

2 **RESOLUTION: Appropriate \$310,000 from the Winnebago County Undesignated General**
3 **Fund Account to the Winnebago County Park Capital Outlay Account for**
4 **the Purchase of a 20-Acre Parcel of Land Bordering East County Road Y**
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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, over the past two decades Winnebago County has experienced major growth in the number and
9 variety of program events taking place at the Sunnyview Exposition Center; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the recent addition of the Stadium venue will attract large programs which, in turn, will increase
11 the need for more parking; and

12 **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to consider the purchase of additional land near the Sunnyview Exposition
13 Center as a means of accommodating these increasing demands; and

14 **WHEREAS**, as with other similar types of entertainment venues in which programing characteristics include
15 events that may be loud and involve an influx of traffic and people into the area, it is advisable that Winnebago
16 County consider acquiring properties surrounding the Sunnyview Exposition Center in order to create buffers and
17 distances between Exposition Center events and nearby neighbors, as well as to increase the safety of attendees;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, a 20-acre parcel adjoining the east side of the Sunnyview Exposition Center grounds has
20 recently been put on the market and become available for the first time in over fifty years, and it is appropriate for
21 Winnebago County to consider the option of purchasing the aforementioned parcel; and

22 **WHEREAS**, because of its location along East County Road Y, this property would provide a key
23 ingress/egress route at a critical location at the Sunnyview Exposition Center grounds, which would improve the
24 operational functions of promoters during major events and enhance the safety and security of attendees through
25 increased means of accessibility provided to Emergency Management Services and law enforcement agencies; and

26 **WHEREAS**, acquisition of this 20-acre parcel will avoid potential future conflict(s) that arise if the property is
27 purchased by a party whose occupancy is adversely affected by the occasional disruptive nature of activities on the
28 Exposition Center grounds; and

29 **WHEREAS**, purchase of property located in close proximity to the offices of the UW-Extension Office will
30 offer an ideal replacement site for the UW-Extension's Community Gardens Program, which will cease operating at
31 the Sherman Road location at the end of this year; and

32 **WHEREAS**, eliminating the need to utilize the Winnebago County Community Park for parking support
33 during major events will aid in avoiding conflicts between Sunnyview Exposition Center and Community Park user
34 groups, as well as alleviate safety concerns inherent with pedestrians crossing the East County Road Y
35 thoroughfare; and

36 **WHEREAS**, your undersigned Committees have determined that in order to address the aforementioned
37 needs and concerns, it will be necessary to appropriate \$310,000 to be transferred from the Winnebago County's
38 Undesignated General Fund Account to the Winnebago County Parks Capital Outlay Account to cover costs related
39 to the purchase of the 20-acre parcel of land located east of the Sunnyview Exposition Center, identified as Parcel
40 Number 018-0282.
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