

MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM
OCONTO COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
301 WASHINGTON ST. OCONTO, WI 54153
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

PRESENT: Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Richard Heath, County Administrator; Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Jaelyn Scanlan, Public Health Nurse; Rita Krause, Office Manager; Dan Kontos, WIDOT;

1. Call to Order

Sheriff Todd Skarban called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Scanlan/Hytinen to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Hytinen/Scanlan to approve the January 22, 2025, minutes with amendment. The motion was voted on and was carried.

4. Public Appearances / Communications

- None.

5. Reports

5.1. Status of Area Highway Construction and Repair Proposals

- Rodney Hamilton, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIDOT) was not present for report. Highway Commissioner Brandon Hytinen stated that there were no large state projects planned from the DOT in the county in 2025. A few small projects were planned locally which is typical of the highway department.

Online updates can be found at: <https://projects.511wi.gov/weeklyupdates-ne/>

5.2. WDOT BOTS Report and Updates

- Dan Kontos, WIDOT, presented a slide show of the quarterly WIDOT information. Two fatal crashes occurred in Oconto County in quarter one 2025. Traffic safety data was reviewed. Discussion followed. Informational only. More information can be found at <http://zeroinwisconsin.gov>. No action taken.

5.3. Traffic Safety Legislation Report

- Kontos provided a legislative update. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken. The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is August 19-20, 2025, in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

5.4. Traffic Safety Coordinator Report

- None.

5.5. Commission Member Reports

- Public Health Manager Jaelyn Scanlan, provided updates on events happening soon including a bike rodeo at the Lena Public Library on May 10th, walk to school days scheduled, and car seat events in Gillett and Oconto Falls. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- Sheriff Skarban stated Drug Take Back Day is April 26.

6. Locations of Traffic Hazard and Recommended Improvements to Enhance Safety

- Sheriff stated a grant is being researched to get a few speed signs funded to be placed around the county in areas where speeding is high. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

7. Traffic Crashes – Community Maps Review

7.1. Spot Map Report

- Kontos shared the spot map report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

7.2. Fatality Crash Review

- Sheriff Skarban reviewed the two fatal accidents which occurred in quarter one 2025. Informational only. No action taken.

8. Traffic Safety Training

- TIME weekend train-the-trainer class will be held October 25, 2025. Informational only.
No action taken.

9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- Skarban stated a new clerk will be assigned to the Traffic Safety Commission.

10. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for July 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Sheriff Skarban declared the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Rita Krause, Recorder
Date Posted: 4/28/2025