

2018 State of the County Address

By
County Executive
Jim Kreuser

Tuesday, May 1, 2018



Honoring past County Board Supervisors



Ron Johnson

Maureen Reed



Richard Kessler

Thank you to Supervisor Ron Johnson, Richard Kessler and Maureen Reed



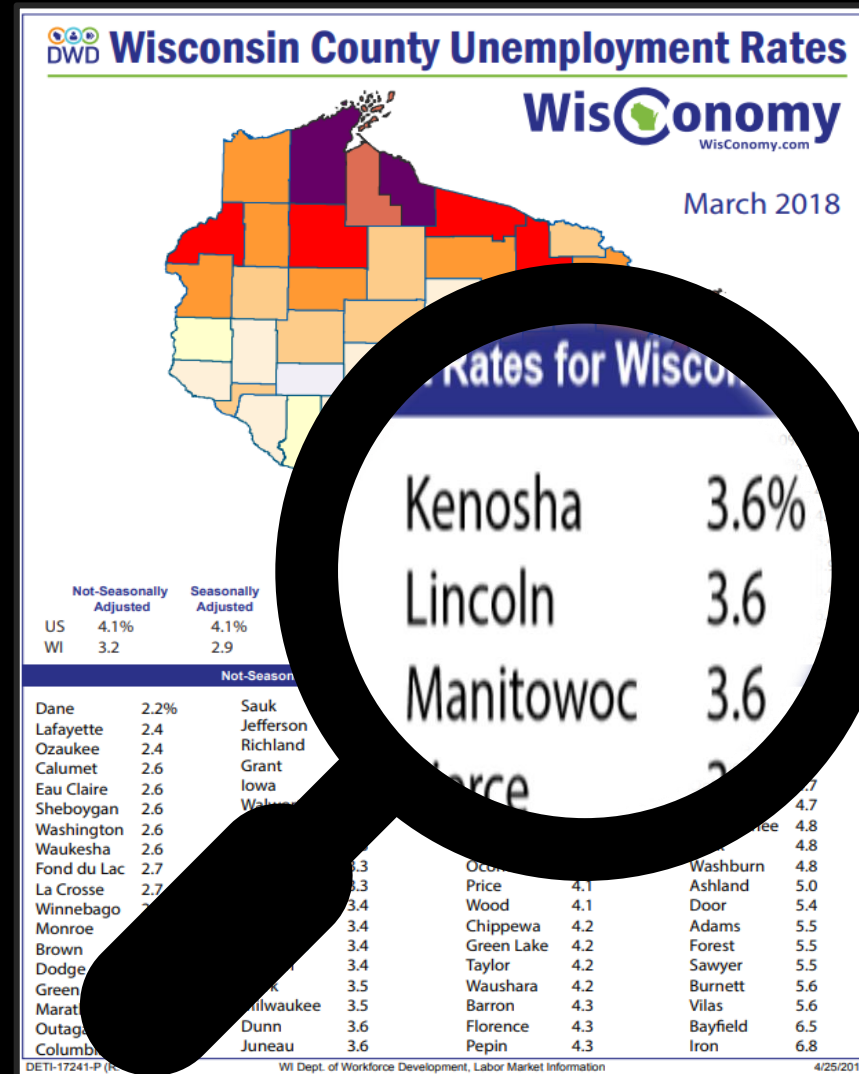
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The State of Kenosha County is:



Good infrastructure leads to economic development, which leads to jobs



The economy continues to grow over the past four years:

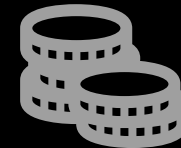
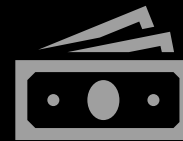
8,000+

New jobs have
been created



\$1 billion

In capital investment has
been made in
Kenosha County



Village of Somers is growing



Mostly cloudy with drizzle late;
High 50 • Low 36 — Details, B8

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UW-PARKSIDE BASEBALL TEAM HAS KENOSHA FLAVOR

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Somers surges ahead

New sewer service likely to increase property values along I-94

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Expanded sewer coverage by the Kenosha Water Utility will likely drive up the value of land in Paris and Somers for future development along I-94.

The Somers village administrator addressed the city's Board of Water Commissioners and Utility General Manager Edward St. Peter during Monday night's meeting.

Bill Morris praised the Kenosha Water Utility for working with Somers and the town of Paris on the proposed service expansion.

His comments came after the commission approved sending a resolution to the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission proposing an amendment to the "Regional Water Quality Management Plan for the Greater Kenosha Area." The amendment will bring sewer service to the east side of I-94 from Highway K to Highway E.

Greater Kenosha Sanitary Sewer Area



Existing sanitary sewer service area for Somers, Pleasant Prairie and city of Kenosha

Service area proposed to be added within Paris in March 2018

Somers land-use update to include parcels eyed for development, mosque

BY JILL TATGE-ROZELL
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Somers will update its land use plan for the I-94 corridor and the northwest portion of the village — including property for a proposed mosque.

The Village Board Tuesday secured the services of Foth Infrastructure and Environment to lead the village through the process of updating its land use and sewer service plans for a fee not to exceed \$17,000.

The process involves evaluating the current land

Trustee Gregg Sinnen said he is "adamant the public hearings be well (public) noticed" when the time comes.

Representatives from the Islamic Society of Southeastern Wisconsin were in attendance at the Village Board meeting Tuesday. They asked for an update on the status of their request.

"As of right now we have heard nothing," one of the representatives said during the citizens' comment portion of the meeting.



Village of Pleasant Prairie continues to attract new businesses



Mild; increasing cloudiness
High 57 • Low 43 — Details, B8

What do you wonder about the Kenosha area, its people and culture? KENOSHANEWS.COM/CURIOUSKENOSHA

EX-PACKER GILBERT BROWN GETS SERIOUS ABOUT BULLYING
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Engineering firm moving to village

Tenant bringing up to 200 jobs to Pleasant Prairie

BY TERRY FLORES
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PLEASANT PRAIRIE — A full-service global engineering, repair and logistics company is coming to the village, bringing 150 to 200 new jobs.

Communications Test Design Inc. has agreed to occupy 166,620 square feet of the 424,164-square-foot Building No. 1 owned by Majestic Realty Co.

Majestic announced on Monday that CTDI had signed a long-term lease with Majestic Badger

Logistics Center, next to LakeView Corporate Park at 88th Avenue south of Bain Station Road.

"We're thrilled to welcome CTDI as our first tenant in our very first Wisconsin warehouse building," said Majestic Senior Vice President John Semcken in a statement.

"This is a wonderful place to do business, and the state's financial stability, political environment

and forward-thinking commitment to development and infrastructure will help pay dividends for both residents and companies for decades to come."

CTDI, based in West Chester, Pa., has 14,000 employees spread across 90 worldwide facilities.

The logistics center at 8801 88th Ave. is part of a two-building, 1.2 million-square-foot campus plan.

According to Jean Wer-

bie-Harris, village community development director, work to accommodate CDTI is underway, and the firm expects to occupy the building by May 1.

"Communications Test Design Inc. has a commitment to quality and corporate responsibility and will bring family-sustaining jobs to the community," she said.

"The village welcomes up to 200 additional full-time engineering repair and

logistics professionals that will be employed by CDTI."

Space available

With a little more than half of Building No. 1 still available, Majestic officials said they are anticipating additional deals in the coming quarter not only for its available speculative space but

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Kenosha County High Impact Fund

KENOSHA COUNTY HIGH IMPACT FUND

The Kenosha County High Impact Fund, administered by KABA, helps secure high quality economic development projects. Since its inception, the High Impact Fund has contributed to:

\$3.6 MM

in high impact
awards

9

companies/
developments

\$168 MM

in capital
investment

1,475

jobs



Salem Business Park

SALEM BUSINESS PARK

- Partnership between Kenosha County, Village of Salem Lakes & KABA
- First tenant took occupancy July 2017: **Vonco Products** - app. \$12MM investment in building and equipment, 120 jobs

UP TO **10**
POTENTIAL
SITES

80,500^{SF}
FIRST
DEVELOPMENT

80
ACRES

7
MILES FROM
I-94



Major Expansions

MAJOR EXPANSIONS

Company	Projects	Jobs	Investment
Uline	2.1 million SF in expansions	975	\$150+ million

This includes a 250,000 SF HQ2 building at its corporate campus, adjacent 1MM SF distribution facility; relocation/expansion of its Midwest Distribution Operations Center - 800,000 SF distribution facility; 80,000 SF office

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Major wins

MAJOR WINS

Company	Projects	Jobs	Investment
Haribo	500,000 SF advanced manufacturing/ confectionery facility	400	\$242 million



A look at 2017

A LOOK AT 2017

Kenosha County landed two of Wisconsin's largest economic development projects in 2017 - **Haribo** and **Gold Standard Baking**.

MAJOR WINS

SALEM BUSINESS PARK

HIGH IMPACT FUND

TALENT ATTRACTION & RETENTION

KABA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION



Rain, turning to snow; 1-3 inches; High 38 • Low 28 — Details, B6

UNSEASONABLE COLD HELPS MAPLE SUGARING LAST LONGER

Lifestyles — Page C1,2



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Plans for the Haribo facility were detailed during the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission meeting Tuesday.

Haribo plan approved

BY TERRY FLORES
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PLEASANT PRAIRIE — Plans for a proposed \$242 million facility for an international maker of gummy candies were approved by the Pleasant Prairie Plan Commission Tuesday night.

Haribo, a Bonn, Germany-based confectionery, is planning to build its first U.S. manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie on 137 acres at the northwest corner of Highway Q and Interstate 94.

Following a public hearing, the commission approved amendments to the village's comprehensive land use plan from a previous freeway-oriented business center commercial use plan to production manufacturing industrial land to accommodate the development. Also approved were wetland designations and the zoning map reflecting the proposed new uses for the property.

The commission tabled consideration of a developer's agreement which is still in the process of being finalized and is expected to come before the commission in May.

According to the plans, Haribo would begin the first phase of its construction this year with areas of construction to include gatehouses for entry to the site, warehouse and high-bay structures, utilities, production, a multilevel parking structure and a helicopter pad.

The plans also include a museum, retail shop, fitness center and a day care facility, according to Jean Werble-Harris, the village's community development director.

The 500,000-square-foot facility will be developed over four phases and will employ 430 employees working three shifts when it begins operation in 2021. The shifts will span 24

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Kenosha County makes strategic investments in infrastructure

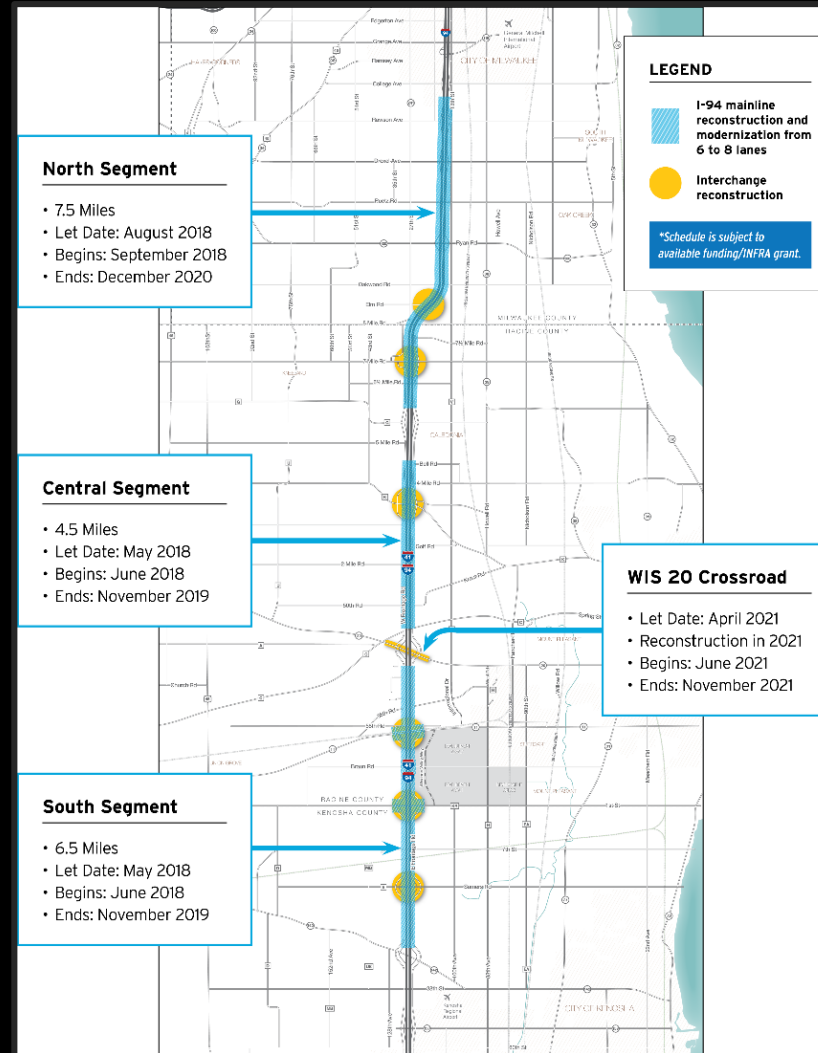


Highway H Roundabout

New Highway W



State will complete I-94 from Kenosha County to the Milwaukee County line.



State providing improvements on KR, H and A



Mostly sunny and cold
High 36 • Low 18 — Details, A9

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Rail overpasses added to KR plan

Compensation for road damage also part of highway transfer agreement

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Two railroad overpasses on Highway KR, a promise of \$7.5 million to reconstruct roads following Foxconn's arrival and storm water oversight assurances are part of an agreement approved by the Kenosha County Board this week.

The agreement, negotiated between Kenosha and Racine counties and the state of Wisconsin, temporarily transfers a portion of Highway KR to the state Department of Transportation, County Executive Jim Kreuser said.

County financial obligations

The Kenosha County Board previously approved a budget amendment needed for the county to meet its estimated \$3.3 million in financial obligations under the Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement approved this week, which include:

- \$800,000 — county's cost share to construct the section of Highway KR between "old" and "new" Green Bay Road.
- \$1.1 million — estimated amount for right-of-way purchase for Highway KR construction between Highway H and "new" Green Bay Road.
- \$1.1 million — estimated amount for realignment of intersection of Highway EA and 90th Street.
- \$300,000 — county's cost share of potential utility relocation associated with need to traverse one or both railways.

Road — a project estimated to cost between \$30 million and \$40 million.

The railroad overpasses on Highway KR that are part of the agreement were not part of the plans presented by the DOT at a public information meeting last month in Mount Pleasant. DOT spokesperson Michael Pyritz said Friday this is because the state did not have the agreement needed to position it to create a design that would separate the grade.

Now that the agreement has been reached, the DOT can introduce a design

that includes overpasses to allow "the frequent trains to pass without interrupting vehicle traffic flow." It is a design process that will include outreach and public involvement, Pyritz said.

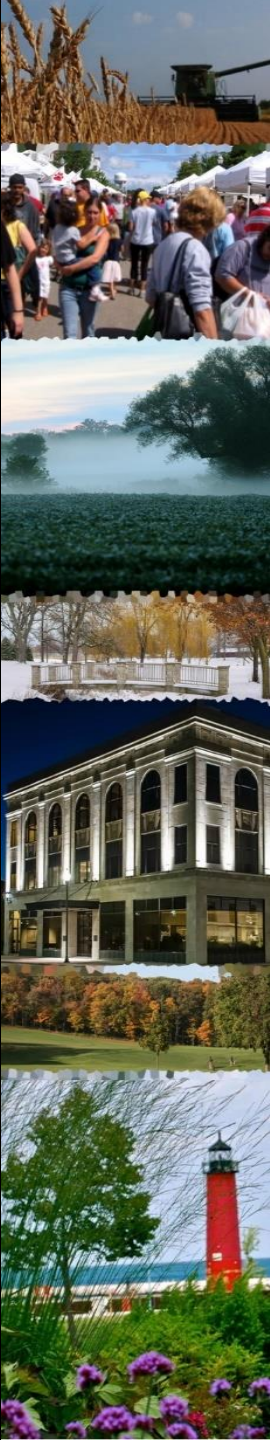
Maps showing the overpasses were introduced at county meetings this week.

Surprised by the addition

Somers trustee Gregg Sinnen said Tuesday the overpasses "were the biggest shock" to those

Under the agreement, the state is responsible for the full cost of Highway KR reconstruction from just west of Interstate 94, east to a "new" Green Bay

See **KR PLAN**, Page A8



Brookside Care Center and the Willowbrook CBRF are completed!



Ribbon cutting ceremony at Brookside

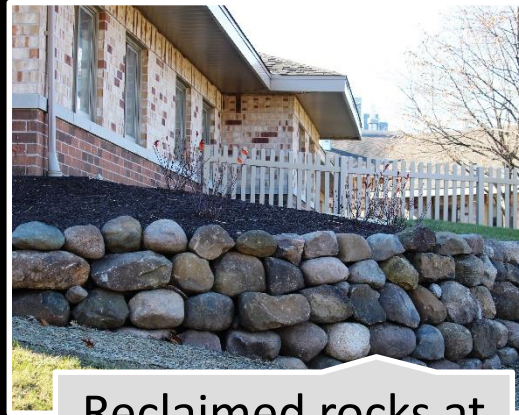
3 p.m., Tuesday, May 15th at Brookside Care Center



Kenosha County is committed to cost-effectiveness and efficiency



New fuel station at the County Center



Reclaimed rocks at Brookside



Recycled asphalt at KD Park



Solar Panels at Silver Lake



We will continue to address Opioid and other addiction issues and mental health needs

Family treatment court addresses parents' drug addiction

BY DENEEN SMITH

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For many neglected children placed in foster care, a parent's drug or alcohol addiction is a key factor leading to their being taken from their homes.

Those families will now have another way to work toward bringing their children home. Kenosha County launches a Family Drug Treatment Court. The new court will follow the example of existing treatment courts in the county for people in the criminal justice system, adding new substance abuse treatment programming for parents who have had their children taken into foster care.

The new court will accept families who have had new child protective services cases filed April 1 or later.

"The underlying goal is to find a more successful way to handle parents with addiction problems," said Ron Rogers, director of Kenosha County Children and Family Services.

where that was happening, and in almost all of those cases it was due to substance abuse," Rossell said.

The county's opioid and heroin

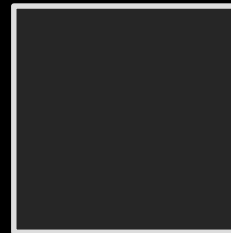
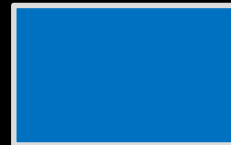
Milwaukee County and in Iowa.

Rogers said a team of people have been working for about a year on creating the court.

He said families who qualify



The Summer Youth Employment Program continues to be a success!



Our County Parks continue to grow!



AAA Bond Rating – Why does it matter?

For a AAA-rated county, the interest rate on a project will only be at the rate of inflation over the project's 20 year lifespan

As interest rates continue to climb, a Triple A rating gives us flexibility and saves the county money now and secures the county's fiscal future for our children and grandchildren

It's the smart way to do business



The path to a AAA rating:

Expenditure
Framework

Long-Term Liability
Burden

Revenue
Framework



Operating Performance –
Kenosha County already is
ranked AAA in this category

Kenosha County needs
to check only one more
of the four categories
to be rated AAA.

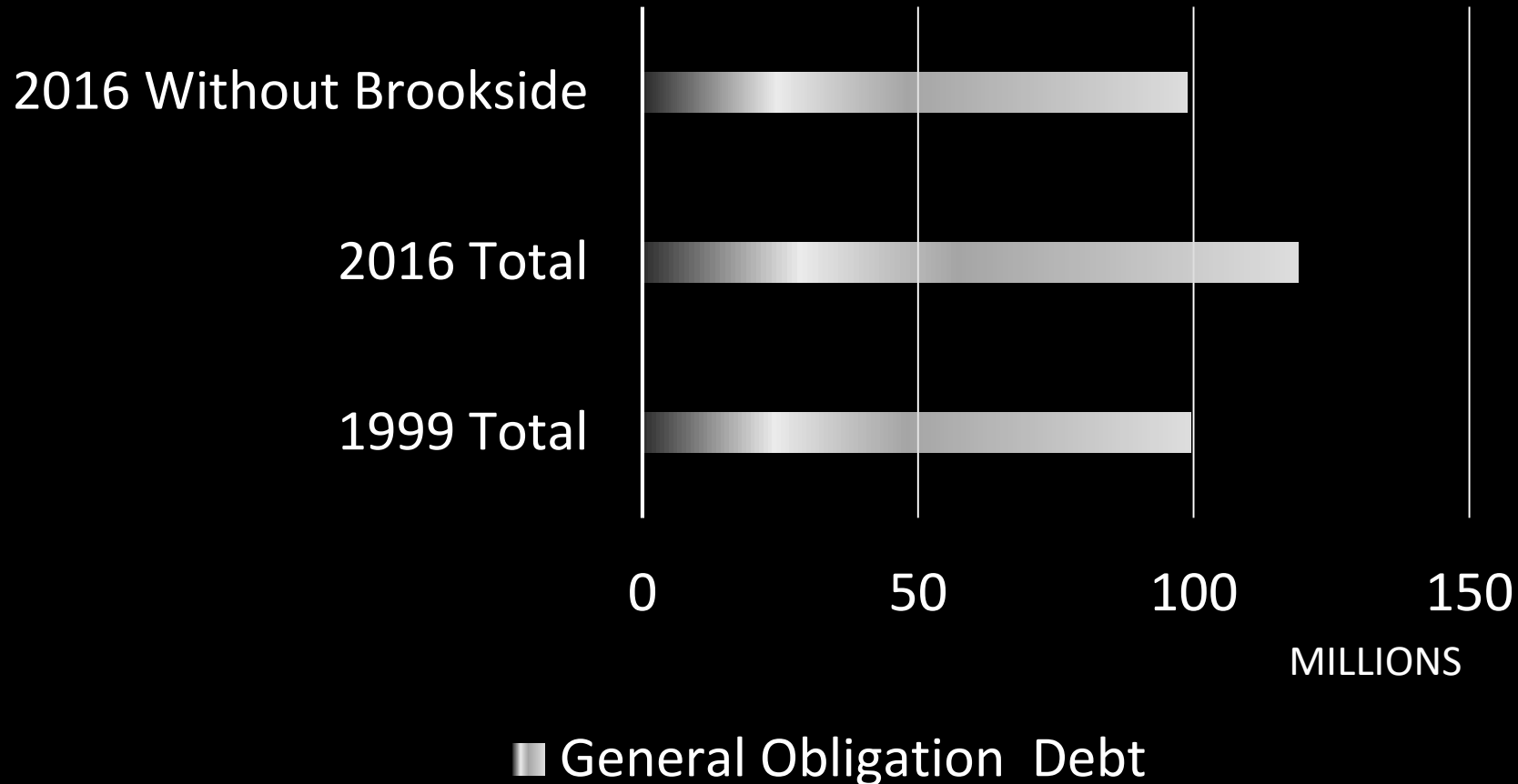


AAA Bond Rating is our goal



Kenosha County's General Obligation Debt

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT



Excluding the \$20 million Brookside debt, which is paid for through operating revenues, the GO Debt is basically the same as it was in 1999.



Kenosha County's OPEB has reduced significantly

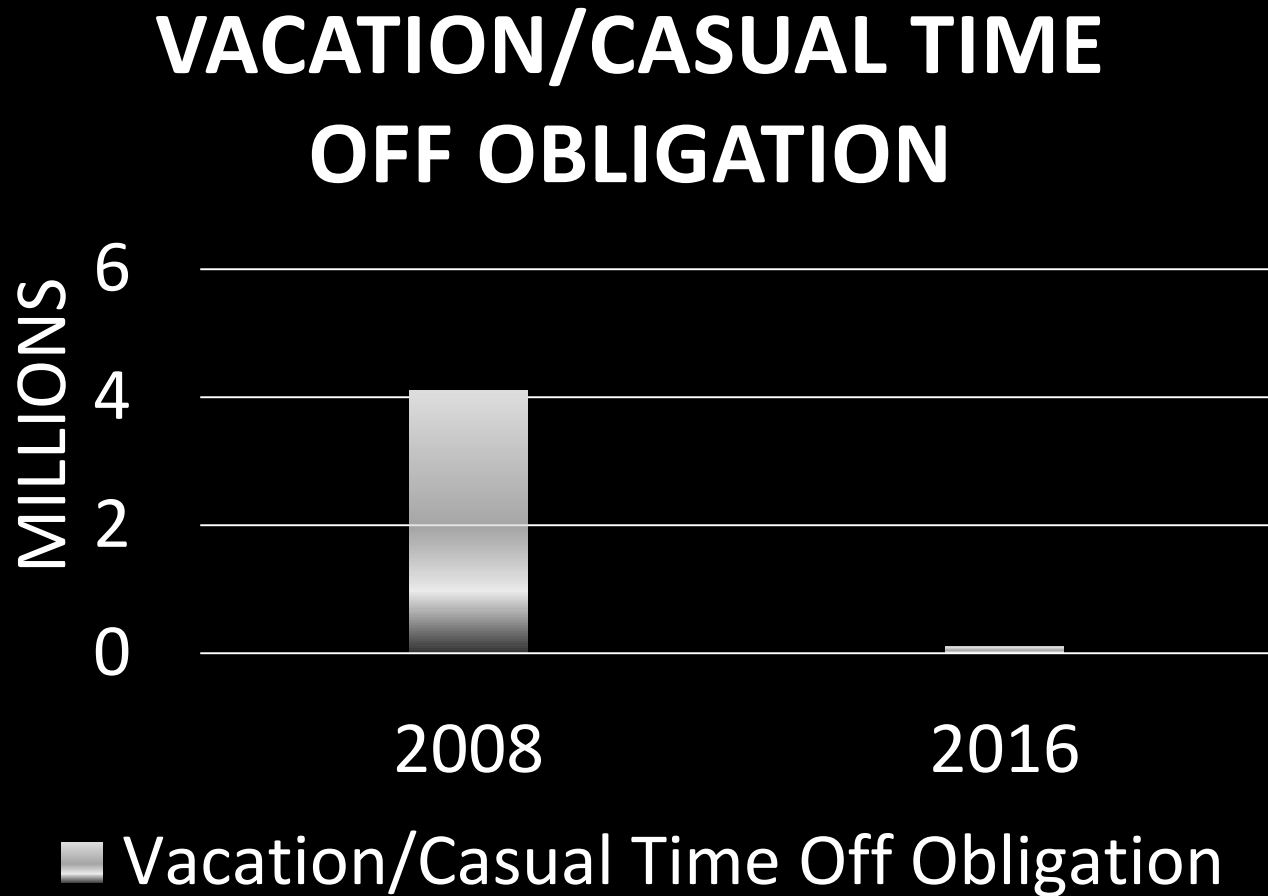
High of \$132.6 million dollars
in 2008

County's OPEB
(Other Post
Employment
Benefit)
obligation has
been reduced
significantly.

To \$72.4 million
dollars in 2016



Vacation/Casual Time off obligation has reduced significantly



Vacation/Casual time off obligation went from a high of \$4.1 million dollars in 2008 to about \$100,000 dollars in 2016.



Kenosha County is exceptionally strong because

Kenosha County is a leader in economic development

We are strategic in our investment in infrastructure

We are committed to cost-effective and efficient high-quality programs

We are willing to make quality-of-life improvements to attract and retain residents

We are deliberate in our goals to be even more fiscally strong, sound and secure

It's important to work together



Thank you and God Bless Kenosha County

