

HIGHWAY SAFETY

May 6, 2025

Call to order	<p>The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Committee Chairman, Brad Steiner.</p> <p>In attendance were: Trace Frost ~ WI DOT-BOTS LEL, Dave Gress ~ WI-Regional Prog. Mngr., Kyle Kozelka ~ Highway Commissioner, Tom Cornford ~ County Board Chairman, Tad Beutin ~ Prairie du Chien Fire Chief, Butch Olson ~ Chief Deputy Sheriff, Nick Gilberts ~ City of Pdc Street Dept Superintendent and Rose Dull ~ Chief Deputy Co. Clerk.</p> <p>Via Zoom: Brad Byom ~ Wis. DOT and Kyle Teynor ~ City of PDC Chief of Police</p>
Verify posting	<p>Steiner verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Motion by Kozelka, second by Olson to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>August 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Administration Building, Room #215 with Zoom access.</p>
Road Hazards	<p>Kyle Kozelka provided an update on the highway 131 project which is currently under hard closures between Steuben and Gays Mills for majority of the summer as they are replacing five structures. Also, temporary closures along Hwy 60 & Steuben for culvert replacements. The road is reopening for commuters between 4:30pm and 5pm and then close again by 7am the following morning. Crews are making good progress, hopefully in a couple of weeks they can open it back up.</p> <p>Road construction on Highway 35 closure between near County N by Spring Lake Inn and County E by Lynxville is underway. Last Wednesday, crews started replacing culverts. The roadside engineers and contractors have coordinated closely with local traffic, as it changes daily. They are maintaining access to accommodate summer and seasonal traffic. So far, there have been no major complaints.</p> <p>The city has work starting tomorrow in Vineyard Road, it will be done by end of June.</p>
WI DOT-BOTS	<p>Trace Frost updated the committee with a power point presentation regarding the current 2025 traffic accidents and fatalities in Crawford County and Statewide.</p> <p>Weekly Fatal Report came out on Monday, May 5th, 147 is the total current statewide compared to 137 last year. A preliminary total of 572 fatalities was recorded for 2024, it may go up or down once the data is finalized by the end of May or in June.</p> <p>A snapshot from Community Maps shows that 67 crashes have been reported year-to-date, resulting in no fatalities and 15 injuries. 100% of these crashes were mapped so great job to Law Enforcement for using crash location tools. For YTD Fatal & Class A Injury crashes, 2 crashes were reported, with no fatalities and 2 injuries, and both were mapped.</p> <p>Predictive Analytics highlighted the top 3 crash hotspots countywide.</p> <p>A comparison of crash data from January to March shows a similar trend to last year, with only slight changes and no significant increases or notable shifts.</p> <p>Statewide motorcycle fatalities higher this year compared to last year, possibly because the nicer weather has encouraged motorcyclists to get out on the roads earlier.</p> <p>A reminder and invitation to join the Community Maps Virtual Call via Zoom. A great opportunity to learn, ask questions, and share feedback.</p> <p>Mark your calendar for the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety coming up August 19th & 20th the same location as in previous years, which is at the Kalahari Wisconsin Dells.</p>
WI DOT-State	<p>Brad Byom joined via Zoom. He had no significant updates to share at this time, as they are currently waiting for the 2024 crash data to be finalized.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Motion by Cornford, second by Kozelka to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.</p>

Rosarie Dull
Chief Deputy County Clerk