

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

Committee: Buffalo County Highway Safety Commission
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021
Time: 1:00pm
Location: County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Recognition of good Samaritans with regard to the April 5, 2021 Fountain City log truck accident
3. Approval of April 2021 minutes
4. R/D/A-Medical Representative position
5. Citizen concerns on posted Agenda Items
6. Citizen concerns on non-posted Agenda items
7. Sheriff Schmidtknecht – Sheriff’s Office Update
8. Emergency Government- Emergency Management Update
9. Bob Platteter – 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. Sgt. Dean Haigh/Trp. Jeremy Brunner - State Patrol Update
15. VACANT- Medical Representative Update
16. Adjournment

DATE NOTICE WAS FAXED/EMAILED/MAILED AND POSTED: July 13, 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, April 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 Schmidtknecht and Lee Engfer	Sheriff's Office
Dan Kontos	WI DOT
Rick Tumaniec	WI DOT
Jerilyn Baures	Population
Norita Willadsen- EXCUSED	Nurse
Kelly Johnston	Highway Department
Bruce Fuerbringer	Emergency Management
Sgt. Dean Haigh	WI State Patrol
Melissa Brunner	Coordinator, Sheriff's Office
Mike Johnson	Alma Police Department

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

Public: None

Minutes: Sheriff Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve minutes, second by Mr. Fuerbringer. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht: Discussed the 5th Street intersection parking. There was discussion of other township street signs and if they have been put up. Mr. Johnston advised that not all signs have been put up yet.

On April 5th, there was a significant crash in Fountain City at Highway 95/35 involving a log truck and SUV. Looking at upcoming projects for the truck runoff to be readdressed at that intersection. There was some previous discussion of a "runaway" truck lane. Mr. Tumaniec will look into it for consideration, however, it will not be a cheap option.

Bruce Fuerbringer: The train derailment exercise will be happening next week in Fountain City. He's been very active helping the health department in setting up vaccine staging, which has consumed much of his time. The goal is to have all local citizens, who want the vaccine, vaccinated by Memorial Day.

Kelly Johnston: Flood Run for this weekend. Signage is up. Several flagging operations coming up. County Rd E dug way is setup for paving for April 26th, grooved pavement signs are

up. Almost all hills are swept. There is one project on Highway 88 to do for the year.

Dan Kontos: Reported that year to date, there have been 41 crashes for Buffalo County (50 at this time in 2020). About 40% of the time, speed has been the reported to be a factor. No fatalities for the county. Buffalo County is at a 100% of their crash reporting! Click it or Ticket campaign coming up May 26-June 6, Drive Sober campaign coming up August 20-September 6 and again December 17-January 1, 2022.

Rick Tumaniec: Reported nothing new for the year for the state. There was a brief discussion of the ATV/UTV state highway usage.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht wanted to acknowledge the work and commitment of Dennis Semling, he will be missed by many.

Jerilyn Baures: Nothing for the committee at this time.

Josh Reed: No busing issues to report or discuss. He thanked the highway department for their timeliness of putting up signage and getting roads opened up.

Sgt. Dean Haigh: Reported that there has been in uptick of OWI's with minors in vehicles.

Chief Johnson: Nothing new to report. Will wait to hear what Mr. Tumaniec reports back about the ATV/UTV issue onto state highways.

Norita Willadsen: Excused

Next meeting to be held July 15, 2021 at 1:00pm.

Mr. Tumaniec made a motion to adjourn at 1:55pm, second by Mr. Haigh.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa Brunner, Coordinator