

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

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

WebEx Info:

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Agenda

Present – 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, Dan Kontos – Wis DOT BOTS, Lance Pliml - Wood County Board Chair, Kelly Blohm – Wis DOT, David Dahms – Wis DOT BOTS, Ashley Kickbusch – Wis DOT Chemical Testing, Allan Platt – Wis State Patrol

1. Meeting called to order by Charles Hoogesteger at 10:30 AM.
2. Minutes of the March 2026 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

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

3. No Traffic Fatalities to report on for Quarter 1.
4. Updates on Wood County Highway Project currently on County Highway F delivered by Charles Hoogesteger.
5. Kelly Blohm reports for WIS DOT. Updates, timelines and detour reported for projects on Cty Hwy F, Hwy 73 and 80 in Pittsville, Cty Hwy U in Biron, Hwy 54 in Biron and Hwy 73 from Plainfield to Rapids. A potential safety and operational evaluation project is being done on Hwy 73 and Z.
6. Dan Kontos, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from WIS DOT BOTS. The slideshow for quarter 1 was presented that included crash statistics and numerous legislative updates. Highlights from the Highway Safety Improvement Plans project and High Risk

Rural Roads program were shared. The Governor's conference for Highway Safety will be held on August 24th and 25th this year.

7. Ashley Kickbusch presented from the Chemical Section Testing of Wis DOT about Act 99, signed into law in March, which allows law enforcement to request an oral fluid test if drivers are suspected to be impaired by drugs.
8. Other business brought before the commission.
 - a. William Clendenning shared concerns about signage and regulation requirements in the Town of Grand Rapids.
 - b. Reminder of date/time for next meeting – September 9th, 2026 at 10:30 AM.
9. Public Comments - No public comments
10. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Charles Hoogesteger, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:15 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

