

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 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
Michael Osmond	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures-EXCUSED	Population
Beth Sass-EXCUSED	Medical
Kelly Johnston-	Highway Department
Steve Wall-EXCUSED	Emergency Management
Jason Bakken	WI State Patrol
Kasondra Serum	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Jamie Weaver	Public Health

Others: In person: Ryan Howell, Jake Laehn, Gil Adams, Lee Engfer, David Gress

#1. Call to Order/Roll call :

Sheriff Osmond called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

#2. Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None

#3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Kassie stated that the year needed to be changed to 2026 it currently says 2025 at the top of the minutes.

Jamie Weaver made a motion to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Kelly Johnston.

#4. Speed Concern/Request to lower the speed limit on CTH OO:

Lee Engfer advised there was a letter included in the packet. Engfer stated the Mayor of Buffalo City will be having a meeting and bringing a resolution to change speed. There is a proposed restructuring scheduled for 2029.

#5. Sheriff Mike Osmond - Sheriff's Office update:

Sheriff Osmond stated they have been having a good number of school bus violations on hy 25 and they are trying to address it. Osmond stated that the speed grant funding helps and State Patrol has been up there as well. Osmond stated that they just implemented a different system for storms through team's chat to notify those who need to know rather than having to make a bunch of phone calls.

#6. Emergency Management Report:

Lee Engfer gave a report for Steve Wall. Engfer advised that Wall is currently gone at training. Engfer stated that Wall is working on getting some disaster relief for the storm that came through in March.

#7. Highway Department Update:

Gil Adams, the new Highway Commissioner, was introduced, he just started on Monday.

Kelly Johnston said they are cleaning up from winter, but it is almost complete. Johnston stated they have started retrieving shoulders on the County System and this is their last week for brushing on the stated system. Johnston stated they worked all winter brushing on hy 37 where the 2027 project is going to take place. They will continue to patch on both State and County roads. Johnston stated storm clean-up is now their top priority after Monday night's storm. There were washes, trees down, debris and plugged culverts. Johnston said crack filling, deck sealing and shouldering are next on the list of jobs to start. Johnston also brought up the issue of signs being stolen throughout the County again. Hy 95 and County Road O have happened two times this year so far. There has been an issue with stolen or damaged signs for the last few years.

#8. Dan Kontos -DOT update:

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

#9. Rick Tumaniec -DOT update:

Rick Tumaniec stated the Waumandee Creek Bridge project will be a bridge overlay project and will be staged half at a time using temp signals and it is a 60-day project. The next project Tumaniec discussed was Hy 35/Hy 54 there will be a resurface project and traffic will be handled with flagging operations; there is no schedule information yet could possibly start April 23rd. Indian Creek Road resurface project; traffic will be handled with flagging operations there is no schedule for this project tentative start is April 23rd. Hy 10 Pepin County Line to County Road A will also be a resurface project, traffic will be handled with flagging operations, there is no schedule information yet. Osmond asked about Hy 37, Kelly advised that will be completed next year. Engfer stated that himself and a few board

members rode a school bus and when they would go over it the emergency brake would go off.

#10. Jeri Baures-Population update : None

#11. Josh Reed-Education update: None

#12. Jason Bakken -WSP update:

Jason Bakken stated it is prom season. Bakken discussed getting education at schools, Jake Laehn stated that Dave Shaprio did one in Mondovi last year. Bakken stated the interstate was out 11 hours with the last snowstorm. Bakken stated that the updated form for informing the accused isn't currently on track. Flood run is next weekend, and State Patrol will be assisting. Bakken asked about spring flooding and Kelly advised Highway is watching and we are currently good. Bakken would like to be notified if there is any flooding.

#13. Beth Sass - Medical update:

Sheriff Osmond stated that last weekend there was a mass casualty drill and it went well.

#14. Public Comments unrelated to Agenda Items:

Ryan Howell stated speed was a factor for the single motorcycle fatal and the bike had tipped over. Sheriff Osmond stated that we have two grants that will help with coverage for flood run.

#15. Next meeting :

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

#16. Adjournment:

Adjourned at 2pm.

submitted:

Respectfully

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Kasondra Serum, Coordinator