

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

Committee: Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021
Time: 1:00pm
Location: County Courthouse, **2nd Floor** Conference Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of July minutes
3. Introduction of newly appointed Medical position member-Beth Sass
4. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda Items
5. Citizen concerns on non-posted Agenda items
6. Sheriff Schmidtknecht – Sheriff’s Office Update
7. Discussion of Hwy 35/25 intersection
8. Emergency Government- Emergency Management Update
9. Kelly Johnston – Highway Department Update
10. Dan Kontos – Law Enforcement Liaison-WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety Update
11. Rick Tumaniec P.E. – WisDOT Systems Planning and Operations Update
12. Jerilyn Baures – Population Representative Update
13. Josh Reed – Education Representative Update
14. State Patrol Update
15. Beth Sass- Medical Representative Update
16. Adjournment

DATE NOTICE WAS FAXED/EMAILED/MAILED AND POSTED: October 14, 2021

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 15, 2021

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

Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission members present were:

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

#1. Call to Order/Roll call: Sheriff Michael Schmidt knecht, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

#2. Recognition of good Samaritans-moved to accommodate attendance

#3. Approval of April Minutes: Motion to approve previous Minutes made by Mr. Reed, Second by Mr. Tumaniec., Motion carried.

#4. R/D/A-Medical Representative position: Norita Willadsen put in her resignation notice mid-June. The DOT planned to acknowledge her years of service on their own merit. Discussion of vacated medical position was had. Sheriff Schmidt knecht shared with the committee Beth Sass as a possible new member. He explained that he was aware that she had shown interest in the committee and would be a good fit based upon her medical background. Mr. Platteter made a motion to bring forward Ms. Sass' name to the county board for consideration of appointment to the highway safety committee to fill the vacated medical position, second by Mr. Reed. Motion carried.

#5. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda items: None

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

#7. Sheriff's Update: Sheriff Schmidt knecht advised the committee of a three vehicle accident with a fatality near Fountain City Kwik Trip, which is a still under investigation. There possibly could've been a medical issue.

ATV/UTV increasing concerns. Roads are not to be used until official posting of signage and posting in the paper is done. Chief Deputy Engfer advised within the first 6 months, DNR reported 16 UTV fatalities, 12 of them were on roadways.

#2. Recognition of good Samaritans: Sheriff Schmidt knecht advised the committee of the “above and beyond” acts performed by David Harr, Jeremy Tenney, Shawn Gunderson-not present, Ross Patzner-not present, and Cole Anderson-who appeared virtually, due to his military assignment, during an accident that occurred on April 5, 2021 in Fountain City involving a log truck and SUV.

#8. Emergency Management Report: Sheriff Schmidt knecht read Mr. Fuerbringer’s report to the committee. Mr. Fuerbringer has been working on adjusting the EM performance grant, which funds 50% of the EM grant. He was advised that due to changes to the grant, the previously submitted request for mobile squad radios for LE has been denied and are no longer eligible, therefore, the grant needed modification to only purchase radios for EM. The EPCRA grant was recently submitted. He plans to officially retire when a new replacement has been named. The new replacement will now be considered a 50% EM and 50% Risk Management position. Mr. Fuerbringer plans to aid the new hire into their new role with Buffalo County.

Sheriff Schmidt knecht advised Chief Johnson reported that the City passed the use of a ATV/UTV, however, signage needs to be up first which should be completed in the fall.

#9. Bob Platteter Highway Dept. update: Mr. Platteter advised ATV signs will only be put up entering/exiting the county, on county posts (not stop signs). Signs will not be posted until notice goes into the paper.

#10. Dan Kontos-DOT update: Mr. Kontos reported 95 total crashes as of July 14th. Speed is still 28.4% main reason for the accidents. One fatality for the year for Buffalo County. Predictive Analytics, based upon previous 5 year crash data, highest crash probability is a 1.00 mile area in Fountain City.

Some dates to be aware of:

August 20-Sept. 6th, Drive Sober Mobilization
September 6-27th, Rail Grade Crossing Campaign
September 19-25th, Child Passenger Seat Check
October 6th, Walk to School Day
October 17-23rd, National Teen Driver Safety week
November 7-13th, National Traffic Incident Response

#11. Rick Tumaniec-DOT update: Mr. Tumaniec advised there will be no interference with the Ashley for the Arts festivities with the scheduled Highway 93 work.

#12. Jeri Baures-Population update: None

#13. Josh Reed-Education update: Mr. Reed advised of awareness of drivers and buses as the new school year approaches. He asked if there would be any education for etiquette around buses that could be shared. The school is thinking about moving some of the drop off points.

#14. Sergeant Haigh-WSP update: The state patrol will be transferring a new trooper to the area in the near future.

#15. Medical update: vacant

Next meeting is set for October 21st at 1:00pm.

Mr. Platteter made a motion for adjournment, second by Mr. Kontos. Adjournment at 1:54pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator

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