



## Notice of Public Meeting

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| <b>Committee:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission                                               |
| <b>Date:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Thursday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026                                              |
| <b>Time:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1:00pm                                                                                 |
| <b>Location:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor County Board Room, 407 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Alma, WI 54610 |
| <b>Remote Access:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">Join the meeting now</a>                                                   |
| <i>This meeting is open to the public, but portions of the meeting may be closed if this notice indicates that the committee may convene in closed session. The following matters may be reviewed, discussed and acted upon at this meeting, but deviations from the order shown may occur:</i> |                                                                                        |

| AGENDA |                          |                                                                                            |
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| 1.     | Review/Discussion        | Call to Order/Roll Call                                                                    |
| 2.     | Review/Discussion        | Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items                                              |
| 3.     | Review/Discussion/Action | Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes                                                       |
| 4.     | Review/Discussion        | Sheriff Osmond-Sheriff Office Update                                                       |
| 5.     | Review/Discussion        | Steve Wall- Emergency Management Update                                                    |
| 6.     | Review/Discussion        | Kelly Johnston- Highway Department Update                                                  |
| 7.     | Review/Discussion        | Todd Rasmussen-Law Enforcement Liaison-WisDOT updates and Highway Safety Plan Solicitation |
| 8.     | Review/Discussion        | Rick Tumaniec P.E.-WisDOT Systems Planning and Operations Update                           |
| 9.     | Review/Discussion        | Jerilyn Baures-Population Representative Update                                            |
| 10.    | Review/Discussion        | Josh Reed-Education Representative Update                                                  |
| 11.    | Review/Discussion        | Sgt. Jason Bakken-State Patrol Update                                                      |
| 12.    | Review/Discussion        | Beth Sass-Medical Representative Update                                                    |
| 13.    | Review/Discussion        | Public Comments Unrelated to Agenda Items                                                  |
| 14.    | Review/Discussion        | Next Meeting Date and Time:                                                                |
| 15.    | Review/Discussion        | Adjournment                                                                                |

Date: 01/08/2026

Jerilyn Baures, Chairperson

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By: Kasondra Serum, Coordinator

**Board Members:** If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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*Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.*

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**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              |
| Michael Osmond    | Sheriff's Office              |
| Dan Kontos        | WI DOT                        |
| Rick Tumaniec     | WI DOT                        |
| Jerilyn Baures    | Population                    |
| Beth Sass         | Medical                       |
| Kelly Johnston    | Highway Department            |
| Steve Wall        | Emergency Management          |
| Jason Bakken      | WI State Patrol               |
| Kasondra Serum    | Coordinator, Sheriff's Office |
| Vacant            | Alma Police Department        |

**Others:** In person: Colin Severson, Jamie Weaver

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

Jerilyn Baures called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

## **#2. Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None**

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

Beth Sass made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Rick Tumaniec.

## **#4. Sheriff Mike Osmond – Sheriff's Office update:**

Sheriff Osmond advised they applied for the OWI and Speed Grant, and they are still waiting on the speed grant for this year. Osmond stated there was a semi crash on County rd. JJ and there was a fire. Osmond stated that Alma construction was completed and there were a lot of issues with the semis. Issues with the closure were discussed.

## **#5. Emergency Management Report: None**

## **#6. Highway Department Update:**

Kelly Johnston stated that the paving on County Rd BB North/South 1<sup>st</sup> layer was complete, and the final layer will be completed next week. State roadwork is wrapping up in the next couple of weeks; they will be starting

brushing and mowing operations on hy 37. Kelly advised there are a couple of small-town projects left and should be completed in about a week. They will be paving Sand Road Town of Mondovi today. The Highway Department will be doing a chainsaw training on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Kelly stated they are still looking to fill some positions which include patrolman, mechanic, and operations manager.

#### **#7 Colin Severson-Highway 35/Park Street Ruble Strips:**

Colin Severson advised that there have been multiple accidents near this intersection, and he wanted to know what we needed to do to get rumble strips down the middle of the road. Rick Tumaniec is going to check and see when that area up for the next project.

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

Presented his PowerPoint on the screen.

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

Rick Tumaniec advised that the Great River Road project has been completed.

#### **#10. Jeri Baures-Population update:**

Jeri Baures advised the mayor commented on the bicyclist that got hit because his kids ride bike. Baures advised that it was her husband who was involved in a car vs pedestrian accident. Baures advised that her husband is home and doing better. They were looking for options to improve the intersection on County Rd. OO and Spring Lake Road. Kelly Johnston advised that the City could put signs in. Johnston referred to County Rd. H and County Rd. HH as an option to improve that intersection which the City of Buffalo City would be responsible for, not the County.

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

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

Jason Bakken advised they assisted the Sheriff's Office on a few calls. Bakken stated they have a recruit class going on that started in July and will end in December. They hired 17 and are down to 12. Bakken advise din their lateral class there is one person left to finish in December. There will be a Winter Maintenance meeting to discuss safety and communication to improve from last year.

#### **#13. Beth Sass - Medical update:** None

#### **#14. Public Comments unrelated to Agenda Items:**

Sheriff Osmond stated he talked to Jamie Weaver about coming to the meeting and joining. Osmond asked what we need to do to add Jamie Weaver as a member. Dan Kontos looked and advised we can add a County Medical Position. Jeri Baures advised we would have to get approval from the County Coordinator. Kassie and Jamie are going to talk to Lee Engfer.

**#15. Next meeting:**

The next meeting is set for January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

**#16. Adjournment:**

Kelly Johnston made a motion to adjourn at 2:22pm, seconded by Rick Tumaniec. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kasondra Serum, Coordinator