEREAS**, UW-Platteville will continue to fund the cost of faculty and equipment
27 for the junior-senior level coursework leading to the bachelor's degree; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the vacated community-provided facility will be used to house a
29 much-needed tutoring/writing/and testing center for UW-Fox Valley academic programs;
30 and

31 **WHEREAS**, the cost to remodel the facility and the space vacated currently used
32 by the engineering program for other campus academic needs is estimated to be
33 \$2,996,000 to be shared equally by Winnebago and Outagamie Counties; and

34 **WHEREAS**, Outagamie County has included its share of the funds in their 2011
35 budget; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the campus's programs and services to the community have been
37 growing resulting in the need for additional classroom space; and

38 **WHEREAS**, with the growing need for classroom space at the campus, it would
39 now be prudent to remodel the facility.

40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of
41 Supervisors that it hereby appropriates \$2,996,000 to a capital project fund to remodel
42 the 1655 University Ave property.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that 50% of the funds needed to pay for said
44 improvements be transferred to the capital project fund from the General Fund of
45 Winnebago County with the General Fund being reimbursed from a subsequent bond
46 issue.

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the other 50% of the project costs will be
48 reimbursed by Outagamie County.

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Winnebago County's participation in this
50 project is contingent on Outagamie County approving the funding for its share of the
51 project.

52 ***Fiscal note:*** The annual debt service on Winnebago County's share of the
53 project is approximately \$180,000 per year over a ten year period to repay the notes.

54 Submitted by:

55 **UW FOX VALLEY BOARD**
56 **OF TRUSTEES**
57 _____

FACILITIES & PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

58 _____
59 _____
60 _____
61 _____
62 _____

63 Committee vote: **4-0**

Committee Vote: _____

64
65 **PERSONNEL & FINANCE**
66 **COMMITTEE**

67 _____
68 _____
69 _____
70 _____
71 _____

72
73 Committee Vote: **4-0-1**

74
75 ***Vote required for passage: Two-thirds of membership***

76
77 Approved by Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of January, 2011.

78
79 _____
80 County Executive