

**County of Buffalo
Alma, Wisconsin
Notice of Public Meeting**

Committee: Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2020
Time: 1:00pm
Location: County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of January and July 2020 minutes
3. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda Items
4. Citizen concerns on non-posted Agenda items
5. Sheriff Schmidtknecht – Sheriff’s Office Update
6. Emergency Government- Emergency Management Update
7. Kelly Johnston – Highway Department Update
8. Dan Kontos – Law Enforcement Liaison-WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety Update
9. Rick Tumaniec P.E. – WisDOT Systems Planning and Operations Update
10. Jerilyn Baures – Population Representative Update
11. Josh Reed – Education Representative Update
12. Sgt. Dean Haigh/Trp. Jeremy Brunner - State Patrol Update
13. Norita Willadsen- Medical Representative Update
14. Adjournment

DATE NOTICE WAS FAXED/EMAILED/MAILED AND POSTED: October __, 2020

NOTICE TO: Emailed: Committee Members; **Emailed:** County Clerk’s Office

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: If unable to attend, please contact Melissa at the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Department (608) 685-6273.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you require special accommodations in order to attend this meeting please contact the county administrators office at (608)685-6234.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO BUFFALO COUNTY COURTHOUSE: The SOUTH Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

MEETING CALLED BY: Jerilyn Baures, Chairperson

SIGNED: _____

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020

Location: 3rd Floor Conference Room
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed- VIRTUALLY	School Districts
Mike Schmidtknecht and Lee Engfer	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Norita Willadsen- EXCUSED	Nurse
Bob Platteter and Kelly Johnston	Highway Department
Bruce Fuerbringer-interim	Emergency Management
Sgt. Dean Haigh	WI State Patrol
Melissa Brunner	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson - EXCUSED	Alma Police Department

Ms. Baures called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Public: None

October 2019 minutes were previously approved, January 2020 draft minutes will need to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Appointment of Vice-Chair: Mr. Platteter will be resigning and has taken a new position in Pepin County. Therefore, the committee will need to appoint a new vice-chair. Ms. Baures called for a motion to nominate a new vice-chair. Mr. Platteter made a motion to nominate Mike Schmidtknecht, second by Mr. Fuerbringer. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht: Reported there was one fatal motorcycle accident for the month of June, rider missed a curve and was not wearing a helmet. There was discussion of the ATV/UTV ordinance; the sheriff's office will be able to offer enforcement up to a certain point.

Bruce Fuerbringer: Reported that he's been busy collecting and distributing PPE and that Covid-19 is still the primary issue for the county, in all aspects.

Bob Platteter: Reported that the first round of mowing has gone through, second pass will be done later. County Rd. P is now paved. County Rd. TT is having culverts replaced from the north end to the other end near STH 37. County Rd. E project is still being reviewed for alternatives to the dug way, however, the work has to be done this year.

Dan Kontos: Reported that as of July 15th, the state is down in crashes. They are still working on adding ATV/UTV crashes overlay to Community Maps.

Rick Tumaniec: Reported that STH 121, STH 88-STH 93 should be done by the end of October. Flagging operations will be covered.

Jerilyn Baures: Reported that Flyway Trail is open in Buffalo City, it does need to settle.

Josh Reed: Reported that due to Covid, we are to expect more traffic around schools as parents are allowed to “bus” their children to school versus having them ride the school bus. Bus routes are being figured out, as well as the seat spacing. County Rd. E’s weed control is an issue for school buses. Maybe weeds can be mowed or controlled chemically.

Dean Haigh: Reported that Covid-19 appears to have affected the number of crashes. In the beginning, crashes were at a low but now numbers are steadily increasing.

Norita Willadsen: EXCUSED

Next meeting to be held October 15, 2020 at 1:00pm.

1:55pm, Sheriff Schmidtknecht motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Platteter.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2020

Location: 2nd Floor Conference Room
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING
Josh Reed- EXCUSED	School Districts
Mike Schmidtknecht and Lee Engfer	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Norita Willadsen- EXCUSED	Nurse
Bob Platteter	Highway Department
Bruce Fuerbringer-interim	Emergency Management
Sgt. Dean Haigh	WI State Patrol
Melissa Brunner	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson - EXCUSED	Alma Police Department

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

Public: None

Sheriff Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve previous minutes, second by Mr. Tumaniec. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht: Reported that on February 18th there will be a 10th grade presentation at the Alma High School, which includes the simulator. Three vehicle accident in November on the Wabasha Dike Rd, near the first wayside. All three vehicles went into the water. Two vehicles went in on the north side, where the water runs about 17' deep and one vehicle went in on the south side. DOT will look into whether or not guardrails or some type of cable rail could be installed. No parties were physically injured.

Bruce Fuerbringer: Discussed regional response with the Menomonie teams, it's still up in the air. The 2003 command trailer was sold on online auction for \$8,650. He plans to use the funds towards the purchase of courthouse AEDs.

Bob Platteter: Discussed the stretch of Hwy 88 where only the spread of salt brine, not rock salt was done. They need to commit a stretch of highway in order to be approved for a purchase of a new brine maker, it's a 10 year sign-on.

County Rd. G out of Fountain City bridge replacement is happening now. There is a concern for safety.

Dan Kontos: Addressed the fatalities on Hwy 95 and Hwy 25 for 2019. Legislatives have been updated in 2020, regarding OWI-THC laws can be accessed by the public. April is National Distracted Driving month. Also, April 6th-10th focuses on work zone awareness.

Rick Tumaniec: The MN DOT is managing the work being done near Wabasha. There are only three carryover jobs to be done in 2020. He will provide the committee the 6-year upcoming program for work.

Jerilyn Baures: Expressed her concerns for the Wabasha Dike road situation in relation to the amount of crashes.

Josh Reed: Excused

Sgt. Dean Haigh: Reported 7 fatalities for the year, so far.

Norita Willadsen: Excused

Next meeting to be held April 16th, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Mr. Platteter made a motion to adjourn at 2:05pm, second by Sgt. Haigh.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator