



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

Agenda Item Report

DATE: 2/28/2023

FROM: Supervisors Floam and Hanson

RE: Resolution Authorizing a Purchase of One TruNarc Narcotic Analyzer and Two TruNarc Solution Kits for the Sheriff's Department

General Description:

A resolution requesting that the Winnebago County Board authorizes the purchase of one TruNarc Narcotic Analyzer and two TruNarc Solution Kits for the Sheriff's Department.

Action Requested:

A motion to approve the attached resolution which makes an appropriation to purchase the items listed in the resolution.

Procedural Steps:

(Show each level of committee and board approval needed, with meeting dates.)

Committee of Jurisdiction: <u>Judiciary & Public Safety</u>	Meeting date: <u>2/6/23</u>
Action taken: <u>passed committee</u>	Vote: <u>5-0</u>
Other Committee: <u>Personnel & Finance</u>	Meeting date: <u>2/8/23</u>
Action taken: <u>passed committee</u>	Vote: <u>5-0</u>
County Board: _____	Meeting date: <u>2/28/23</u>

Background:

In light of law enforcement around the country being injured due to exposure to powerful synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department has requested a TruNarc Narcotic Analyzer and two TruNarc Solution Kits in order to protect patrol deputies, corrections officers, and inmates from these kinds of exposure-related injuries.

Fiscal Impact: \$33,000

Policy Discussion:

Seizures of synthetic opioids by law enforcement are becoming more frequent, and these busts are growing larger in quantity. Additionally, fentanyl (the main culprit), is starting to be found in other street drugs. Unfortunately, encounters with these powerful drugs are now a more common occurrence for local law enforcement. We have to be ready to handle this without injuries to personnel. The TruNarc analyzer is a way for us to keep our people safe.

The preferred source of funding for this would be from the Opioid Settlement Fund. This is an appropriate use of these dollars.

Attachments:

Included with this memo is the draft board resolution, three documents explaining how TruNarc works, a document outlining the 2019-2022 Winnebago County fatal overdose statistics, a document with MEG unit case activity, and a 2017 Post Crescent article detailing a situation about fentanyl exposure.