

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, January 19, 2023

**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	School Districts
Mike Osmond	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures-VIRTUAL	Population
Beth Sass-VIRTUAL	Medical
Kelly Johnston	Highway Department
Lucas Teska	Emergency Management
Jeremy Brunner	WI State Patrol
Kasondra Serum	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Aarik Lackershire	Alma Police Department

**Others:** In person Colin Severson, Lee Engfer Virtually: Brommerich News

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

Sheriff Osmond called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

**#2. Approval of October Minutes:**

Motion to approve draft minutes by Lucas Teska, second by Jeremy Brunner. Motion passed.

**#3. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda items :** None

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

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

Sheriff Osmond advised that Hy 25 was shut down for about 2 ½ hours last week due to the ice storm and there was several Semis in the ditch. He said they are still working on the criminal investigation from the 2 fatalities. Sheriff Osmond said that the Sheriffs Office and State Patrol are working in a join OWI grant. He also said that the jail is now doing Drug testing and they are seeing people on multiple substances.

**#6. Chief Deputy Severson-Intersection County Rd H and County Rd HH project:**

Lee Engfer advised that summer of 22 highway revamped the intersection, and a large number of individuals are not happy with it. Bob Platteter handed out a sketch of the location. The complaint was that bigger machinery could not make the corner. The plan is to widen the shoulder in 2023.

**#7. Emergency Management Report:**

Lucas Teska stated we are now live with our new mass notification which is called Nixle. The public can sign up and we will post on the Sheriff's Office page when we have all the information.

**#8. Highway Department Update:**

Bob Platteter advised that the roads have been a challenge to keep clear this year, and they haven't been able to start brush hogging yet.

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

Dan Kontos advised that the PowerPoint data is correct as of yesterday. In the PowerPoint is showed there was a total of 111,907 crashes in 2022, 33,155 resulting in injuries and 592 were fatal injuries. The PowerPoint also showed that we had a total of 159 crashes in the county, 55 had injuries and 2 fatalities. It also showed that speed was the leading cause at 26.4%, distracted driving was at 13.2% and aggressive driving was at 13.8%. Impaired drivers due to alcohol and/or drugs was at 10.1%.

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

Rick Tumaniec advised in 2023 there are 2 bridge replacement projects. The first project is on Hy 37 the branch trout creek bridge with have one lane temporary bypass controlled with signals, there is no schedule information yet, there will be an update in April, and it is a 70-day project. The next project is on Hy 35 and that will be a 3-bridge replacement. All three will be staged half at a time using temporary signals, no schedule information yet he will update in April and that one is a 180-day project.

**#11. Jeri Baures-Population update** : None

**#12. Josh Reed-Education update:**

Josh Reed thanked the highway department for their hard work with the roads.

**#13. Jeremy Brunner -WSP update:**

Jeremy Brunner discussed how the roads were all ice on Hy 25 and how well the highway department did to get the road cleared off and he thanked them.

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

**#15.** Next meeting is set for April 20<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Bob made a motion for adjournment, second by Lucas Teska. Motions passed. Adjournment at 1:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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— Kasondra Serum, Acting  
Coordinator

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