

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, January 25, 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

Members absent: Cooper, Hinzmann

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Rick Olig, State of Wisconsin
Ken Pileggi, City of Jefferson Police Department
Joe Szvec, City of Jefferson Police Department
Mick Selck, City of Lake Mills Police Department
Gary Kutz, County Board Supervisor
Dean & Sue Andersen, Aztalan-CTH N Speed Reduction
Harry & Shirley Shepherd, Aztalan-CTH N Speed Reduction
Bruce Cross, Aztalan-CTH N Speed Reduction

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the October 19, 2016, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Jenswold and seconded by Kern to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Speed reduction on CTH N (CTH B – CTH A)

Commissioner Kern addressed the residents present from CTH N. A petition was received from the residents along CTH “N”. The residents spoke in regards to the petition and stated concerns regarding the speed of traffic along the roadway. The residents would like to see a reduction in

speed from 55 mph to 45 mph. Commissioner Kern stated that a speed study would need to be conducted on CTH “N” from CTH “B” to CTH “A”. He stated that prevailing speeds would need to be checked by the study and safety factors. He also addressed county enforcement in the area. The discussion was tabled and will be brought back to the Committee at the next meeting, possibly with a recommendation. No Motion

9b. Speed reduction on CTH Q (CTH B – CTH A)

The different speed zones along CTH “Q”, south of the Interstate, were discussed. It was stated that the Highway Q Bridge will be worked on by WisDOT, along with County plans under review for future projects and roadwork in 2018 or 2019. Once these projects are underway and completed, the speed zones will be reviewed. No further discussion or review at this time. No Motion

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

Sheriff Milbrath spoke regarding CTH “X” by Saucer Road. He stated that a homeowner has wood piled up, and car debris. There are line of sight issues along the roadway because of this. He would like the County to take a look at this situation. No Motion

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

Ryan Mayer spoke on Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory plotting rural crashes along state roadways. From 2011 – 2015 crash data, CTH “F” in Jefferson County shows higher than average crashes. He discussed low cost treatment ideas for funding such as pavement rumble strips, marking, signing, and tree removal. This spring there will be further evaluation, and partial funding to follow. No Motion

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

Joe Davis reported on the anatomy of traffic safety in Jefferson County. He stated that although fatalities have declined over recent years, they were up from 2015. The most likely causes are human behavior such as speed, distraction, and impairment. He also stated that statewide fatality numbers are up in 2017 compared to 2016.

Rick Olig gave a presentation and overview on Community Maps. With the use of Wisconsin Community Maps, agencies can search any part of the state for crashes and fatalities. The idea of this site, is to use it as a tool to aid in future traffic safety.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold updated the Committee on High Intensity Truck Enforcement, stating that it is still in effect. He also stated that with the upcoming State Patrol graduation class in April, he is hoping to have some vacancies in the Jefferson Troop filled.

14. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report

Commissioner Kern reported on the use of anti-icing functions. He stated that the public is being educated on what it is and when it’s used. He commented that statewide there is a move to come in the future to use more liquid, saving on salt usage.

15. Village/City Police Department - Reports

The City of Jefferson Police Department reported that crashes have dropped 16%. They are currently dealing with weather related crashes.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Kern to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.