HIGHWAY SAFETY
August 4, 2026

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Brad Steiner, Committee Chairman. In attendance were Kyle Kozelka, Highway Commissioner; Marc Myhre, EM Director; John & Fern Udelhoven, ATV/UTV members and Rose Dull, Chief Deputy Clerk.
Via Teams: Trace Frost, WI DOT-BOTS LEL and Brad Byom, WI DOT

Verify Posting

Steiner verified that the meeting notice was properly posted.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kozelka; second by Myhre to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Road Hazards

Kyle Kozelka provided a brief update noting the normal construction season.

WI DOT-BOTS

Trace Frost joined via Teams and presented the committee with a power point presentation regarding the current 2026 traffic accidents and fatalities in Crawford County and Statewide. The Daily Fatal Report, released on Monday, August 3rd, shows a current statewide total of 284 fatalities, compared to 313 fatalities at this time last year. Post-meeting, the presented PowerPoint slides were emailed to all participants by Trace.

The Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be held on August 24-25, 2026. There is still time to attend. Marc Myhre will be attending the conference.

Trace provided valuable information regarding the following:

- Motorized Vehicle Flowchart – issues around electric bikes
- Driving is Parenting on the Move – parents' model safe driving habits
- Wisconsin **M**anual on **U**niform **T**raffic **C**ontrol **D**evices (MUTCD) – the national standard for traffic control devices on all roads open to public travel in the United States. Wisconsin adopted February 2026.

WI DOT-State

Brad Byom joined the meeting via Teams and provided an update on the original project on county E west of Steuben, which will be placed on hold. Brad also discussed two potential highway safety improvement projects: one on Highway 61 near Childs Hollow and another at a hotspot location in Soldiers Grove. Further details and project scope are still to be determined.

Update on ATV/UTV Routes Proposal to WI DOT

Kyle Kozelka provided an update on the list of routes submitted to the WI DOT. Kyle, along with the ATV/UTV Club and Sheriff Dale McCullick, prioritized routes intended to improve connectivity to businesses and communities throughout the county.
At the end of July, WI DOT responded that they had reviewed a significant portion of the submitted routes, with several receiving denials due to redundancy. Nine routes remain under review by WI DOT. Kyle will provide another update at the next quarterly meeting.

Next Meeting

November 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Administration Building.

Adjournment

Motion by Myhre; second by Kozelka to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Rosarie Dull
Chief Deputy Clerk