

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Delzer, Wiessinger, Milbrath, Jenswold, Cooper, Hinzmann, Davis,
Mayer

Members absent: Kutz

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Dale Lutz, City of Jefferson Police Department
Gary Kutz, County Board Supervisor

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the July 20, 2016, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Sheriff Milbrath and seconded by Sgt. Jenswold to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Review issue of highway safety and potential use of UTV/ATV on county highways

Highway Commissioner Kern updated the Committee on the discussion and decision made by the Highway Committee. The Highway Committee made a motion to not allow the use of ATV/UTV equipment on the County highways. There may be discussion in the future regarding right-of-way use, but not currently. Randy Wiessinger relayed information regarding a statewide group made up of DNR, DOT, and TSC individuals regarding ATV routes. He stated that everyone does things differently, and they were looking proactively to form a group to devise uniform guidelines if the County would like to use. It was moved by Kern and second by Jenswold to table this item of UTV/ATV use on County roads until more requests come in and then review from time to time as guidelines come forward. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Phil Neidner resignation from Committee

Commissioner Kern addressed the resignation of Phil Neidner from the Traffic Safety Committee, and asked if there was anyone with knowledge of who may fill this position for a legal representative. No Motion

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

Sheriff Milbrath gave an update on recent County accidents. He discussed speed enforcement grants coming to a close, and stated that work is being done on the reduction of speed on STH 26. Traffic Spot Map: Jan. 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016 Sheriff: Fatality 4; Personal Injury 85; Property Damage 215; Deer Crash 155. State Patrol Jan. 1, 2016 – October 7, 2016: Fatality 0; Personal Injury 24; Property Damage 82.

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

Ryan Mayer spoke regarding the roadway work on Highway 18 from Cambridge to Jefferson. The work to be completed is a mill and overlay of 2 inches. He also spoke in regards to a speed study done on Highway 18 East of St. Coletta to Schopen Road. There was a 2007 speed study and a 2016 study. The 2016 study shows this area as a 45 mph zone and a reduction to 35 mph coming into the City of Jefferson. He also stated the concern regarding the flashing signs in the crosswalk area by St. Coletta.

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

Joe Davis reported on grants for speed and OWI. He stated three counties are not receiving grants at this time, and Jefferson County is one of those counties due to the decrease in numbers. WisDOT BOTS will review again in the future. He also relayed information regarding the 3rd Annual Community Maps User's Group Conference: November 10, 2016, beginning at 10 a.m. Randy Wiessinger discussed Wisconsin County/City Traffic Safety Commission Guidelines, stating they capture most of what traffic safety commissions around the state do. The review of crashes takes a more proactive approach rather than reactive. A report is coming soon on the demographics of crashes. Jefferson County is not yet done.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold updated the Committee on High Intensity Grants on Highway 26 and 18, using aircraft, Inspectors, and Troopers. The purpose is to lower injury and accident rates around commercial motor vehicles; trucks following to close or aggressive drivers around trucks.

14. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report

Commissioner Kern stated that CTH "J" will be opening this Friday. There is a little shouldering to be done, but roadway will open on Friday. He stated that the citizen concerns regarding speed along the roadway was addressed at Highway Committee, and will be going to County Board next week.

15. Village/City Police Department - Reports

The City of Jefferson Police Department reported that there is enforcement on Highway 26 and 18. The provided grants aided in enforcement to slow traffic and minimize accidents.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

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