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RESOLUTION: Creating a Spirit Fund, Transferring Surplus Funds from the General Fund and Park View Fund to the Spirit Fund, and Renaming the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission the Spirit Fund Commission

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

9 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County has received funds totaling \$33,390,918 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery
10 Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); and

11 **WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 277-022022 created a Winnebago County ARPA Strategy and Outcomes
12 Commission, with the directive that "[a]ll ARPA spending and appropriation requests are to be submitted to the ARPA
13 Strategy and Outcomes Commission for its recommendation prior to action by the full County Board"; and

14 **WHEREAS**, upon recommendation by the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission, through Resolution
15 No. 110-102022 the Winnebago County Board recognized State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of
16 \$33,390,918 as replacement of public sector revenue for the County, and further identified expenses incurred and
17 paid in the form of wages between March 4, 2021 and September 30, 2022 in general fund departments and at Park
18 View Health Center as general government services which had been funded through the use of such replacement of
19 public sector revenue; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the use ARPA funds as replacement of public sector revenue for such expenses has produced
21 a surplus of \$18,177,450 in the general fund and \$15,213,468 in the Park View Health Center fund, totaling
22 \$33,390,918, as of the end of 2022, above and beyond the fund balances due to other sources; and

23 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire and intention of the Board to set aside surplus funds in that amount, to be used
24 for purposes specified herein; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission should be renamed the Spirit Fund
26 Commission, and tasked with making recommendations regarding use of the Spirit Fund;

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that a separate
28 special revenue fund be established, to which shall be transferred \$33,390,918 in surplus funds, consisting of
29 \$18,177,450 from the undesignated general fund and \$15,213,450 from the Park View Health Center fund, and that it is
30 the intent of the Board that such funds be spent on projects which fall within any of the following categories:

31 (1) Responding to public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, including public health,
32 assistance to households, assistance to small businesses, assistance to nonprofits, aid to impacted industries, and
33 restoring or supporting public sector capacity;

34 (2) Providing premium pay for essential workers; and

35 (3) Making investments in broadband, water, or sewer infrastructure.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission be renamed the Spirit
37 Fund Commission, with no change to its makeup, and that all requests for spending and appropriation requests for
38 uses of the Spirit Fund are to be submitted to the Spirit Fund Commission for its recommendation and submission to
39 the full County Board.

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41 Fiscal Note: \$18,177,450 will be transferred from the undesignated general fund balance to the newly-created Spirit
42 Fund, and \$15,213,468 will be transferred from the Park View Health Center Fund balance to the Spirit Fund.

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Respectfully submitted by:

ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION

Commission Vote: 8 - 0

Vote Required for Passage: Majority of Members Present

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive