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To: Personnel and Finance Committee

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Subject: Granting an Exception to Dane County Ordinance 20.16 – Prohibiting Travel to States that Discriminate for three PSC Technical Staff

Dane County Ordinance (DCO) 20.16 prohibits travel to states that have enacted a law that has the effect of voiding protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Further, Dane County Ordinance 20.16(3)(c) and 20.21 provide that the Personnel and Finance Committee can grant exceptions to this prohibition.

This memo requests the Personnel and Finance Committee grant an exception to DCO 20.16 to allow Dane County Public Safety Communications to send three staff members to attend the RACOM Midwest User Group Meeting in Marshalltown, IA on January 18 and 19, 2023.

With Dane County's new relationship with RACOM as our radio maintenance provider this is a unique opportunity to meet with other users and RACOM to properly evolve Dane County's radio system. There is no cost for event, the only expense would be lodging for one night totaling \$216.45 for all three staff members. There is no alternative event that provides this training and networking opportunities.

If approved, Luis Bixler, Chad Fleck and Kevin Fosso would travel to Marshalltown, IA for this event January 18, 2023 and return January 19, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.