

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Virtual via WebEx and Highway Department

Agenda

Present – Steve Kreuser Wood County Highway Safety Commissioner, Alexa Acker Wood County Emergency Management, Dan Kontos DOT BOTS, Lindsey Heineck Wis. DOT, Arne Nystrom Grand Rapids Chairman, Roland Hawk Wood County Highway Commissioner, Bill Clendenning Wood County Board, Joseph Zurfluh Wood County Board Supervisor, Charles Hoogesteger Wood County Sheriff Operations Captain, Benjamin Nikolai Rescue Personnel, Joel Ortman Wood County Highway Engineer, Dennis Polach Wood County Board Supervisor

2. Minutes of the December 2020 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting – Motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Review 2 crash reports – Charles Hoogesteger reviews the fatalities from the fourth quarter.

Highway G and Kimball Avenue – Town of Port Edwards October 4, 2020. Motorcycle collision with pickup truck. Driver pronounced dead at the scene.

E and Richfield Drive – Town of Arpin October 18, 2020. Struck mailbox and rolled. Alcohol suspected, later found .376 BAC

4. Report from the Department of Transportation Engineer – Lindsey stated the speed study on STH 54 near Donahue is almost complete. Will email report to TSC members once finalized. First project is STH 80 from STH 173 to Pittsville, planned to be done this summer. Second project is STH 73 from Plainfield to Wisconsin Rapids (STH 13 to Church Street), possibly could start late 2021 or next year.

5. Report from the Department of Transportation Law Enforcement Liaison – Dan talked about 1,000 total crashes (down from last year), 15 fatalities (up from last year), 310 injuries (down from last year). Total crashes are down this year but the injuries are more severe, for both county and state. The total fatalities for the 2020 quarter are two for quarter 1, four for quarter 2, three for quarter 3, and three for quarter 4. Statewide there are 114,485 crashes (down from last year), 601 fatalities (up from last year) and 32,315 injuries (up from last year). The 5-year state average for fatalities is 581. Reported that bike and pedestrian crashes are down but up in

severity. Drug and alcohol crashes are about the same as last year, slightly up for the state and slightly down for the county. Motorcycle crashes are significantly up for both the county and state. Work zone crashes have been down for both the county and state. The hot spots for crashes are in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield, that hasn't changed much. The accuracy for crashes mapped are 94.4% for the county and 98.4% for the state. Looking to improve accuracy of mapping. The mobilizations for 2021 include the Click-It or Ticket campaign that runs from May 24, 2021 to June 6, 2021 along with the Drive Sober campaign that runs from August 20, 2021 through September 6, 2021 and December 12, 2021 through January 1st 2022. Reported that the legislature is now back in session and traffic safety proposals are updated weekly. Looking to possibly lower temp. permits to 15 instead of 15 ½. Tracks (TraCS) will be transferring from Windows to Sequel (SQL) by December 2021. The 46th Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is taking place August 17-19, 2021 virtually. Regarding the J-turn on STH 54 at CTH U and 80th Street, construction was completed June 2016-September 2016. Before the construction there were 13 crashes observed between January 2011 and June 2016, after construction there were 9 crashes observed between September 2016 and March 2021 and those prior to construction only involved property damage. Working on "Automated Speed Enforcement" and possibly changing it to "Automated Work Zone Enforcement" that involves videos of traffic that will be then handed over to law enforcement to allow them to take care of citations.

6. Any other business brought properly before the Commission – No business brought properly before the Commission.

7. Public Comments – No public comments

Next Meeting date is scheduled for June 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM.

8. Adjournment – Motion by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by: Alexa Acker – Wood County Emergency Management