

Whereas the Winnebago County Board has publicly affirmed that the purpose of the host fee is to provide ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, AND JOB CREATION FUNDS FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Whereas the County Board of Winnebago County Illinois believes a more specific definition of the host fee's purpose is in the best interest of the citizens of Winnebago County

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago that, effective immediately, the purpose of host fee funds is to PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR WINNEBAGO COUNTY. FUNDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND JOB CREATION SHALL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN THEY ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEFINITION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE DEFINITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE TO put the regional economy on a trajectory of higher growth that increases productivity in firms and workers, thereby raising the county's standard of living and achieving robust enduring prosperity.

Be it further resolved that to achieve the purpose of the host fee funds they should be directed to prioritize business ecosystems for core industries; improve productivity of firms and people; increase regional attraction for firms and people; to prioritize business incentives for growth and job creation, especially in areas that need it most; and to emphasize the significance of entrepreneurship and small businesses, WITH CONSIDERATION OF their contribution to job creation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOTH WITHIN AND AT TIMES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY BE MADE FOR THE USE OF HOST FEE FUNDS TO BEST ACHIEVE THEIR PURPOSE AS STATED ABOVE.

Be it further resolved that every item in the host fee fund shall have its own budget code beginning in FY2017, that all host fee spending shall be itemized at the beginning of the budget year, and any alterations or additions to said spending shall require a budget amendment