

**RESOLUTION: Consolidate Health Departments for the
County of Winnebago, City of Oshkosh, and
City of Neenah and Form a Combined
Health Department**

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, the City of Neenah, City of Oshkosh, County of Winnebago, and Baker Tilly have worked over the past nine (9) months to determine the feasibility of consolidating the three respective health departments; and

WHEREAS, consolidation is anticipated to save taxpayers of the combined health department \$350,000 annually over individually and fully staffed independent health departments; and

WHEREAS, consolidation will result in a 20% decrease in overall staffing and, by eliminating only currently vacant positions, no layoffs of remaining staff will occur, solely as a result of the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, consolidation achieves a greater uniformity of provided health department services; and

WHEREAS, consolidation provides for increased accessibility to walk-in services for all residents of the combined service area; and

WHEREAS, through pooling of resources, consolidation allows for increased ability to rapidly respond to local emergencies, outbreaks, disasters, and other public health issues in our community; and

WHEREAS, consolidation realizes efficiency through elimination of redundant activities, referral errors, and greater expertise in core functional areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby approves and recommends that the Winnebago County Executive engage in an interagency agreement with the City of Neenah and City of Oshkosh for the purpose of consolidating the three respective health departments into one County Health Department, and to submit a proposed budget with consideration of the consolidation effective January 1, 2012.

Submitted by:

BOARD OF HEALTH

Committee Vote:

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Submitted by:

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote:

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Vote Required for Passage:
Majority of Those Present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive