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2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Sheriff's Department to Accept a Homeland Security Grant**
3 **of \$36,816 and Appropriate the Funds to the Purchase of a SWAT Robot.**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security is making available to the Winnebago County Sheriff's
7 Department a \$36,816 grant to be use to purchase of a SWAT robot; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the acquisition of this equipment will allow the SWAT Team to respond to tactical incidents and
9 minimize the danger to SWAT Team members using the robots capabilities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, an officer can direct the robot using a hand held remote control unit allowing the Team to view
11 the scene through multiple cameras on the unit, communicate through speakers on the unit, and listen to responses
12 through a microphone on the unit; and

13 **WHEREAS**, these features allow the team to conduct operations while minimizing the dangers that normally
14 would be placed on Tam members directly exposed to the situations; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this robot will allow an initial assessment of the situation without creating the potential flashpoint
16 of an unintended close encounter between officers and suspects; and

17 **WHEREAS**, this type of equipment would be very beneficial to the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
19 authorizes the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to accept the Homeland Security Grant of \$36,816 and use
20 the funds to purchase a SWAT robot.
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23 **Fiscal Impact:** This resolution is cost neutral. The cost of the equipment is entirely covered by the grant funds.
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25 Respectfully submitted by:
26 **JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

27 Committee Vote: **4-0**

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

30 Committee Vote: **4-0**

31 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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33 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2014.
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36 Mark L Harris
37 Winnebago County Executive