

LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Sheriff Ken Schneider, Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, Todd Rasmussen, Gerry Baier, Jason Lemmer, Tyler VerHasselt, Trooper Tim Westphal

Members Excused: Chief Corey Bennett, Captain Don Suebert, Dale Bergman

Visitors: Renee Krueger

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Sheriff Ken Schneider, seconded by Todd Rasmussen. All ayes.

a. November 2025 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

3. Review Crash Data

a. Merrill PD Crash Data

Merrill PD not present. Nothing of note per Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson.

Motion by Todd Rasmussen, seconded by Sheriff Ken Schneider. All ayes.

b. Lincoln Co. Sheriff Crash Data

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson noted crashes are up this quarter compared to last year, mostly due to car v. deer and too fast for conditions, as snow/ice accumulation is higher than in 2025.

Motion by Sheriff Ken Schnieder, seconded by Todd Rasmussen. All ayes.

4. Lincoln County Highway Department Report

Jason Lemmer mentioned that there will be a few new projects for 2026, most notably the County Rd YY project.

a. Discussion and possible action recommending speed limit reduction on CTH S near Daigle Brothers Inc. to 35 MPH.

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson noted there have been 3 accidents in the past 10 years handled by LISO.

Recommended the change in speed limit begin at Military Road.

Gerry Baier mentioned needing DOT approval for changes over 10 MPH. Suggests going to 45 MPH and weighing the options of a traffic/speed study.

Discussion tabled. Awaiting more data from the highway department.

5. State Report

Todd Rasmussen discussed year-end 2025 statewide statistics, noting that fatalities are down and crashes are up overall. Noted that current 2026 crashes and fatalities are trending down. Mentioned the Community Maps virtual office. Discussed Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersections in Wisconsin. Mentioned Place of Last Drink forms are now available on Tracs. Showed examples of the new Wisconsin license plates that became available in January 2026. Mentioned wrong-way driving slides. Noted the Governors' Conference potential dates. Brief discussion on new Wisconsin Legislation.

Gerry Baier discussed all 2026 state highway projects for Lincoln County. Jason Lemmer mentioned possible asphalt resurfacing on STH 64 from the 51 south off/on ramps east to STH 17 and a black top project on CTH D/CTH B.

Motion by Sheriff Ken Schneider, seconded by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson. All ayes.

6. Schedule Next Regular Meeting (May 19th, 2026, 9:00am, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lower Conference Room)

7. Adjourn

Motion by Todd Rasmussen, seconded by Jason Lemmer to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:57am.