

**BARRON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
BARRON COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

1420 State Hwy 25 N, Barron, Wisconsin
Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 12:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Public notification.
3. Public Comment.
4. Approval of the agenda.
5. Approval of meeting minutes of previous meeting (12/12/23).
6. Reports on traffic safety related matters by:
 - a. Trace Frost, BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison, WisDOT Updates
 1. Fatal traffic crash review.
 - b. Jennifer Leech, Traffic Engineer, WisDOT Updates
 - c. Sheriff
 - d. Highway Commissioner
 1. Work Zone Awareness Week – Barron County Resolution.
 - e. Others (non-action items)
7. 2024 Meeting Dates – 6/11/24, 9/10/24, 12/10/24.
8. Future agenda items.
9. Adjournment.

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ATTEND THE MEETING**

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I, _____, have complied with the open meeting Public Notification Laws. Meeting notices are posted on the electronic meeting notice boards on the first and second floor of the Government Center and the main floor of the Justice Center. A hard copy is in the Public Meeting folder just inside the County Clerk's office window, and I have verified the proper posting of the meeting as specified in the notice.

PC: Thompson, Turcott, Henkel, Roux, Frost, Leech, Administrator, County Board Chairman, Highway Commissioner, District Attorney, Emergency Services Director, Sheriff, Chief Deputy, Webmaster, Three Public Postings

BARRON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 12:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Barron County Justice Center, Emergency Operations Center, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812

Present: Marv Thompson, Barron County Board of Supervisors; Craig Turcott, Barron County Board of Supervisors; Louie Okey, Chairman, Barron County Board of Supervisors; County Administrator Jeff French, Barron County; Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff's Department; Captain Jason Hagen, Barron County Sheriff's Department; Emergency Services Director Michael Judy, Barron County Sheriff's Department; Highway Commissioner Michael Hoefs, Barron County Highway Department; Education Representative Hannah Mueller, Barron Area School District; Jennifer Leech, Wisconsin Department of Transportation; Sergeant Tatsuo Andruze-Bell, Wisconsin State Patrol; Chief Derek Posey, Turtle Lake Police Department; Medical Examiner Nate Dunston; Law Enforcement Liaison Trace Frost, Bureau of Transportation Safety; and Office/Fiscal Manager Penny Pierce, Barron County Sheriff's Department.

Appearing Virtually:

Others Present: Bob Zientara, Barron News-Shield

Call to order by Chairman Thompson at 12:00 p.m.

Public Notification – Penny Pierce stated the County's compliance with open meeting laws.

Public Comment – None

Approve Agenda

Motion: (Okey/Turcott) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from September 12, 2023 meeting.

Motion: (Fitzgerald/Okey) to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

12:01 – Hoefs arrived.

12:02 – Zientara arrived.

Reports on traffic safety related matters by:

Trace Frost's presentation included the quarterly update, crash review, crash hot spots identified in Barron County, and an overview of the options now available on Community Maps.

Jennifer Leech advised on the projects for 2024 in Barron County.

Sheriff Fitzgerald advised on crashes for 2023.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items:

Next meeting date: March 12, 2024

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:36 p.m.

Meeting minutes posted in draft form. Minutes not official until approved at the next meeting.

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 –

2024 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American
2 Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services
3 Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held
4 annually in April prior to the construction season in much of the nation and;

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6 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two
7 counties in the state to unite and kick-off “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” with a
8 resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the travelling public, public safety
9 workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways
12 periodically require that work zones be established; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the
15 last three years; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, there were 857 fatalities in 774 work zone crashes in the United
18 States; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction
21 and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of
24 crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin Highway workers which were killed
25 in work zones in 2015; with another recent fatality of a County Highway Worker in Milwaukee
26 County in 2023; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Barron
29 County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Barron County Highway Department will
30 work to make Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 15 through April
33 19, 2024 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week;

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35 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Highway Committee on March 7, 2024
36 on a vote of _____ with _____ voting in favor and _____ voting against.

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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Barron County Board of
39 Supervisors that the week of April 15 through April 19, 2024 be designated as Work Zone Safety
40 Awareness Week in Barron County

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2024 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County

OFFERED THIS 18th Day of March, 2024

<p>Number of readings required: One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Marv Thompson, Chair Highway Committee</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed () Tabled ()</p>
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BARRON COUNTY NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK APRIL 15-19, 2024



Work Zones are *temporary*.
Actions behind the wheel can last *forever*.



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