

2 **RESOLUTION: Request Authority to Apply for a \$5,000 American Transmission**
3 **Company (ATC) Tree Planting Grant and Appropriate the Funds to the**
4 **Grounds Maintenance Account of the Facilities Department’s 2013**
5 **Budget if Grant is Awarded.**
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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, the American Transmission Company is offering a grant of up to \$5,000 through its Tree
9 Planting Grant Program; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Tree Planting Grant is to offset the loss of trees that are removed due to interference with
11 electric transmission lines; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the grant funds are made available to tribes and municipalities to plant trees and vegetation to
13 enhance the communities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, numerous trees on County sites have been removed due to weather damage or age; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Emerald Ash Borer is now infesting ash trees in Winnebago County resulting in their removal.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
17 authorizes the Winnebago County Executive and the Winnebago County Clerk to apply for a \$5,000 American
18 Transmission Company (ATC) Grant, on behalf of the Winnebago County Facilities Department, for any financial aid
19 available from the ATC Tree Planting Grant Program to assist the Winnebago County Facilities Department in the
20 planting of trees throughout Winnebago County grounds.
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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby appropriates
23 the funds to the “Grounds Maintenance Account” of the Facilities Department’s 2014 Budget if the grant is awarded.

24 **Fiscal Impact:** This resolution is cost neutral. There is no required County match.
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26 Respectfully submitted by:
27 **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

28 Committee Vote: **4-0**

29 Respectfully submitted by:
30 **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

31 Committee Vote: **4-0**
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33 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**
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35 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2013.
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38 Mark L Harris
39 Winnebago County Executive