



Notice of Public Meeting

Committee:	Buffalo County Highway Safety Committee
Date:	Thursday, October 15, 2026
Time:	1:00 p.m.
Location:	3 rd Floor County Board Room, 407 South 2 nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
Remote Access:	https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/254609244000207?p=zFA4G6L2vmyKTFgq5N
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<i>The following matters may be reviewed, discussed and acted upon at this meeting, and deviations from the order shown may occur:</i>	

AGENDA	
1.	Call to Order
2.	Roll Call of Members
3.	Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance
4.	Approve Agenda
5.	Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
6.	Public Comment
7.	County Road 88/E area
8.	Sheriff's Report
9.	Steve Wall-Emergency Management Update
10.	Kelly Johnston-Highway Department Update
11.	Dan Kontos-Law Enforcement Liaison-WisDOT update
12.	Rick Tumaniec-WisDOT Systems Planning and Operations
13.	Jerilyn Baures-Population Representative Update
14.	Josh Reed-Education Representative Update
15.	Sgt. Jason Bakken-State Patrol Update
16.	Beth Sass-Medical Representative Update
17.	Jamie Weaver-Public Health Update
18.	Future Agenda Items
19.	Next Meeting Date and Time:
20.	Adjournment

Date: 10/08/2026

Jerilyn Baures, Chair

By: Kasondra Serum, Coordinator

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HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 16th, 2026

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
Jake Laehn	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
Jamie Weaver	Public Health

Others: In person: Ryan Howell, Lee Engfer, Gill Adams

#1/2. Call to Order/Roll call:

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

#3. Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance:

Kassie advised that the agenda had been posted.

#4. Approve Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda. Kelly Johnston made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Rick Tumaniec.

#5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

There were no changes to the previous meeting minutes.

Jamie Weaver made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Steve Wall.

#6. Public Comment:

None

#7. Jake Laehn – Sheriff's Office update:

Jake Laehn stated they have had a recent extra patrol CAD for County Rd A for the Culvert report for speeding. Laehn stated there have been 3 fatal motorcycle accidents this quarter and Ryan Howell will give more information on them. Howell said the first motorcycle accident was on April 22 and it was a 89-year-old male that was wearing a helmet and he missed a turn, the second one was on May 30th on Hy 37 and they had lost control and they were not wearing a helmet, and the last one was on June 6th on hy 37 as well and that one was caused by a deer running into him and throwing him off of the bok and he was not wearing a helmet

#8. Steve Wall-Emergency Management Report:

None.

#9. Kelly Johnston-Highway Department Update:

Kelly stated that they have one round of mowing completed on the County Roads, and the state roads are being completed now. After that then round two on the County roads will start. Count Rd I from County Rd D to center creed is milled and gravel, they are preparing for paving. Count Rd. AA from County Rd K to Swan Ln is milled and gravel and they are preparing for paving. County Rd I from County Rd. II to Mike Varenick Rd will be getting an asphalt overlay. Chip Seal operations will be happening in August. County Rd. Z, F, C, XX, X, Hagness Rd., Hansen Rd., and Nelson Rd. Highway 10 from Mckinley st to the Pepin County line they will be finishing up culvert work this week and planning on milling and paving next week. They will be finishing up the last of the Township grader patching next week.

#10. Dan Kontos-DOT update:

Dan Kontos presented power point that was sent out prior to the meeting.

#11. Rick Tumaniec-DOT update:

Rick stated that the Waumandee Creek Bridge overlay project will be staged half at a time using temporary signals and should be a 60-day project. There is an anticipated August start after environmental restrictions are over and the tentative completion of September 21st. The next project is state highway 54 Mn side and WI state line hy 35 resurface project; traffic will be handled with flagging operations. It started on April 24th, time was suspended until August 15th and there are some punch list items left to complete as well as culvert work once environmental restrictions are lifted. Hy 35 to Indian Creek Road resurface project, traffic will be handled with flagging operations. This project started on April 24th. Time was suspended until August 15th and there were some punch list items left to complete as well as culvert work once environmental restriction has been lifted. The last project updated was hy 10 Pepin County line to County rd. A resume project. Traffic will be handled with flagging operations, and this started on June 30th and is expected to complete in Mid-August.

#12. Jeri Baures-Population update:

Jeri stated that County Rd OO speed limit change to 25MPH has been positive. Jeri also informed everyone that Blaine Proue, which was the Chief Deputy many years ago had passed away.

#13. Josh Reed-Education update: Excused

None.

#14. Jason Bakken-WSP update:

Bakken stated that Josh Reed wanted state patrol to come into his Drivers Ed class to give some education, Karl Kent went in and did a speech. Bakken stated they are training new troopers, the class started on Monday, and they had 37 and are down to 35 in the first week, and there is 21 weeks to go. They are looking at doing a lateral class. Bakken stated they are still short on Troopers. They have BOTS OWI coming up.

#15. Beth Sass - Medical update:

None.

#16. Jamie Weaver-Public Health Update:

Jamie said that if anyone runs into the issue of someone not having a car seat to reach out to Health and Human Services, they have some.

#17. Future Agenda Items:

Jason Bakken would like the flood run listed on the agenda for the next meeting in October.

#18. Next meeting date and time:

The next meeting is set for October 15th at 1pm.

#19. Adjournment:

Adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kasondra Serum, Coordinator