

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 15th, 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
Michael Osmond	Sheriff's Office
Todd Rasmussen	WI DOT
Aaron Christ	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Beth Sass-Excused	Medical
Kelly Johnston-Excused	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, Carl Kent

#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:

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

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

Sheriff Osmond started off with recognizing Sergeant Ryan Howell's work on getting the Speed and OWI Grant for 2026. Osmond stated that Howell takes care of all of the Grant paperwork. Osmond asked Todd Rasmussen if he could tell him if the Sheriff's office was signed up for Community Maps, he would like to know if they are up and running. Todd stated he will check and let him know before the end of the meeting.

#5. Emergency Management Report:

Steve Wall wanted to give a heads up that he is putting something together for flood preparation possibly in February. This will look at what they need to do and when. Bakken asked if the flooding is logged. Aaron stated he believes pictures are taken.

#6. Highway Department Update: None

#7. Todd Rasmussen-DOT update:

Todd Rasmussen started off showing everyone that the Sheriff's Office was on Community Maps and went over the map. Rasmussen then presented his PowerPoint. The powerpoint started off with going over 2025 and later years of accidents and fatalities. Rasmussen discussed factors of crashes along with severity of crashes. Rasmussen stated we have zero fatal's for this quarter. Rasmussen discussed restricted crossing U-turn known as RCUT intersections. New plates and new bills were discussed as well.

#8. Aaron Christ-DOT update:

Aaron Christ stated that there are four road projects to present. The first project was the Waumandee Creek Bridge which will be a bridge overlay project and will be a 60-day project and will be staged half at a time using temporary signals. The second project is highway 54 MN/WI state line to highway 35 resurface project and traffic will be handled with flagging operations. The third project is old hy 35 to Indian creek road resurface project and traffic will be handled with flagging. The last project will be on Hy 10 Pepin County Line to County Road A which will be a resurface project and traffic will also be handled with flagging.

#9. Jeri Baures-Population update:

Jeri advised that she had a question for Kelly asking if there would be a bike lane on River Road and Cty rd. OO. No other report.

#10. Josh Reed-Education update: None

#11. Jason Bakken-WSP update:

Jason Bakken stated they are recruiting for their next class, which will be the full 6 months, and it will start mid-July. Bakken stated they are looking to hire 50. He also stated that they have been doing lateral classes for the last few years and are not doing one currently. They will be running Botts. There are two troopers in Buffalo County, Trooper Kent and Trooper Brunner.

#12. Beth Sass - Medical update: None

#13. Public Comments unrelated to Agenda Items: None

#14. Next meeting:

The next meeting is set for April 16th at 1pm.

#16. Adjournment:

Jason Bakken made a motion to adjourn at 2pm, seconded by Aaron Christ. Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Kasondra Serum, Coordinator