

# 2017 Kenosha County Budget

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# 2017 Budget Ensures that we are:



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Meeting our obligations to the people we represent as mandated by the state

Responsibly addressing immediate issues

Planning for the long-term needs with a clear vision for Kenosha County



# The Challenge of County Government is to:

Manage mandates in  
the most cost-effective  
way possible

Ensure citizens receive  
the services they need  
at the lowest cost to  
taxpayers



Kenosha County has been frugal:

Lowest tax  
rates in the  
past 25 years



# Kenosha County is:



Fiscally strong

Bond rating upgrade to AA+

Thanks to County Board and County CFO  
Dave Geertsen



# Kenosha County remains:

In a strong  
financial  
position with  
historically  
high reserves

The hottest  
economic  
development  
area in the  
state and  
region

Solidly  
poised for  
continued  
growth



# The 2017 Budget:



Mental Health



Law  
Enforcement



Infrastructure



# Mental Health proposal



## KARE Center, operated by Kenosha Human Development Services

- Built Civil War era
- Not handicapped accessible
- Limited as an 11-bed CBRF

Bridges Program, expanded night and weekend hours



# Thank you to:



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Alderman Jack Rose

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Mary Jane Landry, Bridges Board president

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Ron Frederick, retired director of the county Division of Disability Services

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LaVerne Jaros, county staff, community stakeholders



# KARE Center expansion:

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Provide additional community beds to divert people from inpatient hospitalization

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Provide a 24-hour meeting place for people in crisis, also to avoid hospitalization

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Better connect people with on-going services



# Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program

- <http://fox6now.com/2016/05/17/people-are-dying-and-its-devastating-a-new-approach-to-fighting-heroin-addiction-in-kenosha-co/>



Support for District Attorney Program

**Thank you to District Attorney  
Robert Zapf and District Attorney-  
Elect Michael Graveley**



# Law Enforcement

Sheriff's Department, Courts  
and District Attorney's Office  
is 56% of the operating  
budget and one-third of the  
capital budget

Additional personnel on the  
road and in corrections



# Thank you, Chief Deputy Charles Smith



# Public Safety Building

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Move the Emergency Operations Center to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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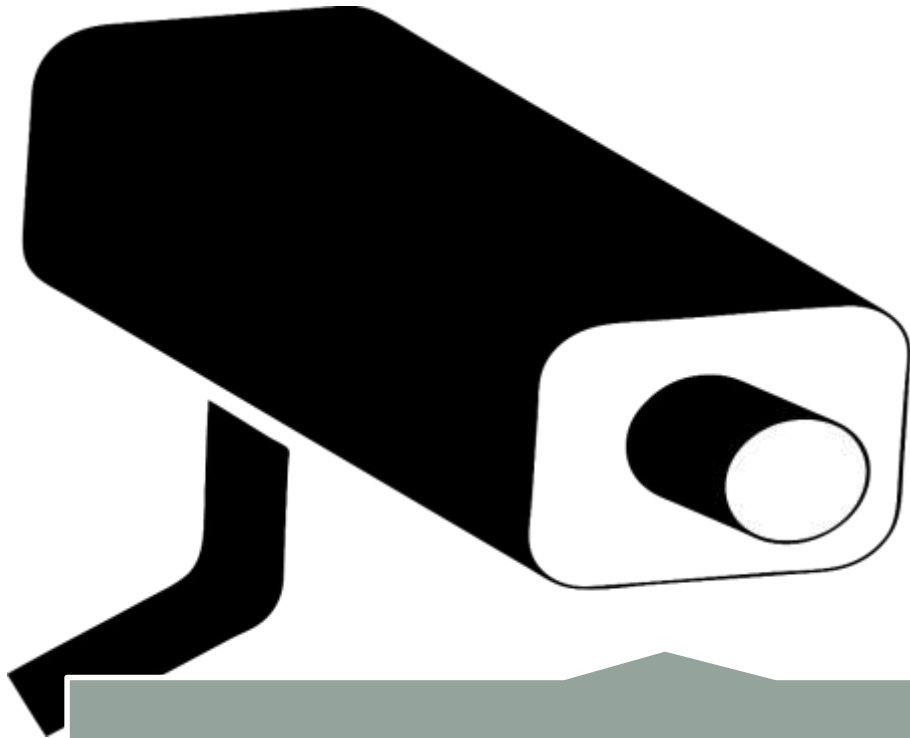
Create one space for Sheriff's Department Detective Bureau on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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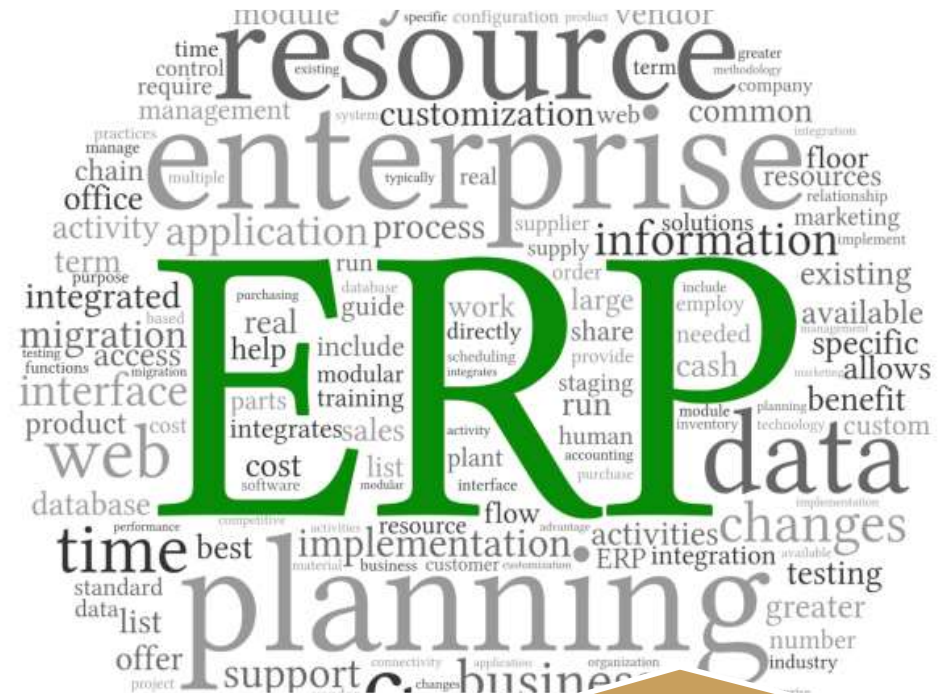
Move all of the Medical Examiner's operations to the PSB



# IT Projects



# Video camera project for the Detention Center



# ERP business management software project



# Infrastructure investments spur economic growth

- Good infrastructure leads to economic development, which leads to jobs
- Since 2008:
  - More than 8,000 jobs created
  - More than One Billion in investment



## KENOSHA COUNTY, WISCONSIN



# 2017 highway projects:

Planning and engineering for County Highway S, from Green Bay Road to I-94



Intersection of County Highway H at Bain Station Road will be reconstructed as a roundabout, financial assistance from Majestic Realty



Engineering phase of county-wide bicycle wayfinding project



# 2017 Budget highlights:



Mental Health



Law  
Enforcement



Infrastructure

# This budget:



Is within the County Board's advisory tax rate guideline

About a penny a day increase for avg taxpayer owning a \$100,000 home

Provides action to keep Kenosha County strong

Provides the vision for efficient and cost-effective solutions



Thank you and God Bless Kenosha County

