

HIGHWAY SAFETY
February 3, 2026

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chairman, Brad Steiner. In attendance were Trace Frost, WI DOT-BOTS LEL; Tom Cornford, County Board Chairman; Marc Myhre, Interim EM Director; Tad Beutin; PDC Fire Chief; Nick Gilberts, City of PDC Street Dept Superintendent; Dale McCullick, Crawford County Sheriff and Rose Dull, Chief Deputy Co. Clerk.
Via Zoom: Brad Byom, WI DOT
- Verify posting** Steiner verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion by Beutin, second by Gilberts to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Road Hazards** No updates. Kozelka was not in attendance.
- WI DOT-BOTS** Trace Frost updated the committee with a power point presentation regarding the current 2026 traffic accidents and fatalities in Crawford County and Statewide. The Daily Fatal Report, released on Monday, February 2nd, shows a current statewide total of 26 fatalities, compared to 56 fatalities at this time last year. It appears to be drastic changed, however since data is preliminary it's not an accurate comparison. For Crawford County, the 2025 Snapshot of Community Maps reported 236 total crashes, including 1 fatality and 64 injuries. As of this morning, the current year-to-date data shows 34 total crashes, with 1 fatality and 14 injuries.
- Trace reminded everyone about the Community Maps via Zoom held every 2nd Monday of the month from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. It's a good opportunity to ask questions, share best practices, and provide feedback. Designers of the Community Maps are present to engage with end users and gather ideas for system improvements.
- Trace shared information regarding the **Place of Last Drink (POLD)**, a statewide program that can be utilized by law enforcement.
- Trace also shared information this quarter regarding **Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT)** intersections, which are primarily implemented on divided highways.
- WI DOT-State** Brad Byom joined via Zoom. There were no new updates to report at this time.
- ATV/UTV** Consideration of ATV/UTV connecting routes on State highways. Sheriff McCullick spoke on behalf of Kozelka, who was not in attendance. The ATV/UTV club is requesting committee approval before seeking state approval. This item will be tabled again at the next meeting for further discussion, at which a representative from the ATV/UTV club will be present.
- Next Meeting** **May 5, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Administration Building, Room #215 with Zoom access.
- Adjournment** Motion by Cornford, second by Beutin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Rosarie Dull
Chief Deputy County Clerk