

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Committee/Board: HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2018

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

Mr. Bob Platteter called the Buffalo County Highway Safety meeting to order at 1:08pm, on Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma Wisconsin.

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

NAME:	REPRESENTING	
Steve Sedlmayr- EXCUSED	School Districts	
Mike Schmidtknecht	Sheriff's Office	
Randy Wiessinger	WI DOT	
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT	
Jerilyn Baures	Population	
Norita Willadsen- EXCUSED	Nurse	
Bob Platteter	Highway Department	
Bruce Fuerbringer-interim	Emergency Management	
Dean Haigh/Jeremy Brunner	WI State Patrol	Publi
c: Melissa Brunner	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office	None

Ms. Baures made a motion to approve minutes, second by Mr. Haigh. Motion carried.

Introduction of Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer as the interim Emergency Management Supervisor.

Mr. Platteter advised the committee that there have been a number of accidents related to road conditions. The highway does not have any upcoming projects to report at this time.

Mr. Wiessinger advised the committee the Buffalo County has now become one of his LEC counties. For 2017, there were a total of 602 fatalities in Wisconsin.

The Community Maps/Crash Data website has gone live as of January 1, 2018. Improvements such as further detailed information can be extracted from the website, all agency's crash reports are included in the reporting; however, self-reporting of deer crashes are not.

August 21, 22, 23rd is the Governor's Conference.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that for the quarter there were 19-deer accidents, 27- property accidents, and 8-personal injury accidents. He reiterated that the Highway 54/35 traffic lights are still an issue. Again, he would like to have some sort of early warning traffic device near the Burlington Road entrance.

Methamphetamine arrests have been on the rise throughout the county. Sheriff advised that the Sheriff's Office was approved for two patrol sergeants, however, no back-fill of their positions. Staffing continues to be an issue.

Mr. Tumaniec advised the committee that he's been researching the Tell Farms cattle pass issue from last meeting. He determined that there was a standard cattle pass installed when the road was realigned. Currently, the pass is about 2/3 full and it should be cleaned out however, unsure how to keep it clean. Is

it the landowner's responsibility? Mr. Tumaniec is going to follow-up with his "people" to see if they have a contract with the farmer. He also is waiting to hear back from the Village of Nelson with regard to the speed zones at the southern end and northern end of town and he is waiting for Madison to contact him back regarding the passing/no passing zone near the Cochrane-Fountain City School. There are very few options regarding funding for standalone projects.

The committee discussed the Highway 54/35 traffic lights. Most accidents are happening during the commute hours and evening hours. Mr. Tumaniec stated that they are continuing to look at the issue; possibly extending the light loop to pick up more vehicles? Light-weight vehicles, including motorcycles, are often not detected by the lights.

No upcoming construction projects at this time. Mr. Tumaniec will have a report available by the next meeting.

Ms. Baures did not have anything new at this time; wanted to follow-up on the Highway 54/35 issue and CFC passing/no passing.

Sergeant Haigh advised the committee that the MACH software is multi-layered and should be opened one layer at a time. This software will aid in where an officer should be more visible to the public (Predictive Analytics). Some goals of the software is to increase law enforcement visibility in the right locations/times which will aid in a safer traffic commute; and, if there is a need for EMS services, response time will be reduced.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55pm.

Next meeting currently set for April 19th at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Brunner

Coordinator, Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission