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3 **RESOLUTION: Approve a Transfer of \$322,850 from the Undesignated General Fund Balance to**
4 **the Sheriff's Office Capital Outlay Account to Replace the Boathouse on the Fox**
5 **River at the End of Broad Street in Oshkosh**

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

8 **WHEREAS,** the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Marine 1 boathouse is located on the Fox River at the
9 end of Broad Street in Oshkosh, adjacent to the railroad trestle; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the boathouse was constructed by the City of Oshkosh in 1952 with wooden pylons and sea
11 walls, and a steel frame structure clad in metal sheeting to be used to store the Oshkosh Police department patrol
12 boat.; and

13 **WHEREAS,** in 1980 the City of Oshkosh Common Council voted to transfer ownership of the boathouse to
14 Winnebago County via a quit claim action; and

15 **WHEREAS,** since 1980 this boathouse has been used by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to house
16 the largest of the Sheriff's Office boats (Marine 1), which is the most capable boat to handle the large waves and
17 adverse conditions that can occur on Lake Winnebago due to severe weather events and shallow depths. Marine 1 is
18 the Sheriff's Office's primary search and rescue vessel for Lake Winnebago, and acts as the primary platform for
19 dive/rescue operations; and

20 **WHEREAS,** in March 2021 it was found that the wooden seawalls in the wet-bay had rotted through in
21 several places and the boathouse was starting to fill with gravel and sediment. Additionally, the south/east corner of
22 the boathouse had sunk about 6 inches because the foundation structure had been compromised. With the low water
23 levels on the Lake Winnebago system at the time, and the sediment filling the wet-bay, the vessel could not be
24 moved in or out of the boathouse safely; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the discovery of the failing structure prompted an effort to replace the wet-bay which had been
26 in existence for approximately 40 years and had reached the end of its life expectancy. This also prompted an effort
27 to replace the boathouse structure which had been in place since 1952, and needed repairs. With current technology
28 in treated lumber and pylons used in the construction of wet-bays, the life expectancy of a new wet-bay would be 50
29 to 70 years; and

30 **WHEREAS,** this is contingent upon Winnebago County acquiring ownership of the property on which the
31 boathouse sits, or entering into a long-term lease with the City of Oshkosh for the land on which the boathouse sits.

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
34 approves a transfer of \$322,850 from the undesignated general fund balance to the sheriff's office capital outlay
35 account to reconstruct the boathouse located in Oshkosh on the Fox River at the end of Broad Street.

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37 **Fiscal Impact:** The undesignated general fund balance will be decreased by \$322,850,

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Respectfully submitted by:

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

40 Committee Vote: _____

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Respectfully submitted by:

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JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

43 Committee Vote: **5-0**

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45 Respectfully submitted by:

46 **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

47 Committee Vote: **5-0**

48 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership.**

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50 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2021.

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Jonathan Doemel
Winnebago County Executive