

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Foster, Delzer, Milbrath, Hinzmann, Cooper, Mayer, Kutz

Members absent: Neupert, Jenswold

Also Present: Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Brian Udovich, Highway Department

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the April 23, 2014 Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Kern and seconded by Ms. Hinzmann to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Steven Wilke, City Manager, City of Lake Mills: Speed study on CTH “B”
- Marilyn Riedel, CTH “Y”: CTH Y speed limit reduction
- Michael Garvey, Superintendent Johnson Creek School: CTH “B” school access & speed limit

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Discuss truck traffic and highway safety on STH 89 (Fort Atkinson – US 18)

Ryan Mayer provided a diagram with a summary of accidents over the past five years in this area. He cited four accidents in this time period for this area. He stated that the intersection appeared to be fine and his only thought on the issue was to incorporate different signage. He stated that the area will continue to be monitored, but for now would be left as status quo. No Motion

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Discuss CTH “Y” (US 18 – Town Line Rd) safety and speed concerns (Marilyn Riedel)

The Committee discussed the hidden driveway and the signage that has been put in place to draw attention to it such as flagging the hidden driveway sign with flags. The Committee agreed that the area doesn’t warrant anything further. It was stated that the Highway Department will look again to see if any other signage is available. The other option discussed was a change in the driveway design. No Motion

9b. Discuss CTH “B” (Industrial Drive to Harvey Road) Safety and speed concerns (Lake Mills City Council)

Highway Commissioner Kern discussed the letter that was received from the Lake Mills City Council regarding a speed zone study on CTH “B” from Industrial Drive to Harvey Road on the east side of Lake Mills. The Highway Department is looking into traffic counts and preliminary speeds and will bring back the results at the next meeting. Sheriff Milbrath suggested more speed enforcement by the Town. No Motion

9c. Discuss pavement rutting concerns on US 18 in Jefferson County

The Committee discussed the rutting along US 18 from county line to county line. It is especially noticeable in the rain, and is not scheduled for any maintenance or construction. This would be a DOT project and Ryan will take the Committee’s concerns back to the state level.

It was moved by Mr. Kern and seconded by Sheriff Milbrath to have Commissioner Kern draft a letter to the State and share the concerns of the Committee. Motion Carried.

10. Traffic Accident Spot Map – Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department

Sheriff Milbrath discussed a previous agenda item regarding a resident concern of speed along STH 26 North of Johnson Creek. The Sheriff asked for two more 55 MPH signs to the North. Ryan Mayer feels the area should be posted at 65 MPH, but will check into the option once again. Sheriff Milbrath feels that if the area is 55 MPH there will be a need for extra signage or flagging of the signs.

11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section (Ryan Mayer)

Ryan Mayer discussed from a previous meeting the accidents that have been occurring on Highway 89 just south of Highway 18. Ryan stated that although residents are not happy, night arrows have been placed properly along the roadway and hopefully will help alleviate the problems in the area.

The stop sign in the median on Highway 26 by the Dog Park was discussed. Ryan stated that he did look into the situation and the sign will stay as placed.

STH 106 and CTH N was looked at for a safety improvement project at one time. Ryan was checking to see if there were any continuing concerns. Sheriff Milbrath will look at data regarding accidents in this area.

12. WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety – Transportation Safety Report & Highway Safety Input

Cory Foster discussed latest information regarding vehicle crashes in the area. He stated that as of the end of April, we were tied for the lowest fatalities since World War II. Jefferson County is the second safest county in the State.

He handed out a WI 40th Annual Governor’s Conference on Highway Safety registration booklet to the Committee.

He discussed the task force that is currently in place on STH 26 running through the Jefferson County area.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

No report.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, October, 15, 2014 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Cooper to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Carried unanimously.