

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

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

Members absent: Milbrath, Pileggi, Cooper

Also Present: Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Randy Wiessinger, WisDOT/BOTS
David Brower, Watertown Police Department
Alan Witte, Lake Mills Police Department
Trevor Aldrich, Wisconsin State Patrol
Logan Stevens, WisDOT

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the April 17, 2019, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Jenswold and seconded by Kutz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Discuss traffic safety with farm machinery on CTH B (Aztalan – Lake Mills)

Sgt. Jenswold addressed the Committee stating that he had Troopers patrol the area during morning hours, and only had a few random stops. There were no high speeds reported during this enforcement time. The Committee discussed a speed zone study for the entire portion of CTH B from Aztalan to Lake Mills. They discussed the possibility of doing a step-down in speeds; 55 mph to 45 mph to 35 mph, and 25 mph into the city. Law enforcement stated that this process may be more logical to the traveling public, and it would be easier to enforce the speed limits. Commissioner Kern stated that prevailing speeds would be collected by the October meeting for discussion. No Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

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

Sheriff Milbrath was not on hand to report on his traffic accident spot map. Randy Wiessinger did report that Jefferson County crashes are lower this year. Year to date fatalities are 2, compared to 5 last year, and crash injuries are 74 compared to 92 last year.

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

Ryan Mayer reported on the engine brake sign request along Highway 89, he stated the Town of Jefferson is in the process of having that sign placed. He reported that on the north side of Fort Atkinson and Business 26 the stop sign for those heading North on STH 26 will be removed and replaced with night arrows and merge signs.

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

Randy Wiessinger reminded the Committee that the Governor’s Conference is coming up in August. He commented on legislative summaries, and stated that he would send information in PDF format to be distributed to the Committee.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold reported on Farm Technology Days, stating that the Traffic Action Incident Plan is in place, and the State Patrol will be assisting with traffic control. He stated that a letter had been received from the Town of Milford stating that town roads were open for ATV traffic, with a one year sunset: June 2019 to June 2020. Signage should be up shortly. He also stated that the Town of Concord may have just passed something similar.

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

No Report

15. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report

Commissioner Kern reported on CTH “B” roadwork. He stated that the mainline should be complete by Monday. The roadwork will cease for a week in the area for Farm Technology Days, to alleviate any further congestion in the area.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Kern and seconded by Jenswold to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Carried unanimously.