

**WOOD COUNTY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM

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

Agenda

Present – Roland Hawk – 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, Matthew Susa – Wood Co Sheriff Dept, Todd Horn – Wis DOT BOTS, Cara Abts – WisDOT, Lance Pliml - Wood County Board Chairman

1. Meeting called to order by Roland Hawk at 10:30 AM.
2. Minutes of the September 2025 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting.

Motion to amend the minutes, changing title of Lance Pliml to Chairman, motion by Roland Hawk to accept the minutes, second by Brandon Whipple. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Charles Hoogesteger reports no traffic fatalities for this quarter.
4. Updates on Wood County Highway Projects delivered by Brandon Whipple. Projects on County Highway BB and T have been completed. Prep is underway for projects to improve safety along areas on County Highway U and Plank Hill Ln for the upcoming year.
5. Cara Abts present for WIS DOT. Funding applications have been submitted to develop projects to improve safety in multiple areas along US 10 and plans for a roundabout going in at the intersection at WIS 54 and 73. The Safety Engineer's report shared an area of concern along Highway 13 and Nature's Way to be mitigated by adjusting speed zones. The project forecast for 2026 was shared.
6. Todd Horn, Law Enforcement Liaison, reporting from WIS DOT. The quarterly slideshow was presented. Information such as Wood County crash statistics, Law

Enforcement phlebotomy program, WiSTAR traffic stop data tracking through Community Maps, Safe System Approach and predictive analytics data from 2019 – 2024 was shared.

7. Other business brought before the commission.
 - a. Upcoming meeting between Towns Association and Wisconsin State Patrol on January 16th at the Pittsville Community Center regarding possible development of an ordinance about permits and road weight limits.
 - b. AARP is teaching a series of Smart Driving courses for Seniors that will be offered in the area this upcoming year.
 - c. Reminder of date/time for next meeting – March 11th, 2026 at 10:30 AM.
8. Public Comments - No public comments
9. Adjournment – **Motion to adjourn by Roland Hawk, second by Joseph Zurfluh at 11:05 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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