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TO: Budget Committee and Goodhue County Commissioners

FROM: Kristine Holst, Sheriff Accountant
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Date: January 13, 2026

RE: **Out-of-State Travel Request**

Summary

We respectfully request approval for out-of-state travel for Computer Forensic Examiner, Tris Matthews, to attend the 2026 National Cyber Crime Conference on April 28-30, 2026, in Boston, MA.

Background

Tris Matthews was referred to this training at a previous conference from Catherine Radostits Foresman, Deputy Supervisor/Commander of the Cook County ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force, Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The National Cyber Crime Conference is one of the premier training events for law enforcement investigators, prosecutors, and forensic examiners in the world. The first NCCC was held in 2012. Today, the NCCC is known for its aggressive agenda, packed with hundreds of sessions delivered by some of the world's top cyber experts on critical topics. Some of the workshops from last year's conference were on AI Generated Media, AI Powered Investigations, AI generated results in DFIR Exams, What's New in Digital Investigations, Mobile Forensics, Digital Fingerprints, Multi Layered Videos, Cryptocurrency Investigations, Law Enforcement in the Digital Age, and several other topics related to digital forensics. This year's agenda is not out until April, but the conference is expected to be full by then.

The Sheriff's Office has already seen ICAC cases with people using AI technology, and we know the use of AI will increase from here. Tris will be able to use this information from this conference to analyze future cases with AI technology.

The conference registration, airfare, lodging and meals is estimated to cost \$3,000. This will be paid from the Sheriff's budget, and funding is currently being requested from the MN ICAC Task Force for a portion of the expense.

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Recommendation

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