

1 **AMENDED**  
2 **170-012023**

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4 **RESOLUTION: Authorizing a transfer of ~~\$853,000~~ \$925,000 from the**  
5 **Spirit Fund to the General Fund for the Purpose of Funding Budgeted**  
6 **Expenses in the Facilities Department for Purchase and Installation of an**  
7 **Emergency Generator and Other Emergency Preparedness Needs at the**  
8 **Sunnyview Expo Center**

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

11 **WHEREAS**, the Board has now created a special revenue fund known as the Spirit Fund, using  
12 resources made available through use of ARPA funds designated as replacement of lost revenue and used  
13 for general government services through Resolution No. 167-012023; and

14 **WHEREAS**, an amendment to the 2023 Executive Budget, which increased the capital outlay  
15 budget in the Facilities and Property Management Department for purposes of purchasing and installing an  
16 emergency generator and other emergency preparedness needs at the Sunnyview Expo Center, was  
17 passed by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and included in the 2023 Adopted Budget; and

18 **WHEREAS**, a \$925,000 appropriation for purchase and installation of an emergency generator and  
19 other emergency preparedness needs is an appropriate use of dollars from the Spirit Fund, and the  
20 Undesignated General Fund balance, which was the original source of funding for this appropriation, should  
21 be replaced with dollars from the Spirit Fund; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Sunnyview Expo Center is identified in numerous emergency plans across the county  
23 as a multi-purpose emergency venue and this building would not be viable and functional during a power  
24 outage; and

25 **WHEREAS**, twice this winter, Governor Tony Evers has issued an energy emergency due to  
26 potential power shortages and once energy users on the northside of the county were asked by the electric  
27 utility to turn down their thermostat to preserve energy; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the electrical components at Sunnyview Expo Center have exceeded their functional  
29 life expectancy and this project fills a critical need for a self-sustaining emergency operational facility to  
30 provide continuation of public services or public shelter and

31 **WHEREAS**, the IT infrastructure would not support County Operations in an emergency scenario  
32 where one or more County office buildings were unavailable; and

33 **WHEREAS**, the current facility does not allow for access to residents in a bariatric wheelchair; and

34 **WHEREAS**, these modifications to Sunnyview Expo Center will help to make Winnebago County  
35 a more prepared and resilient community; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the initial budget amendment did not include funds for design or contingency needed  
37 in the amount of \$72,000 resulting in the need to increase the project to a total of \$925,000; and

38 **WHEREAS**, this project falls within Government Identified Community Projects outlined by the  
39 ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission because numerous other local governments and organizations  
40 across the county use the building in their emergency response planning.

