

**County of Buffalo  
Alma, Wisconsin  
Notice of Public Meeting**

**Committee:** Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission  
**Date:** Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00pm  
**Location:** County Courthouse, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
**Appear Virtually:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Citizen concerns on posted agenda items
4. Citizen concerns on non-posted agenda items
5. Sheriff Osmond – Sheriff’s Office Update
6. Lucas Teska - Emergency Management Update
7. Bob Platteter – Highway Department Update
8. Dan Kontos – Law Enforcement Liasison – WisDOT Updates and Highway Safety Plan Solicitation
9. Rick Tumaniec P.E. – WisDOT Systems Planning and Operations Update
10. Jerilyn Baures – Population Representative Update
11. Josh Reed – Education Representative Update
12. Sgt. Jason Bakken- State Patrol Update
13. Beth Sass- Medical Representative Update
14. Next Meeting
15. Adjournment

**DATE NOTICE WAS POSTED:** **July 14th, 2023**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** If unable to attend, please contact Kassie at the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Department (608) 685-6273.

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:** If you require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting please contact the county administrators office at (608)685-6234.

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUFFALO COUNTY COURTHOUSE:** The SOUTH Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

**MEETING CALLED BY:** Jerilyn Baures, Chairperson

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Kasondra Serum , Coordinator

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed-excused	School Districts
Mike Osmond	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Beth Sass	Medical
Bob Platteter	Highway Department
Lucas Teska	Emergency Management
Jason Bakken	WI State Patrol
Kasondra Serum	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Aarik Lackershire-excused	Alma Police Department

**Others:** In person Kelly Johnston, Karl Kent

**#1. Call to Order/Roll call:**

Sheriff Osmond called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Jerilyn Baures made a correction to the agenda on number 2 it should say January 2023 and not October 2022.

**#2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Beth Sass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rick Tumaniec. Carried.

**#3. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda items:** None

**#4. Citizen concerns on non-posted Agenda items:** None

**#5. Sheriff Osmond – Sheriff's Office update:**

Sheriff Osmond advised that there was a fatal crash on Cty Rd. M last week. It was a head-on, someone was left of center, and it is still under investigation. They are not suspecting any alcohol or drug use at this time. State patrol came and did reconstruction on the crash. Highways have been shut down a few different times due to some fires. One of the times was on Highway 35 for approximately a half hour to an hour long. The flood run went well, although there was a high-speed chase (10-80) to Plum City.

#### **#6. Sheriff's Office -Intersection County Rd H and County Rd HH project:**

Sheriff Osmond advised that he still has gotten multiple complaints about getting reflectors on the back side of the post, and Bob Platteter from Highway advised that they will be getting it taken care of.

#### **#7. Emergency Management Report:**

Lucas Teska advised that he went to a Fire Chiefs meeting last night in Durand. He is also looking into doing Traffic Incident Training. Sheriff Osmond advised that it would be a good idea to do it at the highway shop in their conference room, and Bob Platteter thought that would be a good idea. Rick Tumaniec advised getting in touch with them to set something up.

#### **#8. Highway Department Update:**

Bob Platteter stated that there is flooding in Fountain City on Hwy 35. They have Hesco barriers, but it will start seeping and when that happens, they will have to pump 24/7 when it gets midway. When it goes past midway, they will shut the highway down and do a reroute. Jeri Baures wanted to know if it would affect the bridge work and Bob stated if it gets above 19 feet it will but otherwise it will be fine.

#### **#9. Dan Kontos-DOT update:**

Dan went over his PowerPoint for the first quarter. He started off with a total of 27,853 total crashes statewide of which 6,930 resulted in injury and 95 were fatal. 38.5% of crashes were caused by speed, 7.7% were due to distracted driving and 15.4% were from aggressive driving. 53.8 % were involving 1 object and 15.4% involved 2 or more units and 2.5% were intersection related. He also went over that 17.9% average were involving 65+ years old, 69.3% were ages 20-64 and 12.8% were from teens. 5.1% were suspected of alcohol and/or drug use. He went over dates to watch. The next few coming up would be Youth Traffic, Bicycle, and Motorcycle Safety Month and May 1<sup>st</sup> is heatstroke prevention day. He discussed the Governor's conference on highway safety is August 29-31<sup>st</sup>. Legislative updates signed into law - 2023 Act 1: L Reckless driving impoundment. He also went over the Community Maps user group meeting date of September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00pm.

#### **#10. Rick Tumaniec-DOT update:**

Rick gave his Buffalo County Construction update. State Hwy 37 Ranch Trout Creek Bridge replacement project will be a one lane temporary bypass controlled with signals. They are looking to start late May, early June. State Rd. 35 with 3 bridges started in late February and they are looking to complete them in August. State Hwy 25 MN/WI line to State Hwy. 35 South is a resurfacing project with flagging operations. They are looking to start it in August and complete it at the beginning of November. The last update was for State Hwy. 95 one-half mile north of Jefferson St to Cty. Rd G where they will be resurfacing and culvert cleaning and guardrail. They are planning to start on May 10<sup>th</sup> and complete it mid-July.

#### **#11. Jeri Baures-Population update: None**

#### **#12. Josh Reed-Education update: Excused**

**#13. Jason Bakken -WSP update:**

Jason Bakken stated they will be doing some educational events. The first one will be for the 4k students in Mondovi next week. Carl and Jeremy will be going to some of the DARE graduations. They will also be doing a presentation which will be a PowerPoint for teen drivers in the Osseo school. They have also done OWI enforcement with Buffalo and Pepin Counties and the Sheriff picks the spot within the county. They will be doing an Air Detail on May 12th.

**#14. Beth Sass - Medical update:**

Beth stated that there will be a memorial bike ride going through our County on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is set for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**#15. Adjournment:** Jerilyn Baures made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 pm, seconded by Jason Bakken. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kasondra Serum, Acting Coordinator