

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, April 21, 2022

**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 Schmidtknecht (Excused)	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Beth Sass	Medical
Kelly Johnston	Highway Department
Lucas Teska (Excused)	Emergency Management
Dean Haigh	WI State Patrol
Vacant	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson (Excused)	Alma Police Department

**Others:** None.

**#1. Call to Order/Roll call :** Jerilyn Baures called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

**#2. Approval of January Minutes:** Motion to approve draft minutes by Beth Sass, second by Josh Reed. Motion carried.

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

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

**#5. Chief Deputy Engfer - Sheriff's Office update:** Chief Deputy Engfer gave current staffing update. Discussed having break check area signs for route from 95 when Hy 35/Cty P gets closed for 2 weeks for crossing work. Discussed Hy 25/35 - Rick Tumaniec advised the safety engineer checked the intersection and said it could possibly get updated safety funding this fall. The Sheriff's Office reported only one significant motorcycle crash during flood run and that highway digital message boards were utilized in the Nelson area to alert motorist of congested area ahead.

**#6. Emergency Management Report:** excused.

**#7. Highway Department Update:** Kelly Johnston gave brushing update. Bridge washing will be starting soon and sealing will be done on 2 bridges which include the Chippewa Bridge and one bridge on 121. They will be filling in cracks. April 25<sup>th</sup> road

bans will be coming off. . The Highway Department just had 2 people resign. Discussed upcoming projects for the summer of 2022.

**#8. Dan Kontos-DOT update:** Mr. Kontos reported 2022 totals for Buffalo County, 51 total crashes, 0 Motor Vehicle fatalities, 27.5% had speed as a contributing factor, and 2.0% had alcohol/drug as a contributing factor. Mr. Kontos also spoke on statewide statistics and dates to watch for 2022.

**#9. Rick Tumaniec-DOT update:** Mr. Tumaniec advised the Safety engineer checked the 25/35 intersection and the location could possibly get updated for safety funding this fall. . Chevrons will be added by Cream/Highway 88 south of CTH EE northbound lane. Mr. Tumaniec gave 2022 scheduling update.

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

**#11. Josh Reed-Education update:** Josh Reed spoke to Tom and he advised that the dirt roads have been better this year.

**#12. Dean Haigh -WSP update:** Discussed the Inspector position for Buffalo County has been filled. Also discussed a brochure that will be coming out with information on it for motorcycles. Also that 100% of motorcycle fatalities are from Minnesota.

**#13. Beth Sass - Medical update:** They will be doing a Mock impaired driver Drill in Alma for Pepin and Alma school possibly in August.

**#14.** Next meeting is set for July 21st, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Lee Engfer made a motion for adjournment, second by Rick Tumaniec. Adjournment at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

---

— Kasondra Serum, Acting  
Coordinator