

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022

Location: 3rd Floor Conference Room
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed (excused)	School Districts
Mike Schmidtknecht	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Beth Sass (excused)	Medical
Kelly Johnston	Highway Department
Lucas Teska	Emergency Management
Jeremy Brunner and Greg Venne	WI State Patrol
Vacant	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson	Alma Police Department

Others: None.

#1. Call to Order/Roll call : Sheriff Schmidtknecht called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

#2. Approval of October Minutes: Motion to approve draft minutes by Kelly Johnston, second by Rick Tumaniec. Motion carried.

#3. Coordinator Position: Kasondra Serum is replacing Melissa Brunner as the Sheriff's Office Administrative Assistant, she has seven years experience as a Communication/Corrections Officer. Motion by Jerilyn Baures to recommend Kasondra Serum as the Highway Safety Coordinator, second by Kelly Johnston. Motion carried.

#4. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda items : None.

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

#6. Sheriff Schmidtknecht - Sheriff's Office update: Sheriff Schmidtknecht gave current staffing update. No fatal accident and no major injuries in the 4th Quarter of 2021.

#7. Emergency Management Report: Lucas Teska gave Emergency Government update. LEPC meeting January 27, 2022 and the Governor's Conference in March.

#8. Highway Department Update: Kelly Johnston gave brushing update. Gilmanton/Highway 88 is scheduled for this year. The Highway Department has three retiring.

#9. Dan Kontos-DOT update: Mr. Kontos reported 2021 totals for Buffalo County, 223 total crashes, 2 Motor Vehicle fatalities, 24.2% had speed as a contributing factor, 13% had alcohol/drug as a contributing factor, seatbelt usage is 95.1%. Mr. Kontos also spoke on statewide statistics and dates to watch for 2022.

#10. Rick Tumaniec-DOT update: Mr. Tumaniec advised DOT is watching 25/35 trends. Chevrons will be added this spring by Cream/Highway 88 south of CTH EE northbound lane. Mr. Tumaniec gave 2022 scheduling update.

#11. Jeri Baures-Population update : Shared concerns with regard to the Alma KwikTrip exits on to Highway 35. The car parking only in front helps but traffic coming from the north is an issue.

#12. Josh Reed-Education update: Excused.

#13. Jeremy Brunner and Greg Venne -WSP update: The Inspector for Buffalo County went to Chippewa County and will be approximately four months until replaced. Discussed bridge replacement south of Buffalo County and into Trempealeau County, reduced speeds to 30 mph, speed limit trailers doing their job.

#14. Beth Sass - Medical update: Excused.

#15. Next meeting is set for April 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Dan Kontos made a motion for adjournment, second by Jerilyn Baures. Adjournment at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jerilyn Baures, Acting Coordinator