

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Place: Conference Room
Wood County Highway Dept
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

WebEx Info:

<https://woodcountywi.webex.com/woodcountywi/j.php?MTID=mc91a63886de3c625acc8b9e131080418>

Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk - Wood Co Highway, Brandon Whipple – Wood Co Highway, Brandon Dammann – Wood Co Highway, Emily Arendt - Wood Co Emergency Management, William Clendenning – Wood County Board, Dennis Polach – Wood County Board, Joseph H. Zurfluh– Wood County Board, Charles Hoogesteger – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Brad Hamilton – Wood County Board(Virtual), Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Lance Pliml - Wood County Board Chair

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:30 AM.
2. Minutes of the June 2026 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

**Motion by Joseph H. Zurfluh to accept the minutes, second by Charles Hoogesteger.
Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Updates to improve infrastructure with Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Brandon Whipple and Roland Hawk. Projects discussed include one on CTR F and the roundabout at CTR HH in Sigel, the project on CTR AA in Port Edwards and a large project on County Trunk U along Highway 54 near the Village of Biron, Smaller town road projects Highway assisted on engineering and construction in Port Edwards have been completed with positive feedback.
4. Roland Hawk reports, from WIS DOT team, updates for project on Highway 54, from Wood to Portage County and projects on Highway 34 and on Highway 73 in Rudolph.
5. Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from WIS DOT BOTS. The slideshow for the most recent quarter was presented that included crash statistics and multiple enforcement data stops utilizing information from Wistar and Community Maps. Todd reviewed two fatal crashes in Wood County, one on July 11th and the other on August

12th. Also shared was information on various emergency/speed signs and a flowchart for e-bikes and e-scooters.

6. Other business brought before the commission.
 - a. Highway is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at Village of Auburndale Hall from 4:30pm to 6:30pm regarding considerations for proposals and work on CTH M.
 - b. Upcoming proclamation to be announced for Crash Responder Safety Week which is November 2nd – 6th, 2026. “Move Over or Slow Down, Lives Are on the Line” is the theme for this year.
 - c. Reminder of date/time for next meeting – December 9th, 2026 at 10:30 AM.
7. Public Comments - No public comments
8. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:09 a.m.**

Minutes taken by: Emily Arendt – Wood County Emergency Management

These minutes are preliminary until reviewed and voted on at the next Traffic Safety Meeting

Wood County Traffic Safety Committee

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