

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Delzer, Milbrath, Jenswold, Kutz, Davis, Mayer, Cooper

Members absent: None

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Rick Olig, WisDOT BOTS
Adrian Bump, Chief Fort Atkinson Police Dept.
Harry & Shirley Shepherd, Aztalan – CTH N Speed Reduction
Dean & Sue Andersen, Aztalan - CTH N Speed Reduction
Sharon Volla, Jefferson – Traffic/Drivers
Jim Ackermann/Nancy Barthell, Lake Mills – CTH B

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the July 19, 2017, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Kutz and seconded by Milbrath to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Kyle Ellefson, Administrator, Village Johnson Creek: Speed zone request on CTH “B” between Highway 26 and Mark Drive

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Residents present from CTH “N” spoke on behalf of having the speed reduced along CTH “N”.
- Residents present from Lake Mills spoke on behalf of concerns regarding new construction of six duplex going up and the traffic impact along CTH B.

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Speed zone on CTH G (STH 89 – STH 19)

Commissioner Kern stated that he looked back at the accident history of this area. The prevailing speed is 59 MPH on the North end, and 63 MPH on the South end - the 85 percentile, with 810 average daily count of cars. He stated that by the current information, there is not a good trigger to lower the speed. He stated that signage could be looked at to see if a change could be made there, especially in the curve area. He stated that discussions with local residents may also be helpful. There will be an update at the January, 2018 meeting. No Motion

8b. Speed zone on CTH N (CTH B – CTH A)

Commissioner Kern stated that there were 10 accidents in the last 10 years. A counter was placed south of the hill on CTH “N”, between CTH “B” and Interstate 94. The prevailing speed is 59 – 61 MPH, 61 MPH on the South end - for the 85 percentile. It was stated that some higher speeds were picked up, but not any particular pattern. The Sheriff stated that more people are walking and biking along the roadway, which is a concern from the residents. Commissioner Kern stated that there are not a lot of crashes being reported in the area; only a few spots on the roadway. An average daily count of cars showed 692 vehicles on the roadway. He stated that there is a possibility of looking at the last 2 or 3 years of information to see if there is a difference in crashes, as opposed to a 10 year span, to break the information down further. He also stated that signage, enforcement, and resident concerns could be addressed further. There will be an update at the January, 2018 meeting. No Motion

8c. Discussion on vacant positions on TSC

There was discussion on the vacant positions on the Traffic Safety Committee, and how they could be filled. A suggestion was made to ask at the Sheriff and Chief meeting, or EMT Association. Sheriff Milbrath will make contact with the organizations, and see if there is interest. An update will be given at the January, 2018 meeting. No Motion

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Speed zone on CTH Y (North of US 18)

Commissioner Kern and Sheriff Milbrath updated the Committee on CTH Y regarding speed and safety along the roadway. The hidden driveway has been reflagged. There are no changes that need to be made. A speed study had been previously done. No Motion

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

The 2017 Rural Car Crashes in Jefferson County report showed the following:

Sheriff Department January 1 through August 31, 2017: Fatalities 4; Personal Injury 80; Property Damage Only 333; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 3; Deer Crash 169.

State Patrol January 1 through October 6, 2017: Fatalities 1; Personal Injury 25; Property Damage Only 87; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 2; Deer Crash 17.

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

Ryan Mayer discussed cable guard placement on Interstate 94. He stated that more areas are showing up as potential areas for the cable guard to be placed.

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

Joe Davis reported on 475 fatalities in the State of Wisconsin to date, versus 464 this time last year. Likewise, there were 435 crashes, versus 416 last year. He stated that Jefferson County is doing well in comparison to other counties in the state.

He stated that the Governor Conference will be held in Lake Geneva from August 21 – 23, 2018.

Rick Olig updated the Committee on Community Maps, stating that on January 1, 2018, accident information will automatically load into the system. He stated that information will not be able to be manually entered. There was discussion on non-reportable accidents, and how that relates to viewing information and behavior change insight.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold addressed the Committee stating that his Troop is down by 3 people, due to promotions. There is a new recruit class graduating in spring, hopefully he will gain some new Troopers at that time. He stated that the grants are finished for semi-trucks for the area of I-94 and Highway 26 between Janesville and Fort Atkinson. They ran 20 different details in the air and on the road.

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

Chief Bump, Fort Atkinson Police Department, reported his department is on board with the Community Maps, and entering all information to be a part of the system.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Kutz to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.