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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving up to \$2,100,000 of the Spirit Fund to be Appropriated for**
4 **Purchasing Radios and Radio Equipment by the Winnebago County Fire**
5 **Chiefs Association, to be Distributed Equitably Among Association**
6 **Member Fire Departments**

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

10 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association is the professional organization representing
11 each fire department in the county; and

12 **WHEREAS**, radio equipment is an essential and life-saving component of firefighting equipment, for both the
13 First Responders and the community members they serve; and

14 **WHEREAS**, professional and volunteer fire departments often use radios and radio components long past their
15 recommended useful life due to the expense of replacing these systems; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association compiled a list of the needs for Fire Department
17 replacement radios and radio components, receiving quotes ranging from \$2,031,578.20 to \$3,200,000 from local
18 vendors representing different electronics brands.

19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
20 appropriates up to \$2,100,000 of Spirit Fund dollars to the Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association to be used to
21 purchase radios and radio components.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion,
23 Winnebago County Fire Chiefs Association will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance
24 Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within ~~6 months of the completion of the~~
25 ~~project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement~~ **1 year of the date of disbursement.**

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27 *Fiscal Note: \$2,100,000 in expense will be appropriated from the Spirit Fund, which will reduce its balance by that*
28 *same amount.*

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Respectfully submitted by:

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ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION

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Commission Vote: **7-1, 1 absent**

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33 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2023.

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Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive