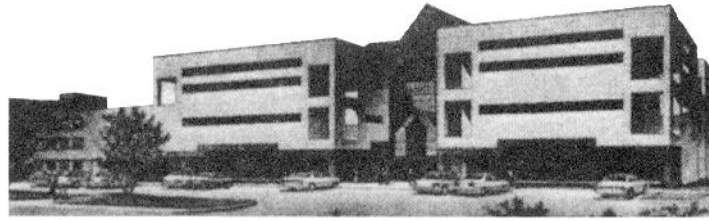




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PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM SHERIFF SEVERSON IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY BOARD:

For years Waukesha County has been dealing with an influx of people coming across the county line from Milwaukee and committing crimes here. On a given day, up to 50% of the individuals in our county jail and in our Huber program are non-county residents, most coming from Milwaukee County. The cost to pursue, convict, and confine those criminals falls on the backs of Waukesha County property taxpayers.

We have taken action in recent years and cut services in order to cover the rising cost of public safety. Some examples of these cuts in service are the closure of our Huber detention building, the elimination of 9 correctional officers, 7 deputy sheriffs, 4 detective/investigators and 6 administrative/clerical support positions. The Sheriff's Office also increased the size of our patrol districts to reduce personnel costs, which has resulted in longer response times for deputies and wait times for citizens.

These changes and reductions must stop if we want to keep our county safe. Without bold action, we can expect these types of cuts and reductions in service to continue.

The sales tax proposal is not the solution anyone wants, including me, but it's the only way we can stop the deep cuts in the Sheriff's Office, pay for a jail that meets our county's current and future needs, and protect county residents."

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric Severson'.

Eric Severson
Waukesha County Sheriff

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