

# HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

**Committee/Board:** HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, July 16, 2020

**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- <b>VIRTUALLY</b>	School Districts
Mike Schmidtknecht and Lee Engfer	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Norita Willadsen- <b>EXCUSED</b>	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 - <b>EXCUSED</b>	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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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:

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Melissa Brunner, Coordinator