

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-77

RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGH PRIORITY COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE GRANT, CREATION OF 2 FTE SUNSET DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS, PURCHASE OF 2 MARKED SQUADS AND ACCESSORIES, AND TRANSFER OF \$679,328 WITHIN THE 2025 SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Sheriff's Office is authorized to accept a U. S. Department of Transportation High Priority Commercial Moter Vehicle grant in the amount of \$679,328 for a period of September 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the creation of 2 FTE Sunset Deputy Sheriff positions effective December 14, 2024 through the end of the grant September 30, 2026 as set forth in Exhibit "A," that is attached hereto, within the 2025 Sheriff's Budget is authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the creation of 2 FTE Sunset Deputy Sheriff positions effective December 14, 2024 through the end of the grant September 30, 2026 as set forth in Exhibit "A," that is attached hereto, within the 2025 Sheriff's Budget is authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the capital purchase of two marked squads and accessories is hereby authorized and approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the transfer of funds as set forth in Exhibit "B," that is attached hereto, within the Sheriff's Office 2025 Budget is authorized and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that any two of the County Clerk, the County Executive and/or the County Board Chairman are authorized to execute any contracts, agreements, amendments, or other documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD ACTION

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Donald J. Trottier, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

For \_\_\_\_\_

Against \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

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Jody Spencer, Secretary

Prepared by:  
Corporation Counsel

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Jason Eckman

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Renee Kelly

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5 John A. Wisch

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8 Brett Nielsen

9 **The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of**  
10 **Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:**

11 **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

12 **Vetoed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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14 **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_,

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17 **County Executive**

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20 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Racine County Sheriff's Office has been granted support through the  
23 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) High Visibility Enforcement Program to  
24 address commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety along the I-41/94 corridor; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the total funding is \$679,328 over a two-year period and is fully funded  
27 meaning there are no match requirements; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, from 2019 to 2023 Racine County sustained 1,196 CMV-related crashes,  
30 resulting in 364 injuries and 15 fatalities; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, CMV-related injuries and fatalities are on an alarming rise, with a recent  
33 300% increase; and

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35 **WHEREAS**, as traffic volumes grow due to new commercial developments, including  
36 Microsoft's \$1 billion data center, the need for stronger CMV enforcement is more urgent than  
37 ever; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the federal grant will empower the Racine County Sheriff's Office to achieve  
40 a goal of reducing CMV-related crashes by 10% by the end of 2025, primarily through  
41 enforcement and educational outreach initiatives; and

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43 **WHEREAS**, the total project budget includes personnel costs, equipment, and supplies  
44 necessary to support our efforts in CMV enforcement and safety; and

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46 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office will allocate two full-time Sheriff's deputies dedicated  
47 solely to CMV enforcement and educational outreach; and

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49 **WHEREAS**, each deputy will work 2080 hours annually over two years, with an  
50 estimated hourly rate of \$43.68 and fringe benefits have been calculated at an estimated \$18.49  
51 per hour for a total two year salary of #363,418 and a two year fringe benefits total of \$153,836;  
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54 **WHEREAS**, the project requires the purchase of two patrol vehicles at a total cost of  
55 \$98,966 for CMV inspections and enforcement operations; and

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57 **WHEREAS**, the vehicles will be maintained for a maximum of eight years before being  
58 sold at auction, with the proceeds returned to the county; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has budgeted \$63,108 for necessary supplies, including  
5 essential safety and operational equipment. Examples of this equipment include:

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• Stalker Radar Systems: \$6,400 for speed enforcement.

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• Motorola Radios: \$9,200 for reliable communication during enforcement activities.

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• Traffic Cones: \$800 to ensure safe traffic management during roadside inspections.

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• Emergency Lighting and Siren Packages: \$14,500 to provide safety and visibility during  
11 roadside inspections.

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• Truck Bed Organizers and Caps: \$12,200 to enhance vehicle functionality during

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enforcement operations.

