

Price County Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: September 7, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Meeting called to order at 1:10 pm by Dennis Wartgow, Commission Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Gerry Baier (WDOT Engineer), Joshua Englund (Marshfield Medical Center), Robert Hawn (Price County Sheriff's Office), Jason McMillan (Phillips School District), Roger Petrick (Price County Highway Department), Bryce Schoenborn (Attorney/Legal), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Timothy Westphal (Wisconsin State Patrol), Randy Wiessinger (Bureau of Transportation Safety).

Excused: Marvin Nevelier (Park Falls Police Department),

Absent: Harold Herbst (Chequamegon School District), Gayle Stangle (Citizen Member),

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – June 1, 2023: Schoenborn/Petrick to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Accidents Report (Robert Hawn): 2023: 141 total crashes, 2 fatalities, 14 impaired drivers.
4. Law Enforcement Reports:
 - a. Price County Sheriff's Department (Robert Hawn): 38 OWI, down from prior. Addressing speeding issues – Maple Ridge Road in Town of Lake and State Highway 86 in Ogema.
 - b. Park Falls Police Department: N/A
 - c. Phillips Police Department: N/A.
 - d. US Forest Service: N/A
 - e. Wisconsin State Patrol (Timothy Westphal): Replacing Kyle Dudek. Also present Trooper Matthew Jankowski. Vehicle weight inspector not expected for Price County. Minimal coverage being provided.
5. Wisconsin Department of Transportation
 - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison (Randy Wiessinger): Double fatal in Price County. Statewide fatalities down 6.6%. On pace for record setting motorcycle fatalities. Nothing currently pending on legislative updates. Encouraging Price County crash data reporting information being complete, accurate and timely. Stressing accurate work zone crash data information. Almost 3X increase in teen crashes.
 - b. Traffic Safety Engineer (Gerry Baer): Paving project US Highway 8 east of Prentice completion anticipated in October. No State projects on schedule for 2024.
6. School Transportation Reports:
 - a. Chequamegon School District: N/A
 - b. Phillips School District (Jason McMillan): First week of school going well.
 - c. Prentice School District: N/A.
7. Other Reports:
 - a. Attorney/Legal (Bryce Schoenborn): None.
 - b. Citizen Member: N/A
 - c. Marshfield Clinic (Joshua Englund): None.
 - d. Price County Board of Supervisors (Dennis Wartgow): None.
 - e. Price County Highway Department (Roger Petrick): Wrapping up County Highways B and E projects. Transferring to fall maintenance before the snow starts. Rut wedging State Highway 13 in Phillips.
8. Date of Next Meeting – December 7, 2023
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk