

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Neidner, Delzer, Foster, Milbrath, Jenswold, Cooper, Mayer

Members absent: Hinzmann, Kutz

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Duane Scott, Sheriff Department
Jim Mode, Town Jefferson
Connie Schroedl, Town Jefferson
Ruth Langholff, Town Jefferson
Birdie Langholff, Town Jefferson

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the July 15, 2015, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Neidner and seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8 a. Review and possible action on speed zones on CTH O, near E. Medina Road and Airport Road

The Committee discussed CTH "O" (London Road – Dane County Line). The discussion included making the segment 45 mph and removing the 55 mph zone from the school to north of the sharp curve. The Committee decided to table the item to confirm distances and place it on the January 2016 agenda. No Motion

8 b. Review and possible action on non-existing speeds and speed zones on CTH B corridor through Jefferson County

The Committee had discussion on the speed zones on CTH "B". Highway Commissioner Kern stated that the corridor study is still being worked on and currently is not ready to make a recommendation. He stated that all changes will be in one package with the Johnson Creek School and the Lake Mills request. He also noted that the Lake Mills to the East study was done, and no change will be made to the existing speed zone. No Motion

NEW BUSINESS

9 a. Review and possible action on additional “No Parking” signs on US 18 (South Helenville Road and North Helenville Road)

Sheriff Milbrath stated that signage on the south side is not clear where to park and not to park vehicles. He stated that on the North side of US 18, by North Helenville Road, it is difficult to see when vehicles are parked for those pulling out onto the roadway. He stated that signage would make it a safer area for those that are parked, and for those trying to pull out onto the roadway. Ryan Mayer will look at the area and will return at the January meeting with options.

9 b. Petition and possible action on reduced speed limit on CTH J (CTH G – STH 89)

Jim Mode, Town of Jefferson and County Board Supervisor, spoke for the residents of CTH “J”. He stated that to improve safety on the road with the increase in traffic, a few items need to be considered: A reduction in speed; signage for single file bicyclists; lower the hill at Strasburg’s farm entrance to increase visibility; and the preference to not change the intersection of Kiesling Road with CTH J. He referenced a petition from Dan Schroedl from July 11, 2015.

Highway Commissioner Kern stated that the design of CTH J has been worked on and the roadway will be reconstructed next year. He stated that some of the issues stated have been taken into consideration. The speed limits will be looked at when construction is complete, and adjustments will be made if need be.

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

Sheriff Milbrath shared the traffic accident spot map for 2015. Sheriff Department: January 1 – August 31, 2015: Fatality = 3; Personal Injury = 92; Property Damage Only = 291; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 3; Deer Crash = 142. State Patrol: January 1 – October 12, 2015: Fatality = 1; Personal Injury = 8; Property Damage Only = 34; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 0; Deer Crash = 0. There was discussion on the spot mapping to include local police departments in the future.

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

No Report – Will look into traffic issues discussed today and will report at next meeting

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

Corey Foster discussed state fatalities and the examination of why there is an increase in the state, and how to offer resources for safety improvements. He spoke on traffic safety planning with the Federal Government to create new models for local issues. An example would be to take a look at what is happening in Jefferson County and how funds could be expended for the situation or issues. This will give a better understanding of safety plans and what is unique to the local counties. He reported that speed task force continues to be funded for the Jefferson County area, as well as OWI and seatbelt enforcement. He also reported that an Amish safety manual is being worked on. He will bring a copy of the manual to a meeting when one is ready.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold brought a concern of signage at the interstate rest areas. He would like to see signage stating Wrong Way behind the rest areas. This would keep traffic from coming into the rest area, and then driving around the back of the building, which is for semi and large vehicle traffic.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Jenswold to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.