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| **Background:**  The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) offers transportation to Sauk County residents over age 60 and those over the age 18, who are disabled.  The ADRC currently has 3 buses, including one that has reached the end of its usable life. As of February 21st, 2019 the 2010 passenger bus has 136,871 miles and requires a high volume of repairs.  As Sauk County’s population ages, the need for these transportation services increase. It is critical that the ADRC has dependable and safe buses. The buses are used to transport clients to medical appointments, daily excursions, and weekly shopping trips. We are also seeing an increase in wheelchair transportation needs.  The ADRC proposes to trade its 2010, 13-passenger van in for a new 2018, 15-passenger van.    The ADRC sent out requests to five manufacturers, but because we requested a modified seating arrangement for wheelchairs, and there are only a few limited transit manufacturers, we only received one returned bid.  We changed the seating arrangement because it was our goal to eliminate social isolation for those in wheelchairs.  Unfortunately, some of the manufacturers didn’t want to accommodate our requirements.  The cost of the bus is $71,995.00, which includes a delivery charge and a $5,000 trade-in value.  The Aging & Disability Resource Center’s Department of Transportation Trust fund of $20,200.21 plus $51,494.79 from the ADRC’s fund balance will be used to purchase this bus, and the additional $300.00 will be available from ADRC cost savings account. |
| **Fiscal Impact:** [ ] None [x] Budgeted [ ] Not Budgeted |

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, that the ADRC is authorized to purchase a new 2018 Starcraft Paratransit bus from Carpenter Bus Sales, Franklin Tennessee to the total price, including trade in and delivery, of $71,995.

For consideration by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019. Respectfully submitted,

SAUK COUNTY

ADRC COMMITTEE

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FICAL NOTE: The ADRC Department of Transportation Trust fund of $20,200.21, and $51,494.79 of the ADRC fund balance will be used to purchase this bus.

MIS NOTE: No MIS impact.