

LINCOLN COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Members Present: Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, Chief Corey Bennett, Jason Lemmer, Todd Rasmussen, Gerry Baier, Tyler VerHasselt, Trooper Matthew Jankowski

Members Excused: Sheriff Ken Schneider, Captain Don Suebert

Visitors: Renee Krueger, Jack Kopp

2. Approval of the Minutes

a. February 2026 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion by Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson, seconded by Jason Lemmer. All ayes.

3. Review Crash Data

a. Merrill Police Department

Chief Corey Bennett noted seatbelt compliance and speed continue to trend in relation to crashes.

Motion by Todd Rasmussen, seconded by Jason Lemmer. All ayes.

b. Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Tyler Iverson noted crashes are down by 46 compared to the same time in 2025.

Motion by Jason Lemmer, seconded by Chief Corey Bennett. All ayes.

4. Lincoln County Highway Department Report

a. Discussion regarding ATV complaints on CTH Q

Jason Lemmer noted all current and upcoming projects for this and next quarter. Mentioned ATV signage be added to CTH Q from CTH Z to Joe Snow Rd. Brief discussion regarding a complaint received about ATV speeds v. auto speeds on CTH D.

5. State Report

Gerry Baier mentioned the bridge work on STH 86/CTH D is completed and STH 51 north of STH 8 will be opening up soon. Noted the Barnes Creek bridge work has begun, while the Spirit River bridge and Noisy Creek projects have not begun yet. Mentioned STH 107 culvert project will begin early and the STH 64 at STH 51 roadwork has been canceled by the state.

Todd Rasmussen discussed the state YTD fatalities are down significantly this quarter along with the Lincoln County crashes and fatalities. Brief discussion regarding how aggressive driving is classified. Noted citation data and Community Maps virtual hours. Discussion about Highway Safety Improvement Programs. Mentioned the Governor's Conference from August 24–25. Brief discussion regarding legislation that has been signed into law.

Motion by Chief Corey Bennet, seconded by Jason Lemmer. All ayes.

6. Schedule Next Regular Meeting (August 18, 2026, 9:00am, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Lower Conference Room)

7. Adjourn

Motion by Jason Lemmer, seconded by Chief Corey Bennett. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.