

**Price County Traffic Safety Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 5, 2020 Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Dennis Wartgow, Commission Chairperson.

Roll Call: Present: Joe Baratka (Price County Highway Department), Joshua Englund (Flambeau Hospital), Harold Herbst (Chequamegon School District), Jack Keiffer (WDOT Engineer), Bruce Marshall (Attorney/Legal), Brian Roush (Price County Sheriff's Department), Dennis Wartgow (Price County Board Supervisor), Randy Wiessinger (Bureau of Transportation Safety), Bryan Wrycha (Wisconsin State Patrol)

Absent: Jerry Ernst (Park Falls Police Department), Rick Morgan (Phillips School District), Gayle Stangle (Citizen Member)

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: None.
2. Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2019: Motion Roush/Baratka to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Accidents Report: Randy Wiessinger reviewed accident report map.
4. Law Enforcement Reports:
  - a. Price County Sheriff's Department – Brian Roush: Still short one deputy. Interviewing tomorrow.
  - b. Park Falls Police Department: None.
  - c. Phillips Police Department: None.
  - d. US Forest Service: None.
  - e. Wisconsin State Patrol: Brian Wrycha: Investigated accidents as needed.
5. Wisconsin Department of Transportation:
  - a. Bureau of Transportation Safety – Law Enforcement Liaison – Randy Wiessinger: Three Price County fatalities in 2019, 551 statewide. Trending down for 2020. Presented Anatomy of Price County – A Traffic Safety Summary – data for past five years. Price County is encouraged to participate in the Click it or Ticket project.
  - b. Traffic Safety Engineer - Jack Keiffer: Three bridge projects ongoing on State Highway 8. State Highways 86 and 102 preventative maintenance upcoming. Offered information on speed limit studies and changing speed limits. Recommend requiring request coming from municipality instead of individual(s).
6. School Transportation Reports:
  - a. Chequamegon School District – Harold Herbst: Nothing to report.
  - b. Phillips School District: None.
  - c. Prentice School District: None.
7. Other Reports:
  - a. Attorney/Legal – Bruce Marshall: No report.
  - b. Citizen Member: None.
  - c. Flambeau Hospital – Josh Englund: No report.
  - d. Price County Board of Supervisors – Dennis Wartgow: No report.
  - e. Price County Highway Department – Joe Baratka: Bridge project starting on County Highway W starting in March with anticipated completion for waterway June 26<sup>th</sup> and the roadway August 15<sup>th</sup>. Pre-construction meeting held to cover detour details. Flemings Rapids road anticipated to be used not to exceed 12,000 pounds. County will work with Town of Elk for enforcement. Road posting March 6<sup>th</sup> 12:01pm. Weight permit – updated policy - need to contact Sheriff's Department prior to traveling on permit route. Should result in more compliance. Will be hiring a couple of Highway Operator positions going into summer maintenance. Getting weight permit reports from Biewer Logging and overweight drivers are being contacted.
8. Future Agenda Items: None.
9. Date of Next Meeting – June 4, 2020
10. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk