

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, 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, Hinzmann,
Kutz

Members absent: None

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Ken Pileggi, City of Jefferson Police Department
Dale Lutz, City of Jefferson Police Department
Daniel Gorden, City of Waterloo UTV/ATV Club

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the October 21, 2016, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Jenswold and seconded by Mr. Milbrath to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

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

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. No Motion

NEW BUSINESS

9 a. Review and possible action on the issue of highway safety and potential use of UTV/ATV on county highways

The Committee had extensive discussion regarding the use of UTV/ATV on Jefferson County Highways. This discussion evolved from a request a few months back from the Hebron Knights ATV Club to use county highways as connector routes. The request was an agenda item in December for the Jefferson County Highway Committee. The Highway Committee had discussed the issue and wanted to have it referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for their professional and knowledgeable input.

Jefferson County does not have UTV/ATV trails. Some Towns within the County do allow the vehicles on their designated, marked routes. The Towns have individually decided their routes with the aid of the ATV Clubs. The Clubs generally take care of the route signage and maintenance.

The Traffic Safety Committee discussed the increase of commerce to the area by letting these connector routes evolve. Several Wisconsin Counties were discussed including Lafayette, Green, and Dodge to check their ATV ordinances and use them as a guide. Commissioner Kern presented a Wisconsin ATV/UTV fatality summary for 2014, which showed 27 deaths associated with the use of these vehicles. The ultimate factor is based on the safety of the traveling public and those who would be utilizing any route possibly designated. Liability is also another factor to be considered. The Committee discussed the possibility of small test sections with a sunset clause. The Clubs would be responsible for signage and maintenance.

The first step will be coming up with a map showing where the clubs trails currently are. Sheriff Milbrath will work on acquiring this information, along with any available accident information.

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

Sheriff Milbrath shared the traffic accident spot map for 2015. Sheriff Department: January 1 – November 30, 2015: Fatality = 4; Personal Injury = 126; Property Damage Only = 410; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 4; Deer Crash = 281. State Patrol: January 1 – December, 2015: Fatality = 1; Personal Injury = 14; Property Damage Only = 47; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 1; Deer Crash = 0.

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

Ryan Mayer reported that he had looked into the traffic issues in Helenville discussed at the last meeting, and the issues have been resolved. The Town of Jefferson is working on an ordinance to address the situation. The signs at the Interstate rest areas will be placed soon. The “No Right Turn” signs will be placed on the light posts.

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

Corey Foster discussed state fatalities and the decrease of 11 from 2014. He reported on upcoming training and the desire to schedule law enforcement task force enforcement. WisDOT is working on grants for funding Jefferson County for seatbelts, OWI, and speed.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold reported that his Jefferson Troop is once again a full troop. He stated that this upcoming Thursday the State Patrol will be a part of a task force OWI enforcement in Jefferson County.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Kutz to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Carried unanimously.