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2 **RESOLUTION: Direct Winnebago County Executive to Explore Divestiture of Tri-County**
3 **Ice Arena**

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

6 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County owns the Tri-County Ice Arena in conjunction with Outagamie County; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the arena is now over 35 years of age; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the costs of maintaining the arena will, in all probability, continue to grow given the age of the
9 facility; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Outagamie County has not been an active partner in regard to the maintenance of the ice arena
11 in the recent past; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County's ability to finance the maintenance of the ice arena will likely be strained in
13 future years given the County's budgetary constraints; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Tri-County Ice Arena provides needed recreational opportunities to youth and others in
15 relationship to hockey, ice skating, and other ice sports in the Fox Valley area; and

16 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of your undersigned supervisors that ownership of the ice arena be transferred to
17 other parties who would be willing to continue to operate the ice arena as a recreational resource for the Fox Valley
18 area; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of your undersigned supervisors that should any said divestiture of the ice arena
20 occur, said divestiture should not disturb any existing agreements or programs at the arena for the 2012-2013
21 season.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
23 directs the Winnebago County Executive to explore options for the divestiture by Winnebago County of the
24 ownership of the Tri-County Ice Arena, provided that it is done in a manner so as to maintain that venue as a
25 recreational opportunity for the citizens of Winnebago County and others living in the Fox Valley area.

26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that exploration of options
27 with regard to the divestiture of the Tri-County Ice Arena be done in such a manner so as to not disturb existing
28 agreements between the Tri-County Ice Arena and other parties for the 2012-2013 recreational season.

29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it recommends that the
30 Winnebago County Executive refrain from making any major expenditures related to the upkeep of the Tri-County Ice
31 Arena until such time as he reports back to the Board as to his efforts relating to divestiture of the Arena, with such
32 report to be made within the next 120 days.

33 Respectfully submitted by:

34 **Robert Warnke, District 21**

35 **Bill Roh, District 7**

36 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2012.
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41 Mark L Harris
42 Winnebago County Executive