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RESOLUTION: Authorize the Construction of a New Aviation Business Center (Terminal Building Replacement) at a Cost of \$5.5 Million to be Funded with the Issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

9 **WHEREAS**, the current terminal/office building has deteriorated significantly over the years and is in need of
10 major improvements such as a new roof, HVAC system components, windows, and plumbing; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the current facilities, with combined 43,790 square feet and constructed principally as an airline
12 terminal, are occupied by the County Airport administration and other building tenants, which utilize 18,720 square
13 feet; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the current building structure and layout does not lend itself to renovation for expanded interior
15 revenue-generating space; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the cost of replacing the roof and making other significant repairs and improvements to the
17 existing buildings does not justify the expense in light of the amount of space currently used and needed in the
18 facility; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a smaller energy-efficient building is needed to replace the outdated obsolete older buildings;
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21 **WHEREAS**, the razing of the existing buildings and construction of a new Aviation Business Center will
22 convert unused parking lots and vacant land into developable revenue-generating property for future aviation and
23 supporting businesses; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the County Board approved hiring an architect, and the architect has developed a plan with a
25 budget of \$5.5 million; and

26 **WHEREAS**, funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Fund (AIP) and the
27 Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) is not available for 2017, and the
28 possibility of funding for 2018 or later will not be known until later in 2017; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Wittman Regional Airport held a public hearing on April 27, 2017, to solicit input on various
30 projects, including the construction of a new terminal/Aviation Business Center and razing of the existing terminal
31 and west wing, for which the airport is petitioning federal and state funding; and

32 **WHEREAS**, it would be prudent to move forward with the project at this time.

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34 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
35 appropriates a total of \$5.5 million to the construction of a new Aviation Business Center facility.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that funds to construct the
38 facility shall be advanced from the General Fund of Winnebago County with said fund being reimbursed from
39 subsequent bond issues.
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41 Respectfully submitted by:

42 **AVIATION COMMITTEE**

43 Committee Vote: **4-0**

44 Respectfully submitted by:

45 **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

46 Committee Vote: **3-2**

47 Respectfully submitted by:

48 **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

49 Committee Vote **3-0**

50 Vote Required for Passage: **Three-Fourths of Membership**

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52 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2017.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive