MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
on September 7th, 2022
KCB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Zach Rodriguez, Brian Bashaw, Laura Belsky, Mark Nordigian, Erin Decker, John Franco, Jeff Wamboldt

Members Excused: None


Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Rodriguez

Citizen Comments:
6:30: Chairman Rodriguez asked for Citizen Comments.

Marieta Huff of 7939 34th Ave., Kenosha:
Marieta commented about recent killings and events where police were involved with citizens. Marieta has learned that some cities and teams have mental illness professional, or social workers, with them. Marieta mentioned that her son has mental illness and he’s threatening and in situations of domestic violence and those kinds of calls, it would be appropriate to have that type of expertise on the call. Marieta commented that some people in leadership in Kenosha are working on developing a pilot program, and she would urge the committee to look favorably upon that to put money in the budget to pay for a pilot program and see how it would work here in Kenosha. Marieta suggested to make it complimentary between the city and the county. Marieta felt it was a good idea because a special skill set is needed to deal with special cases. Marieta commented on an article she saw in the paper about the D.A.R.E. Program. She added that it had been around since her children were in school, which was in the 1980’s and 1990’s and had success. Marieta wanted to compliment the persons who saved the money got from the board of $1,600 and turned it into $100,000. Marieta added that she felt every group should keep good books of where the money goes, but that they are doing good work and should be complimented and not given an “evil eye”. Marieta thought that they know what they are giving their monies to implement services and programs better than other people do.

Gayle Clark of 7624 18th Avenue, Kenosha:
Gayle commented that 30 years ago she was an elementary school teacher at Grant Elementary School. At that time Sheriff Dave Beth was the D.A.R.E. Officer. Gayle got to see him at the beginning of his career and advance over the next two years to become an excellent teacher and formed great relationships with the kids. Gayle remembered more than a few incidents where kids got into trouble and part of their emotional reaction was that they had disappointed the D.A.R.E. Officer. Gayle wanted to encourage the committee to continue the program. Gayle added that as an Elementary School Councilor, when the program came into being, was relieved of the duty of doing the important work and left her free to deal with the social and emotional growth of the children. Marieta felt it was a very important program, the children need the information, and it would be a mistake to get rid of the program because it is no longer appropriate or politically savvy.

Supervisor Comments: 6:35 None

Chairman Comments: 6:35 None

Approval of the Minutes from July 6th, 2022: 6:35

Motion by: Decker  Seconded by: Nordigian  Approved: unanimously with amendments

Resolution from the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department:
A Resolution to Approve the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP)
Grant awarded to the Sheriff’s Department

Motion by: Decker  Seconded by: Belsky  Approved: unanimously

6:36: Captain of Detentions Horace Staples, of the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department, presented along
with Ed Hartnell, Kenosha Detentions Discharge Coordinator. Ed explained that the grant they received right
now is for medically assisted treatment for persons coming in with addiction and dependency. They provide a
drug called vivitrol which is administered once a month and blocks the urges from addiction. Vivitrol will start
being used inside the jail post release as a saturation period, so the person will have the medication in them
prior to being released from jail. There will be persons coming back into custody that will have vivitrol as a
continuation of care for their medication and they will be able to keep that level of care for those individuals.
The jail is looking to purchase some equipment so there can be Zoom conferences with therapists and their
recovery specialists. There will be mental health screenings done on these persons so resources can be found
for them through Social Services and get them all set up prior to their release.

Supervisor Decker asked if the grant also funds the nurse to administer vivitrol and the medication
itself. Ed replied that they will be purchasing the vivitrol, but they currently hold a contract with NaphCare
now who would be billing for injections and any further testing for liver enzymes and labs.

Supervisor Nordigian asked if there was currently anything like this being done or if this was all new. Ed
replied that it is new. Before they would get the treatment going and would happen after the person was
released from jail and would send them over to the Health Department. Now, they will start administering the
injections at the jail. Supervisor Nordigian asked if they had numbers of how successful it has been compared
to when the program started. Ed replied that with this program will start tracking individuals that they are
servicing. Supervisor Nordigian asked again if they were doing that now. Ed replied that they are, but it is not
grant related. When a person was released from jail their Badgercare Healthcare Insurance would take care of
the vivitrol medication. They did not have the insurance prior to the person leaving the jail, so they would not
have the insurance to cover the cost of the medication. Now they will have the funding and medication to help
individuals out. Supervisor Nordigian asked if it would be a dedicated amount of money for these very specific
items, that are being required to use. Ed replied that they are grant specific. Supervisor Nordigian asked if this
would be its own line item, expense, and general ledger. Angela Khabbaz replied that it would not have its
own line item because the expenses and revenue will already be in existing line items, but it would be tracked
separately. When they go to pull up the transactions, for example the Equipment line, it will say that it is a
gran expense. Part of the requirement for the grant is submitting reports four times a year, which includes
measurements. Supervisor Nordigian asked if they could get regular updates once the grant start, to which
Angela agreed.

Supervisor Belsky asked if the person would still come to the health nurse after release and if that
would be covered by Badgercare. Ed replied that once released, the program will start them on the Kenosha
Health Department, where the person would get their injections after that. There are other professional service
groups at West Grove Clinic in Kenosha. Their treatment starts there under therapy and medication.
Supervisor Belsky asked if there would be an increase with the contracts they have for nursing since they are
providing additional services. Ed said he thought they will be billed if they are given injections in the jail from
their healthcare provider, which the grant will cover.

Supervisor Thomas asked what the success rate is with the current program and what do they base the
success on. Ed replied that over the last two and half years they had approximately 200 people on this program
with maybe 30 of them coming back, so 170 people have not come back to jail again in that time frame.
Supervisor Thomas asked what they are going to base success on for the grant program and hoping to improve
on. Ed replied that before COVID they had facilitators coming in and doing the work for them, but once
COVID happened they had to take it on in their roles. Ed said his role could do it inside the building and
communicate with the professionals outside of the building. They are hoping to expand this and use some of
the equipment, so there is funding for new equipment. They are going to try and get a relationship with the
inmates, their therapist, doctors, Kenosha Development Services, Professional Services Group, and whomever
else going while the person still in jail through Zoom meetings. Supervisor Thomas asked out of the 200
people who went through the program over the last couple years, how many had refused to go. Ed estimated
around maybe 4 people. Supervisor Thomas clarified that just about everyone went through and Ed agreed.

Supervisor Thomas commented that in his committee meeting the previous night they said the county
is being awarded $10 million in an opioid settlement, of which they will get $8 million from two different
groups from Johnson and Johnson, and a handful of wholesalers, over 14 or 18 years depending. The county
just received the first check for $289k. Supervisor Thomas asked if there was any coordination between programs that might be offered from Human Services and if there is any way to coordinate efforts. Cpt. Staples replied that it was two piles of money and The Department of Justice is different than The Department of Health and Human Services. Supervisor Thomas replied he understood but asked if there were things they wanted to address but couldn’t and the money could be better used for that. Supervisor Thomas commented that they see it from a different perspective than Human Services and was curious if they met to talk about them getting the grant of about $300k. Ed replied that they had not spoken with them. Supervisor Thomas said they have about nine programs to ideally select from and thought that would hopefully have two programs that complimented each other. Not all the money from the settlement is going towards that, but if there is a way to prevent people from going to jail the first time and catch them early, that would be the ideal way. Cpt. Staples agreed it would be an ideal way. Ed added that at one time they talked briefly about having something prior to arrests and it would go through the DA’s Office. Supervisor Thomas said that the reason he was asking is because there are a lot of heads out there working on this issue but there is not always coordination on similar projects. Ed replied that there are always pilot programs that can be brought up to see if there is any and look at other counties to see what they are doing as well.

Supervisor Decker motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Discussion from the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department:
Discussion on D.A.R.E. goals and curriculum with Kenosha County D.A.R.E. Officer
6:48: Sheriff David Beth presented, along with Deputy Casey Rude, D.A.R.E. Officer. Sheriff Beth started with an introduction and history of the D.A.R.E. Program. In 1989 the first D.A.R.E. Officer was sent for training, which was Sheriff Beth, and was the first to graduate in 1990. The federal government came up with grants and paid for Officers to be D.A.R.E. Instructors. In 1982 it started in Los Angeles and in the 1990’s it started growing worldwide. Sheriff Beth couldn’t recall how many schools they had but every school west of Interstate-94 (“West of the I”) was part of it. They are currently picking up more, including Curtis Strange Elementary School, who have requested to be part of it. When Sheriff Beth started teaching the program, the City of Kenosha started teaching it too. There were six D.A.R.E. Officers teaching then between city and county. During that time, they were teaching 6th Grade in middle schools and high schools, except for Wilmot. When federal funding ran out the City of Kenosha dropped the program and Kenosha Unified School District asked the county to do it, but they did not have the personnel at the time. There are a couple of Officers now including Deputy Rude and two others to assist and teach in the D.A.R.E. Program. They are currently only doing the 5th Grade classes. In the past there were about 10k students, Deputy Rowe estimated about 25k students, and Deputy Rude will have thousands before the end of the year. It is one of the best received programs in the entire county. One of the teachers came today and it is the connections with the students, teachers, schools and families. St. Marks, a parochial school east of Interstate-94 (“East of the I”), will have hundreds of parents and grandparents show up for church service and their D.A.R.E. Graduation. The graduations West of the I are filling entire gyms or cafeterias, including Salem who has 300-400 people show up for their D.A.R.E. Graduation. Sheriff Beth said that everyone is calling for Law Enforcement working with schools, kids, and the community and the D.A.R.E. Program is a great connection. Sheriff Beth said that he had parents thanking him for keeping kids off drugs, but would insist that the parents, schools and communities do that. When Sheriff Beth was in the D.A.R.E. Program there were 18 different lessons covering a range of topics, since which have changed.

Deputy Rude provided an overview of his role as the D.A.R.E. Officer. Deputy Rude started D.A.R.E. three years ago at a class in Minnesota and has enjoyed teaching since. When teaching on Wednesday Deputy Rude leave on a half day and teach at Kenosha Unified School District schools, Frank Elementary School and Wilson Elementary School, and felt it was one of the most rewarding experiences. Deputy Rude said you sometimes don’t know what to expect from certain classes when you introduce yourself. The classes are ten weeks to graduation and lessons range from making safe and responsible decisions, discussing risk and consequences, response to peer pressure, the health affects of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. The curriculum has changed quite a bit and as a School Resource Officer (SRO), Deputy Rude had maybe 2 cigarettes in the last couple of years, and he said the number of kids vaping is startling. Deputy Rude added that kids are coming in as freshman vaping and its very frustrating for the parents and for the schools, but the curriculum is catching up to the vaping problem. The workbooks are being updated with vaping lessons as they currently include tobacco, classic cigars, and cigarettes. Seeing the vaping problems at Central High School helped.
Deputy Rude be able to discuss them in lessons and be able to go into depth. The D.A.R.E. Program is evolving and Deputy Rude keeps up with the D.A.R.E. America website, which provides updates and notifications of annual conferences. The curriculum has programs from Kindergarten all the way up to High School. D.A.R.E. America does surveys for a range of students, classes, and certified instructors. At the Sheriff’s Department there is one full-time position, and two part-time positions. Deputy Casey Rude will take over the full-time position, Deputy Alex Hyatt will take over the part-time position at Central High School, and Deputy David Kless will be part-time also. Deputy Hyatt and Deputy Kless are also road deputies in addition to part-time D.A.R.E. Deputy Rude added that they will need more with more schools being interested in the program. Deputy Rude has run into teachers at the Kenosha County Fair and ask if he’ll come teach at their schools. Deputy Rude said they need to do as much as they can to get in touch with kids and the community. The D.A.R.E. Graduations are great and interactive, and the kids love them and light up. During COVID in 2019 it was difficult to teach D.A.R.E. virtually with teachers being tired and the kids playing video games. Prior to COVID they had graduation events such as Action Territory Night, Tinsel Town Movie Night, Wilmot Mountain Tubing, or Pizza Socials. This year they added KONA Ice with a Cop, which took place midsummer at Salem Lakes Community Library, and 300 kids showed with their parents. Deputy Rude added that this was the kind of things they want to continue and grow.

Supervisor Decker asked if there is a curriculum about fentanyl. Deputy Rude responded that the curriculum is evolving and there is nothing in the actual workbooks about it. However, Deputy Rude does talk to the elementary schools about drug use and the dangers of drug use. At Central High School, he discusses different types of vaping including THC. Most students are not familiar with heroine, who have maybe heard about it but not had exposure to it, and usually fentanyl goes along with heroine. Deputy Rude said they are finding fentanyl more present the last few years and will ask students if they are familiar with cartridges. They also discuss different kinds of drugs, including prescription pills, and that fentanyl is another kind of chemical you don’t want in your body, what it is and what it can do to you. Deputy Rude said he keeps current educating the kids by asking if they know what it is and talking about it. Deputy Rude will open it up for questions, they discuss it, and at the end of the day it’s all bad for you so it’s best to stay away from it. The prevention is to get them not to try a drug that has fentanyl in it. Sheriff Beth added that the D.A.R.E. Program deals with life skills, including Cyber Bullying. How it affects others, kids, and families. The D.A.R.E. Program touches on a lot of different topics. There is a middle school and a high school program, and at that point you get into a little more detail about some of the different things.

Supervisor Bashaw commented that the he liked the D.A.R.E. Program, there is a lot more drug use happening in the communities which are on the rise and not on the decline. Supervisor Bashaw asked how they will objectively measure the different aspects of the program, what are the goals, and what are the strategies. Supervisor Bashaw added that he had asked those questions previously and would like to focus on them. Supervisor Bashaw said that heard a comment from the community and didn’t believe any one at the table, or himself, are looking at damage or detriment to the program which has brought tremendous opportunity. Supervisor Bashaw said his first drug program was in the 1970’s in northwest Indiana and he didn’t know what they were, how you used them, or where you bought them but that was the introduction back then, but now the programs are much better. Supervisor Bashaw said he asked last time for the business plan and they talked about increasing numbers of schools, activities, etc. The response last month was that there wasn’t a business plan and it was a responsive type strategy. Supervisor asked again for a business plan, what it looks like, and something tangible that the board can review and understand the program more. Sheriff Beth replied that they had an overview of everything. Deputy Rude added that the information provided is what it looks like on a national level, conducted by UNC Greensboro, and provided by D.A.R.E. America who periodically goes through and reviews D.A.R.E. and its effectiveness.

Supervisor Bashaw asked if D.A.R.E. was a non-profit or a budgeted line item and how was that managed within the county. Chairman Rodriguez asked that Supervisor Bashaw saw the question for the next discussion, this was solely on curriculum and not the financial side.

Supervisor Bashaw asked for an overview on marketing materials and what was used for promotion. Deputy Rude replied that he is still learning the position, but previously he would ask Deputy Rowe and would ask for graduation items such as t-shirts, diplomas, and graduation prizes. Graduation winners usually have some kind of a prize, for example a necklace, saying that they did a great job. There are banners and flags for the ceremonies. The workbooks are purchased through D.A.R.E. America by the hundreds, since each kid gets to keep it for reference. Deputy Rude said he is still learning what he needs to purchase, but the supplies for kids include pencils, stickers, and those type of items.
Supervisor Bashaw asked if the 50k students were cumulative or how many did the see annually. Sheriff Beth replied that most classes are 20-30 students and they multiply how many classes they have. Sheriff Beth asked if he meant through the D.A.R.E. Program, to which Supervisor Bashaw clarified how many go through annually. Deputy Rude said that he is doing the schedule for the trimester and there are about 13 different schools. Salem Grade School has five 5th Grade classes and some of the smaller schools might have only one or two classes but could come back with a total. Supervisor Bashaw replied that he was curious since it ties into a budget item.

Chairman Rodriguez asked about the part-time D.A.R.E. Officers and if they regular road deputies, conveyance, or wherever they might be assigned. Sheriff Beth replied that they are School Resource Officers. Deputy Rude added that Deputy Hyatt took his spot at Central High School. Deputy Hyatt and Deputy Kless just recently graduated from their D.A.R.E. training but have not taught D.A.R.E. classes yet. Chairman Rodriguez said he mentioned him mention a couple different grades, but it sounded like it was primarily focused on 5th Grade. Chairman Rodriguez asked what year they taught at Central High School. Sheriff Beth replied that they teach 5th Grade the D.A.R.E. Program and SRO’s are assigned to the high schools, but not teaching the D.A.R.E. Program. They can teach in classes when requested by a teacher. Chairman Rodriguez asked if D.A.R.E. had a program geared towards high school children. Fentanyl was mentioned earlier, and it is hard to teach that to 5th Graders, they understand drugs are bad, but do not understand at the same level as high schoolers or adults do. Deputy Rude replied that there is a D.A.R.E. program for high schools. Sheriff Beth replied that they would need 6 D.A.R.E. Officers like they had before, three from the city and three from the county. Chairman Rodriguez clarified if middle school meant 6th-8th Grades. Sheriff replied it meant 8th Grade. Chairman Rodriguez clarified that they are teaching 5th Grade and 8th Grade and asked what year in high school was being taught. Sheriff Beth replied Sophomore year.

Deputy Rude added that the lesson plan with the curriculum and workbook was primarily for the elementary school, or 5th Grade. There is a curriculum for middle school and for high school. Deputy Rude added that it was a benefit when he was a D.A.R.E. instructor at Central High School because he would bring workbooks in or some literature from D.A.R.E. Deputy Rude said elementary schools might have heard of fentanyl, but most high school kids know what fentanyl is. Fentanyl is scary because it has been found in THC cartridges, with oil or wax in them, that the kids can vape. Deputy Rude said recently deputies on the road in the drug unit found fentanyl in THC cartridges. Students throughout the county have said they tried them and no there’s fentanyl in there. Deputy Rude added that the students need to know about it. They may have heard about it, but they don’t know that a small amount can kill you and it needs to be brought up to the kids to really let them know what is going on. Sheriff Beth said there is a huge difference between children East of the I versus children West of the I. Sheriff Beth said he spoke with a teacher West of the I and there is a difference in what kids know there versus Lincoln Elementary or Washington Elementary, for example. Kids West of the I grow up more naive to this type of information than kids East of the I do. Sheriff Beth added that he was grateful his children grew up in Brighton where they didn’t have to face it until they were 14-16 years old. Sheriff Beth said to the committee that if they would like to see one of the D.A.R.E. classes, Deputy Rude would not have an issue.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if a health teacher can request that they come in for a period or a whole day teaching classes and asked what the curriculum was for high school students. Deputy Rude replied that as an SRO it was part of his role educating students in classes, for example Health or Senior Strategies. Deputy Rude said he would teach drunk driving in Senior Strategies. He would use one case as an example where a kid hit a telephone pole and Deputy Rude had to tell his mother in the middle of the night that her son had died. Deputy Rude said it was important information as far as drinking and driving, drug use, and the affects it has both physically and emotionally on a family. Deputy Rude said they would do first and second semester in different classes at Central High School, and he would provide a PowerPoint Slideshow. Chairman Rodriguez asked if they would ask the D.A.R.E. Officer, to which Deputy Rude replied they did not.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if they have the capacity to spend a half hour with the classes East of the I. Sheriff Beth replied that they do not have the manpower to do that. Cpt. Miller added that they need permission from Kenosha Unified School District. Curtis Strange Elementary just asked for D.A.R.E. and they had to get special permission from Kenosha Unified School District. Sheriff Beth said the schools they do the program at are Wilson Elementary School, Frank Elementary School, and now Curtis Strange Elementary School. Supervisor Thomas clarified that there were 6 Officers, 3 in the county and 3 in the city, and now there is one full-time Officer and two part-time officers in the county. Supervisor Thomas asked if there were any in the city, to which Deputy Rude replied none. Supervisor Thomas asked if they knew if any of the 10 officers,
just passed in the recent referendum, were going to resume the program. Sheriff Beth replied that it was not discussed with them. Supervisor Thomas asked why it went from 3 full-time Officers down to one full-time and two part-time Officers, and Sheriff Beth replied from funding. Supervisor Thomas asked what year that happened, and Sheriff Beth replied around 1997. Supervisor Thomas asked if in the last 5 or 10 years if it has been asked to be refunded. Sheriff Beth replied that President Clinton was in office when it was defunded.

Chairman Rodriguez Clarified that D.A.R.E. was originally funded by the federal government and not the local government. Sheriff Beth replied that it was but unsure if it was funded through the State or not or if there were matches required for the county. Sheriff Beth said he was not aware of it since it was not his job at that time but could only give an approximation of what would be required now, not including City of Kenosha high schools. Supervisor Wamboldt added that the SRO’s at the high schools in the City of Kenosha will go into health classes and teach on various topics.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if D.A.R.E. covered violence and what the curriculum was outside of drugs and violence. Deputy Rude replied that it covered bullying resistance strategies, with whole lessons on how to deal with that. Including how to deal with a bully, if you know someone being bullied, the difference between telling and tattling, how to go about telling someone, how to interfere, and topics that a 5th Grader can understand.

At 7:19pm Supervisor Decker motioned to Recess, seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Recess called unanimously without further discussion.

At 7:33 the Meeting was Called to Order by Chairman Rodriguez.

Discussion from the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department:
Review and Discussion on D.A.R.E. Accounts
7:33: Sheriff David Beth presented, along with Deputy Casey Rude, D.A.R.E. Officer. Chairman Rodriguez started by stating they were getting into the financial side of D.A.R.E. and the committee had some questions. Some of the questions were the same as the previous month’s meeting. Chairman Rodriguez stated that the had been reported extensively in the news, with some saying that the program is solely under the Sheriff’s Department and not subject to view from the County Board. Chairman Rodriguez read an opinion from Corporation Council regarding the D.A.R.E. program and the oversight the County Board has:

“The DARE program is considered a Law Enforcement activity intended to steer youth away from drug use, thereby lowering a multitude of destructive and criminal behaviors and activities. We do not believe that the day-to-day program and administration is under the purview of the County Board. Having said that, however, we do believe that as a county program it is subject to having its finances reviewed by the administration and the county board, in the same way that it could be selected as a program examined as part of our annual outside audit. The County Board can ask for information on how funds are received and expended and ensure all appropriate accounting practices and internal controls are being followed.”

Chairman Rodriguez clarified that he had not told any of the media or his constituents that the D.A.R.E. program was bad or needs to go away. Chairman Rodriguez felt that it was being thrown out in the community that the County Board, specifically the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee, wants to do away with D.A.R.E. Chairman Rodriguez stated that he did not think it was appropriate to say and did not see any inclinations of that. Further, Supervisor Decker had been singled out in news media for being one of the proponents for getting rid of D.A.R.E. Chairman Rodriguez stated that he found this suspect and was unsure who was promoting that line of though. Chairman Rodriguez stated that Supervisor Decker and her husband were proponents of D.A.R.E. donating prizes to the golf outing from your business, to which Supervisor Decker agreed. Chairman Rodriguez suggested Sheriff Beth start, based on the packet he had provided the committee.

Sheriff Beth addressed the Concerned Citizens Collation (CCC) that was brought up at the previous meeting. The first page of the packet provided the current board members, including Supervisor Wamboldt who was Chair prior to Sheriff Beth. The packet also contained the agendas from the meetings. The CCC meets quarterly, there is an annual meeting, and some of the minutes were included in the packet. Sheriff Beth said that the CCC had been called into question about its legitimacy and stated that the people on the
committee were leaders of the community including Rosalinda Guida Brown, Mike Gravely, and Pat Demis who is retired from Kenosha Unified School District. The current budget for the CCC was discussed on August 1, 2022. Sheriff Beth addressed if the CCC filed taxes that was brought up in the previous meeting. Sheriff Beth stated that Angela Khabbaz, Kenosha Sheriff’s Department Fiscal Services Manager, went online and found the last 10 years’ worth of taxes, and if they do under $25k a year all they are required to file is a postcard. All of the postcards are current and up to date. The packet contained copies of what the federal government had online. The packet also contained the CCC mission and history back to 1987 and provided highlight of each year. The packet said who the Master of Ceremonies and Honorary Chairs were over the years that host the Red Ribbon Ceremony. One of the big things that the CCC does is puts on the Red Ribbon Week, which is a weekend event and kids used to get ribbons but now they get pencils and rubber wristbands. During big events the Honorary Chair comes and says a few words. Sheriff Beth goes to them and it’s given to the Slogan Winner’s school. This year’s winner is ‘Stand with me and be drug free’ by Natalie from Jeffery Elementary. Sheriff Beth addressed the booklet, which is one of the printing things that they do, and it lists on the back of it Red Ribbon Week and what the activities are. The CCC also puts out a booklet called ‘Our Children, Parties, and the Law’, which gets updated every couple of years and gets handed out.

Chairman Rodriguez asked where the ‘Our Children, Parties, and the Law’ booklet gets handed out. Sheriff Beth replied that it goes to the schools. Chairman Rodriguez asked if it is available for the parents. Supervisor Wamboldt said it goes to a lot more than that, and he hands them out at almost every presentation he gives. Supervisor Decker clarified if that was at the police department, to which Supervisor Wamboldt agreed. Chairman Rodriguez asked if other community organizations may have it, and Supervisor Wamboldt said they did.

Sheriff Beth said one of the other things the CCC does is update what they call ‘The Yellow Book’, but the actual title is ‘Everything Under the Sun’, every 3-4 years. The Yellow Book has information on what there is to do in Kenosha. The book contains different calendars and activities throughout Kenosha, lists different people and businesses, and includes examples like Six Flags, Wilmot Mountain for tubing, boating, and the Velodrome. They advertise in the book and if a business has something going on they can put it in the book. The book lists activities and things to do like going to a Brewer’s game, Cubs game, going to plays and where the theaters are, and phone numbers and contacts.

Supervisor Rodriguez said that he and others were unable to locate the tax filings on the website. He understood that they couldn’t control the IRS tax filing website, but multiple attempts were made to find the information and the link provided by Sheriff Beth did not work either. Chairman Rodriguez thanked Sheriff Beth for providing the information during the meeting.

Supervisor Bashaw thanked Sheriff Beth for the overview on the CCC. He asked if D.A.R.E. was formatted as a non-profit program, how it was defined, and if it is part of the County Budget directly. Sheriff Beth replied that it is not part of the County Budget except for the deputy that is assigned to it. Chairman Bashaw clarified that all funds for D.A.R.E. were abstract from county resources except the D.A.R.E. Officers. Sheriff Beth replied that when he was in it the line item for funding the D.A.R.E. Program and Deputy Friendly almost didn’t exist. The owner of the Twin Lakes Country Club approached Sheriff Beth about two years in, who had a kid in the D.A.R.E. Program, and suggested a golf outing to raise funds for the program, back in 1992. Sheriff Beth agreed and they had the first D.A.R.E. Golf Outing to help subsidize the Sheriff’s Department. That year they found that they had a lot of officers and the city put money into their line item to buy sweatpants for the instructors, and the county had nothing, so they started the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing. That was about the time the City of Kenosha got out of the program and they were able to subsidize the D.A.R.E. Program through the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing, which has continued to grow. A few years back the program didn’t have much money before COVID, but the D.A.R.E. Program has continued to grow. The D.A.R.E. Program has grown to be the largest golf outing in Kenosha County. They fill two golf courses and afterwards they come back to the Twin Lakes Country Club for dinner and raffles prizes. Supervisor Bashaw asked if it was a self-funded program, to which Sheriff Beth said it was. Supervisor Bashaw asked if all materials, activities, training and education of Officer are self-funded through D.A.R.E. also, to which Sheriff Beth said it was. Supervisor Bashaw asked if there were any other funding sources outside of the golf outing. Sheriff Beth replied that sometimes people donate if their kids are in the D.A.R.E. Program.

Supervisor Bashaw asked who is authorized to allocate the funds for D.A.R.E. spending. Sheriff Beth replied that it comes from a request from the D.A.R.E. Officer, or one of the Supervisors if they have an idea, or directly from Sheriff Beth. It will then go through the group to decide how it will be spent. Supervisor Bashaw asked if the entire group was the one D.A.R.E. Officer and Sheriff Beth. Sheriff Beth replied it was
Deputy Friendly, part-time officers, a Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Chief Deputy, and himself. Supervisor Bashaw asked if there is an approval matrix that includes the broader group, to which Sheriff Beth said it usually does. Cpt. Miller added that Deputy Friendly cannot authorize purchases without going through the Chain of Command.

Supervisor Bashaw asked about the marketing materials or “gifts” that went to teachers and officers, how it operates within the D.A.R.E. Program, and what the strategic benefit or purpose was. Sheriff Beth replied that the teachers give up their time and the end of the D.A.R.E. Graduation the teacher and administrator will get something like a mug, umbrella, t-shirt, or sweatshirt. Supervisor Bashaw asked if this was seen as a recognition or reward. Sheriff Beth stated they want people to keep the D.A.R.E. Program going because they believe in it.

Supervisor Bashaw said that when funds come in to D.A.R.E. it is County money as part of the Sheriff’s budget and a line item in their books. Then the money is being resourced out to other organizations as gifts or grants. Supervisor Bashaw asked if there was a person or reason to using D.A.R.E. funds, to fund other organizations. Sheriff Beth replied that they use the funds to support the children of the community. If they can raise money to help with Red Ribbon Week, which specifically deals with not taking drugs, then that is what they do, which is one of the things the CCC is part of. Sheriff Bashaw said that when he taught at the school in the Frank Neighborhood Project, he found out how desperate some of the kids were. Every spring Sheriff Beth would invite the Frank Neighborhood kids up to his farm and they would bus 150 children to feed horses, give a hayride, go on a moon walk, play basketball, and feed them. They did this to show inner-city children what it was like living in the county, and one of the girls would not get off the bus because she had never stepped on grass before. At the end Sheriff Beth and his wife would say goodbye to the parents and kids, which was usually a lot, and they continued that tradition until COVID. Sheriff Beth stated that those were the kinds of things that they supported. Supervisor Bashaw asked if one of the objectives was to humanize police in the eyes of the students that they are impacting. Sheriff Beth replied that it was part of it and that’s why they are in the schools and inner-city schools. Sheriff Beth said that when first meeting the kids at inner-city schools they want nothing to do with police officers because their families taught them not to work with police officers. When teaching East of the I, Sheriff Beth would allow for questions as an icebreaker at the first class and a child would ask Sheriff Beth “Do you know my Dad, he’s in jail.” Whereas West of the I they would ask questions like “Where did you grow up?” or “Where do you live?” Sheriff Beth said making police officers one of the groups is part of that. Sheriff Beth gave an example of a student at Trevor Grade School who said he hated cops the very first time they met, but by the third time was assisting him in class and carry things out to the car. As a D.A.R.E. instructor the impressions you make on the kids goes a long way for a long time.

Supervisor Bashaw summarized that D.A.R.E. doesn’t have enough officers, the federal government took money away, the City of Kenosha is out of it, they went from 6 full-time and 3 part-time officers down to 1 full-time and 2 part-time officers, it is a self-funded organization, and the Golf Outing is the primary that they are funding from. Supervisor Bashaw asked what the ratio was for return on investment. At the previous meeting he had asked for a Profit and Loss statement for the Golf Outing and asked how much they expected take in for expenditures to host the Golf Outing. Sheriff Beth replied that they did not have an expended amount, they bring in whatever they can and lately have been doing better than what the expenses are.

Supervisor Bashaw said that he looked up what would be customarily in a number and there are variations. Some are 10% cost to return, others are 30% cost to return, and consultants say you should be less than 1/3 cost to the return, but the golf outing is about 50% costs to income. The Golf Outing is very expensive how it assembled or put on, and Supervisor Bashaw felt the return on investment was a little off. Supervisor Bashaw stated that the reason he asked about training programs, expenditures related to D.A.R.E. initiatives specific to students, and specific activities, is that they range from 12%-20% annually at the highest in 2019. All the funds that come into the D.A.R.E. program with direct expenditures to students, Supervisor Bashaw had accounting make their best guess and assumptions, was 12-23% of the resources that D.A.R.E. takes in, went towards student-based resources or activities. Whereas, 47% went to the Golf Outing out of the funds that came in. Supervisor Bashaw stated that it felt like there is an imbalance and asked if there is a way to do the golf outing in a manner that it is a charitable event. Supervisor Bashaw said that most raffle items he has done for golf outings were donated items, which he did not have buy, fund, or put money into. Supervisor Bashaw asked if D.A.R.E. is a great program, why aren’t more resource going towards the program and less towards the Golf Outing and other gifts.

Supervisor Decker stated that on August 3rd, 2022 she had asked for the donor attendees as well as the records file in an excel format and had not received it yet. Sheriff Beth replied that they did not have an excel
file, just a print flyer which is in the packet he provided. Supervisor Decker asked if they kept it on an excel file and Sheriff Beth replied that she had it in front of her. Cpt. Miller added that they have paper in stacks at the office, which Supervisor could come over and get.

Supervisor Decker stated that on August 5th, 2022 she asked about a $4,687.40 expenditure in November of 2021 called ‘Can Coolers’ and asked what those were. Sheriff Beth said he left her voicemail for this item, but they were coolers bought for employees at the Sheriff’s Department. This was just having gone through the riots and COVID where a lot of their employees didn’t get the opportunity to eat. They couldn’t go to restaurants or other places and deputies on the road if there is a call they are expected to stay didn’t get a chance to take a break. The Correctional Officers, especially during COVID, were not always allowed to eat in the breakroom, so they would sit for 12-hour shifts and the coolers gave them something to keep their food hot or cold. Supervisor Decker replied that to her this was not a D.A.R.E. expense to go towards Deputy Friendly or D.A.R.E. and that was an issue with her. The Golf Outing state that it is for D.A.R.E. and Deputy Friendly programs and the money in the D.A.R.E. account is being used for non- D.A.R.E. and Deputy Friendly things.

Supervisor Decker talked about the Frank Neighborhood Project and asked in 2008 the D.A.R.E. account donated $13,880 and what it was used for. Sheriff Beth replied that it was a transport van so Pastor Harris could take kids back and forth to different functions, such as the programs at the YMCA. It was purchased from the county and previously used for Brookside. Supervisor Decker said that she saw it on several different line items, so she found it odd that it was just for one bus. Sheriff Beth replied that he did not know the dollar amount and was going by what Supervisor Decker said.

Supervisor Decker said there were several expenses over several years, and one was made out to the “Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department” for “D.A.R.E. Golf Outing Prizes”. Then there is one expense to “Johnson Bank” for “D.A.R.E. Golf Outing Prizes”. Supervisor Decker asked if they know how the money is given to whomever to purchase prizes. Angela asked if those expenses are prior to 2008, to which Supervisor Decker said they were. Angela said they were a long time ago and Supervisor Decker asked if she could look them up. Angela replied that she would try but the records don’t go that far back. Sheriff Beth asked if Cpt. Miller was able to go back that far. Cpt. Miller replied that he didn’t think there was any one in the room that evening that could answer that far back. There was a previous accounting software, and no one can answer on how that was tracked. Supervisor Decker said her question is because it basically says the expense was to Kenosha Sheriff’s Department and to Johnson Bank. If there was check that someone cashed at a bank that was written out to the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department, it is an issue because the bank should not be cashing checks. Sheriff Beth asked Angela how they purchase a group of prizes. Angela replied with the Purchase Card (P-Card). In the event they needed to purchase a prize prior to getting the P-Card, they purchase it with their own card and submit a TR-1 form for reimbursement. Supervisor Decker clarified that is how it is done today and not previously. Sheriff Beth replied they did not have P-Cards that many years ago. Supervisor Decker asked who the check was written out to and was it a check that someone cashed at a bank. Sheriff Beth replied that Nancy Otis isn’t with the department anymore and would have been in charge of that. She was a stickler to make sure everything matched perfectly. Sheriff Beth added that he knew she would not come in to answer the question. Supervisor Decker asked if Deputy Rowe would know since he was the D.A.R.E. Officer then during 2008 and 2013. Sheriff Beth replied he would have never seen this. Supervisor Decker asked if Angela could possibly find out, to which Angela replied that she would try. Angela asked Patty Merrill, Finance Director, if Johnson Bank had pictures of checks back that far. Patty replied that they only had access up to three years back.

Supervisor Decker asked about a donation for a Healthy Snack Program to the Sharing Center for $5k in the year 2010. Sheriff Beth replied that it was the Sharing Center looking for sponsors to get snacks for every kid in the schools. The Sharing Center talked D.A.R.E. into buying food for the kids in schools such as snack bars. The Sharing Center bought pallets of them to make sure each day at the school’s kids would get something to eat. Supervisor Decker asked if organizations come to D.A.R.E. and ask for donations. Sheriff Beth replied that they sometimes do, and this goes back to kids in schools, so it was something they did. Supervisor Decker asked that anything having to do with children people feel the D.A.R.E. Program will fund. Sheriff Beth replied that they can ask but they do not agree to everything. Sheriff Beth asked if Supervisor Decker had something specific in mind. Supervisor Decker replied that she did not and didn’t realize that D.A.R.E. was a grant program for other organizations. Supervisor Decker referred to the Frank Neighborhood Project and the $13k used to purchase a bus, and D.A.R.E. had to spend thousands fixing the bus after it was purchased. Sheriff Beth replied said to keep the Frank Neighborhood Project going, they did. Supervisor Decker asked what changed to make it stop, to which Sheriff Beth replied that Pastor Harris had moved.
Supervisor Decker asked if it was specifically because of Pastor Harris. Sheriff Beth replied that he was the driving force. Supervisor Decker said she googled the Frank Neighborhood Project and it was under the Boys and Girls Club. Supervisor Decker asked if it was defunded or still going. Sheriff Beth replied that he is no longer a part of it and didn’t know if it was at the Boys and Girls Club. Sheriff Beth said the driving forces were Heather Connolly, Pastor Harris, and himself. After Pastor Harris and Heather Connolly moved it died out after that.

Supervisor Decker asked about a journal entry labeled ‘Journal Entry’ in 2013 for a UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle) for $4,300 and said, “Outfit cost for UTV”. Sheriff Beth replied that they had golf carts outfitted with D.A.R.E. and Sheriff’s Department. One was maroon and the other was black. They were used at different functions and the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing and at different schools for the SRO’s. Cpt. Miller added that he was a deputy at the time and recalled they were used at different school functions and safety fairs.

Supervisor Decker asked what the purpose was. Cpt. Miller and Sheriff Beth replied for community and public relations. Cpt. Miller said that for the kids in 2013 it was cool, and it was more of a public relation. Supervisor Decker asked how it helped the D.A.R.E. Program. Cpt. Miller replied that it attracts attention to it but didn’t really know as he was a deputy at the time almost 9 years ago.

Supervisor Decker asked about an expense in 2014 for over $13k made out to “Computer Cop DVDs” which she looked up and asked Sheriff Beth to explain. Sheriff Beth replied that they gave out DVDs to families about internet safety. They bought into the program and handed the DVDs out at schools and fairs. Supervisor Decker asked if they were still being handed out. Sheriff Beth replied that they are not because the technology is old. Supervisor Decker commented that she looked online and it was basically spyware and we shouldn’t be handing them out. Sheriff Beth replied that they had not been handed out in years. Cpt. Miller added that they were not at the time and the schools handed them out. They gave them to D.A.R.E. asking they hand them out to every D.A.R.E. student. Cpt. Miller couldn’t recall complaints and they take up room in the D.A.R.E. closet now, but back then they were handed out all the time like stickers.

Supervisor Decker asked what the deposits were for “Court Order Restitution”. Sheriff Beth replied that when he started doing the D.A.R.E. Program they talked to the judges into clients paying into the program if they got charged with a drug crime, such as $75 or $25 depending. Supervisor Decker asked if they are still paying it and if it was $75 total. Sheriff Beth replied that it depended on what the judge made them do and they haven’t had payments in years. Angela added that those persons still paying restitution are very old cases. Restitution checks are sometimes for 25 cents and could take a long time to meet the restitution.

Chairman Rodriguez asked if when organizations reach out for funding from D.A.R.E. and they can so, had there ever been an instance when they said no. Sheriff Beth replied he could not recall.

Chairman Rodriguez stated that when explaining the approval process, it was different than what the committee was told at the previous meeting. They were told it start with the D.A.R.E. Officer, either full-time or part-time, and then the request goes immediately to Cpt. Miller or Sheriff Beth. Cpt. Miller replied that it follows the chain of command and depends on the amount of the purchase. The officer may go directly Angela for authorization to purchase workbooks on their P-Card. Anything has to go on a Purchase Requisition and it gets submitted to their supervisor, Lt. Wright, who then submits it to his Lieutenant, then it is submitted to Cpt. Miller, and if needed Cpt. Miller will speak with Chief Deputy about it. If its standard like the public relation items such as t-shirts, wristbands, or dog tags, they are purchased through D.A.R.E. of America and comes through the standard process. There are many levels and the ultimate approval comes from Cpt. Miller speaking with Sheriff Beth and Chief Deputy putting their signature on it. It doesn’t need to follow through Cpt. Miller it can go straight to Sheriff for approval.

Chairman Rodriguez asked what the D.A.R.E. fund is now after collecting the money at the Golf Outing this year. Angela replied that they are missing the invoice from Nippersink Golf Course for this year, but right now the D.A.R.E. balance is at $142,883.65. Chairman Rodriguez asked what the invoice from Nippersink looked like in the past. Supervisor Decker replied that in 2020 it was $6,170. Chairman Rodriguez asked how much money was raised in the golf outing for this year. Angela replied roughly $67k and the expenses for the golf outing were roughly $30k without the Nippersink invoice.

Chairman Rodriguez stated that going back to Supervisor Decker’s question about who made out the checks, he would like additional answers on that. Sheriff Beth requested clarification on what he was asking. Chairman Rodriguez said there is a $3k check made out to the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department and $4,500 check to Johnson Bank that happened several times. Sheriff Beth asked if they could narrow it down so he could get a hold of someone. Chairman Rodriguez said that on June 11, 2008 there was a check for $3k written out to the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department. On June 26, 2014 there was a $4,000 check written
out to Johnson Bank for ‘Golf Outing Prizes’. Cpt. Miller asked if it was a reimbursement for another line item. Angela replied that it probably was likely and asked if there are check numbers for them. Sheriff Beth stated he would try to get a hold of Nancy Otis because Deputy Rowe doesn’t do this. Supervisor Belsky clarified that it was for Golf Outing prizes. Supervisor Decker replied that it was, and the Johnson Bank Check number was 13020105 and the other one was PV8022384. Supervisor Thomas said that in 2012 there was a check for Johnson Bank with the caveat that says, “Purchase gift cards to buy golf outing prizes”. Supervisor Decker said that it was done numerous years with the line item saying the vendor was the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department and the listed vendor was Johnson Bank. Supervisor Decker added that it was obvious it was for prizes but was questioning who it was actually paid to since the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department cannot write a check and cash it out themselves. Patty said that if it was a reimbursement line item, then Angela could check into it and those are things happening in 2008 and 2013. Patty asked the committee if in the seven-year history if they had seen the practice repeated or ended since P-Cards. Supervisor Decker replied that the practice was ended. Supervisor Decker stated that she worked at a bank and you cannot cash a check from a business unless its priority urgent. You cannot cash a check made out to a bank unless your name is actually on the check. There are a lot of checks coming and out of the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department and if the banks are allowing people to cash checks then there could be something worse happening. Angela said that the reconciliation paperwork they had were internal working papers and not something printed from their software. It is done by hand to see that what they have in a written record matches the automated system. Supervisor Decker said it is maybe shorthand, but if its not there is an issue in general and not just with D.A.R.E. Chairman Rodriguez said that the reason he had suggested Deputy Rowe was that he had been the long-time person going out and buying prizes and if not him then who else. Sheriff Beth replied he didn’t know, but if they are asking questions about this it would be Nancy Otis.

Supervisor Bashaw stated that he did not believe any of the questions were designed to attack D.A.R.E. which is doing good work. Supervisor Bashaw said that based on the commentary the D.A.R.E. Program is managed and administrated in a more ad-hoc manner than a $150k budget would assume. The management side caught his attention with a ratio of 1:1 on cost on return for the Golf Outing investment, and the amount of applied resources toward the program itself versus fund raising or giveaways is out of proportion. Supervisor Bashaw said he looks for a strategic plan, a budget, goals and objectives, measures, and outcomes. It is important to have structural elements in place and clarity. Supervisor Bashaw stated that the D.A.R.E. funds being used for lunch boxes seemed odd rather than the Sheriff’s Department resources. Supervisor Bashaw said that he understood when combining they are all part of the same funds, but when giving monies to D.A.R.E. as citizens then you expect that money to be D.A.R.E. actionable resources. Chairman Bashaw said that the job of the committee is oversight and seeking to understand it. Supervisor had a spreadsheet that took everything they had and put it together to break it down a little bit further and stated again that it seemed like the program was managed in an ad-hoc manner.

Supervisor Thomas said that he was looking at the mission statement for D.A.R.E. He didn’t think anybody want to micromanage based on the questions being asked. Supervisor Thomas said the expenses do not reflect the mission statement. Supervisor Thomas said that D.A.R.E. is a separate organization from the Sheriff’s Department but the people within the Sheriff’s Department make the decisions on how the money is spent. Supervisor Thomas suggested two Principals or Vice-Principals on a D.A.R.E. board to direct where the money is spent, coming up in November or December the priorities for the coming years and try to complete the top 12 priorities first. That way when an outside organization, like the Sharing Center for example, asks for $5k they can look at the priorities and say if it reflects the mission statement for D.A.R.E. That way there is no question on D.A.R.E. spending money on coolers or something else, they can instead say what they budgeted for the year, based on generating a net of $60k a year, and how they are going to spend that $60k. If more is raised then some of it can be carried forward or toward grants for organizations reflecting the D.A.R.E. mission statement. Supervisor Thomas said to consider a level of accountability since the persons overseeing and making decisions on the monies are on the county’s payroll.

Supervisor Thomas said this is where their supervision comes in to see how much time is spent outside of the full-time and part-time officers making decisions that oversee D.A.R.E. Supervisor Thomas gave the example of the Golf Outing and seeing if they have paid deputies working overtime or if there are other officers involved in the fund raiser while on duty. Those come into collectively come into 100-hours that they are paying for which can amount to significant money around $10k or $12k, if they are getting around $100 in overtime, and if that is the case Supervisor Thomas would want it recorded what the cost of D.A.R.E. is to the county. Supervisor Thomas said then they would know in addition to the $70k spent the county would also
contribute $100k in overtime to the program as well. If it is tracked then they have a rough idea or if they are off base and the officers volunteer their time. Cpt. Miller replied that if there is any overtime it is in the single digits and not the teens. The only officers on duty are the D.A.R.E. Officers and everyone else is volunteer.

Patty addressed the expenses for the golf outing brought up by Supervisor Bashaw and the fundraising coming up with $60k brought up by Supervisor Thomas. Patty wanted to clarify that the sole source of income for D.A.R.E. is through donations and the Golf Outing. If not for the expenses of the Golf Outing, there would not be one and no revenue for the D.A.R.E. Program. The comparison was made to the gross Golf Outing revenues, but Patty felt it should have been made to the net Golf Outing revenues which are $25k-35k a year. The budget isn’t $60k, it is $30k and the expenses come close to 50% of that depending on the year. Patty said that during the COVID years there were really no expenses, some years are lower than others, and some go towards training and conferences. Patty agreed that there were some unusual things, but the expenditures to the Golf Outing itself are part of the fundraising efforts to get what they need. Supervisor Bashaw responded that no one was disputing that, and the committee understood there is a tradeoff. When Supervisor Bashaw looked at several different fundraising organizations and what they say the ratio should be, the ratio is very high at 1:1 for a non-profit which should be somewhere around 30%. They are expending a lot of capital to bring in an amount of capital and there is a better managing plan for budgeting that can be done more effectively.

Supervisor Bashaw commented that no one is looking to defund, dismantle, or get rid of the D.A.R.E. Program. They are trying to understand the ‘What’ and the ‘How’ from a more professional business perspective. Supervisor Bashaw asked about the extra officers that were allocated in the 1980’s and if they have since asked to budget an officer and add two full-time officers to D.A.R.E., and what a full-time person would cost. Angela replied that it depended if it was a new deputy, which starts around $86k, or a seasoned deputy with a few years on them could be over $100k. Sheriff Beth added that a round number would be $100k. Supervisor Bashaw asked if that included vehicles and other attributes. Angela replied that included all the benefits that would have to be paid. Supervisor Bashaw commented that it was not an extreme amount given the drug problems in the communities right now and if the benefit is there.

Supervisor Decker asked what the role of the Board of Directors are for D.A.R.E. Sheriff Beth replied that there was a Board of Directors when the program first started in 1989 that lasted about three years. Under Sheriff Zarletti it was eliminated and never continued. Supervisor Decker said that it was listed in the program as “2018 D.A.R.E. Board of Directors: Pat Demos, Gil Rizik, Michael Gravely, Bruce Hasse, and Dave Burman. Sheriff Beth replied that it was not updated. Supervisor Decker said that in 2019 it had Pat Demos, Bruce Hasse, Dave Burman, Robert Pieroni, and Gil Rizik as Honorary. Deputy Rude replied that at the D.A.R.E. Golf Outing they come up and they do a recognition. Deputy Rude added that he had not organized or attended a D.A.R.E. Board Meeting yet, but believe it is annual or twice a year. They discuss what they are doing and where the program is going in the future. Deputy Rude stated that the D.A.R.E. Board was still intact as far as he knew, and the next meetings are in the future.

Supervisor Rodriguez requested that Sheriff Beth to reach out to Nancy Otis to see if she is willing to answer the questions and either come back next month with the information or send an email.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law:
8:32: Chairman Rodriguez discussed the October Budget Meeting. The budget address is going to be on October 4th County Board Meeting, and Finance starts their review on the week of October 24th. After some discussion the committee decided to meet on Thursday, October 20th at 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:34: on motion by Supervisor Decker; seconded by Supervisor Nordigian.

A recording of the meeting is available online at kenoshacounty.org

Respectfully Submitted,

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