STATE OF ILLINOIS, } **ss.**
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO

I,* LORI GUMMOW, *County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing attached copy of:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX POLICY

with the original document which is on file in my office; and found it to be a true, perfect and complete copy of the original document.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at my office in the City of Rockford, in said County,

***This* 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.**

LORI GUMMOW ★ ILLINOIS ★ WINNEBAGO COUNTY CLERK

LORI GUMMOW, Winnebago County Clerk

BY: Angela Reina ***Deputy County Clerk***

Resolution Executive Summary

Prepared By:	Marlana Dokken
Committee:	Finance Committee
Committee Date:	January 5, 2023
Resolution Title:	Resolution to establish Public Safety Sales Tax Policy
County Code:	N\A
Board Meeting Date:	January 12, 2023

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? N\A	**Appropriation Amount:** N\A
If not, explain funding source: N\A	
ORG/OBJ/Project Code: N\A	**Budget Impact:** N\A

Background Information: The County's budget process is governed by Illinois Compiled Statues (55 ILCS 5/6-1001 et seq.) and Winnebago County Board Policies. To maintain the financial strength of the Public Safety Sales Tax revenue, and in keeping promises to, and protecting the interest of the taxpayers, the County Board is implementing the following directives regarding Public Safety Sales Tax usage.

Recommendation: Administration supports this resolution.

Contract/Agreement: N/A

Legal Review: The State's Attorney's Office has reviewed.

Follow-Up: N/A

County Board: January 12, 2023

RESOLUTION
of the
COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

Sponsored by: John Butitta, Committee Chairman
Submitted by: Finance Committee

2023 CR 003

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX POLICY

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2002 the County Board for the County of Winnebago, Illinois adopted a Resolution initiating a referendum authorizing the imposition of a Special County Retailer's Occupation Tax for Public Safety at a rate of one percent; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2002, the electors of the County of Winnebago, Illinois approved the referendum and the results of that election were certified by the County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, to maintain its financial strength, and keep promises to the taxpayers of Winnebago County, Winnebago County Administration is proposing a Public Safety Sales Tax Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the Public Safety Sales Tax Policy and recommends its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that it adopts the Public Safety Sales Tax Policy presented by the County Administration, a copy of which policy is attached to this Resolution as Attachment A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Board is hereby authorized to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to the County Board Chairman and all County department heads.

Respectfully Submitted,
FINANCE COMMITTEE

(AGREE)	(DISAGREE)
JOHN BUTITTA, FINANCE CHAIRMAN	JOHN BUTITTA, FINANCE CHAIRMAN
JEAN CROSBY	JEAN CROSBY
JOE HOFFMAN	JOE HOFFMAN
JAIME SALGADO	JAIME SALGADO
KEITH MCDONALD	KEITH MCDONALD
JOHN F. SWEENEY	JOHN F. SWEENEY
MICHAEL THOMPSON	MICHAEL THOMPSON

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this 12th day of January 2023.

JOSEPH V. CHIARELLI
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

ATTESTED BY:

LORI GUMMOW
CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

ATTACHMENT A

PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX POLICY

Background

The original Winnebago County Board Resolution, 2002 CR 206, initiating a referendum cited the basis for the 1% tax as being to raise sufficient revenue to fund the recommendations of a 15-action step plan. The 15 steps included:

1. Build a 1200- bed jail facility. Unoccupied beds may be used by the U.S. Marshall or for other jurisdictional inmates at a per diem cost. (completed)
2. Include new central receiving and diagnostic center (booking) in new facility (completed)
3. Locate four (4) jury courtrooms in the new facility. New courtroom initially to be used for status/arraignment and high security needs, with expansion for other uses. (This does not eliminate the need for criminal courtrooms in the courthouse.) (completed)
4. Develop connection capabilities between the new jail and the existing courthouse and/or be as close to the existing courthouse as possible. (completed)
5. Limit, to the extent possible, transportation of inmates from the new facility to the courthouse. Chief Judge will staff courtrooms in the new facility while working with staff on prisoner transportation issues for morning and afternoon calls. In addition, the Chief Judge will work with other Judges on video appearances for various status issues to eliminate the need for transport. Specific use of courtrooms to be recommended. (completed)
6. Move Sheriff's Dept. offices from PSB to new facility to be located in close proximity to jail. Sheriff to talk to Chief Nielsen about possibility of potential Rockford Police Department expansion in vacated PSB space. (completed)
7. Work to determine feasibility of adult mental health assessment room in new facility. (completed)
8. Develop North Church Street facility into a Community Corrections Center (now known as RIC). (completed)
9. Recognize that alternative programs are the key element to control the jail population and insure that adequate dollars will be included in the budget to fund those programs. (completed)
10. Endorse Jail Population Control Board (completed)
11. Determine general philosophy regarding the use of the current PSB jail for specialized classification of inmates, such as guilty awaiting sentencing, sentenced awaiting DOC transport, etc. (completed)
12. Work with architect to develop a feasibility design plan for the new facility. (completed)
13. Develop multiple locations for Homeland Security issues in coordination with the new facility. (completed)
14. Implement a "Failure to Appear" program for missed court dates.
15. Budget adequate dollars within the entire criminal justice system to finance staffing needs for the State's Attorney, Public Defender, Corrections personnel and other court staff offices. (completed)

In further communication, "The Solutions" were described to the community as a 3-part plan, with the following definitions:

1. ***The Jail**, defined as:*
    - Facility
    - Operations

2. ***Criminal Justice System**, defined as:*
    - Staffing for two new judges
    - Additional Assistant States Attorneys
    - Assistant Public Defenders
    - Deputy Circuit Clerks
    - Court Reporters

- Probation Officers
- ...all of those functions which keep a court system operating efficiently

3. ***Alternatives to Incarceration and Rehabilitation Programs*,*** *defined as:*
   - To expand staff of pre-trial services
   - Double # of drug court probation officers for both adult and juvenile drug court
   - Extensively expand resources available for the community corrections center (now known as RIC) which may include programs such as:
     - Work Release
     - Graduated Sentencing
     - Sex offender and DV Programs
     - Day Reporting
     - Life Skills
     - GED programs
     - Employment Readiness
     - Parenting Skills

While not mentioned in the 3-part plan, this communication also indicated "an additional sum of money would also be used to support community-based programs intended to address root causes of the expanding crime problem in our community." Further, Resolution 2003 CR 106 recognized public safety sales tax dollars alone would not be enough address our criminal justice system needs, and there was a need for an effort to identify, seek out grants and other revenue for public safety.

** To further clarify, Alternatives to Incarceration is an option for those convicted of a crime to serve their sentence outside of prison. It also applies to defendants who are awaiting trial in jail or on pre-trial release. Rehabilitation is inclusive of Alternatives to Incarceration.*

Policy

In keeping our commitment to the Winnebago County residents, the Public Safety Sales Tax policy shall continue to support the systems developed through initial 15-step action plan and the Solutions identified and defined in the 3-step plan. Priority of revenue is given to the functions to keep our criminal justice system operating effectively; specifically, Parts 1 and 2 of the 3-part Plan.

In keeping our commitment to support community-based programs; community based programs shall be defined as non-governmental, non-taxing bodies.

Further, should the County Board make funding available, to make the strongest impact priority will be given to those community-based programs that partner directly with, and in collaboration with, any of the County Branches or Departments identified in the 3-step plan.

The Public Safety Sales Tax policy shall be inclusive of the debt service payment requirement, and 25% unrestricted reserve requirements already in place through the annual Budget Policy.

COUNTY BOARD MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2023

(10)

COMMITTEE: Finance

SUBJECT: Res. to Est. Pub. Safety Tax

	AYES	NAYES	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSTAINED
1. ARENA, PAUL M.	✓				
2. BOOKER, AARON	✓				
3. BUTITTA, JOHN	✓				
4. CROSBY, JEAN	—			✓	
5. FELLARS, ANGELA	✓				
6. GORAL, ANGIE	✓				
7. GUEVARA, JOHN M.	✓				
8. HANSERD, VALERIE	✓				
9. HOFFMAN, JOE C.	✓				
10. LINDMARK, BRAD	✓				
11. MCCARTHY, KEVIN	✓				
12. MCDONALD, KEITH	✓				
13. NABORS, TIMOTHY	✓				
14. PENNEY, JOHN	✓				
15. SALGADO, JAIME J.	✓				
16. SCROL, CHRISTOPHER	✓				
17. SWEENEY, JOHN F.	✓				
18. TASSONI, DAVE	✓				
19. THOMPSON, MICHAEL J.	✓				
20. WEBSTER, JIM	✓				
TOTALS Unanimous vote	19			1	