

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2021**

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, April 15, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

**ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:**

Members present: Kern, Delzer, Milbrath, Kutz, Schmid (Zoom)

Members absent: Davis, Kinderman, Pileggi, Cooper

Also Present: Ann Jenswold, Highway Department  
Brian Udovich, Highway Department  
Ryan Broedlow, Highway Department  
George Jaeckel, Highway Committee  
Trooper Pung, Wisconsin State Patrol  
Walt Christensen, Town Koshkonong  
Bill Blaska, Quad County Runners ATV/UTV Club  
Mick Selk, Lake Mills Police Department (Zoom)  
Alan Witte, Lake Mills Police Department (Zoom)  
Dave Brower, Watertown Police Department (Zoom)  
Frankie Fuller, Town Jefferson (Zoom)  
Mike Kelly, Highway Committee (Zoom)  
Laura Payne, Highway Committee (Zoom)

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES:** The minutes from the January 16, 2020, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Kern and seconded by Milbrath to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

George Jaeckel, Highway Committee Chair, stated he was there to answer any questions pertaining to the ATV/UTV agenda item.

Walt Christensen stated he was there regarding the ATV/UTV agenda item pertaining to safety concerns.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**8a. Discuss final 2020 crash and fatality information**

Commissioner Kern stated that the WisDOT personnel were not in attendance to address the agenda item. No Motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Discuss ATV/UTV county highway use and new ordinance**

Commissioner Kern stated that the Highway Committee has had discussions regarding ATV/UTV use on county roads for several months, and has now created an ATV/UTV ordinance that will be forwarded to the County Board next week. The Highway Committee has asked the Traffic Safety Committee to have ATV/UTV discussions on their quarterly agendas to keep apprised of any issues or concerns that might arise. Sheriff Milbrath stated that there are currently no issues with ATV/UTV use. He stated that the Sheriff Department works closely with the ATV/UTV clubs. Milbrath stated that he approved of the sunset provision in the ordinance, where if there were any problems in the future, the ordinance could be revised or pulled. There was discussion by the Committee regarding safety, ATV/UTV differences versus cars, speeds, accident and injuries, brake lights, turn signals, and a valid driver's license as a requirement to operate. There was further discussion regarding enforcement on the route, is it deemed a trail or a roadway, and OWI enforcement rules. Lake Mills Officer, Alan Witte, stated that he had talked with the DNR, and the DNR would be willing to address the Committee in the future with their ATV/UTV information. There was discussion regarding keeping users in compliance with the ordinance and rules; not all Towns have ATV/UTV access, and with signage being only at County borders, how will people know where they can access the route. Trooper Pung stated that an educational campaign, similar to the motorcycle educational campaign, could help with some issues to educate the public on roadway use.

**9b. Discuss safety at pedestrian crossing on US18 (West of CTH Y)**

A complaint came in that the pedestrian crossing needed updating or removal. Although Chief Pileggi was unable to attend the meeting, Sheriff Milbrath gave some history on the crossing and the change in pedestrian traffic due to the changes at St. Coletta . It was suggested that the agenda item be forwarded to WisDOT to see if the crossing needs reviewing – is it not functioning or is it unused.

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

The Community Maps application was used to discuss the Jefferson County crashes from January 2020 to current. There were 8 crashes with 9 fatalities in 2020, and 2 crashes with 2 fatalities in 2021. The Committee discussed the Hwy 18 crash at Hope Lake Road January 2020; CTH D and Depot Road fatality August 2020; Hwy 12, Town of Oakland fatality November 2020; I-94 crash January 2021; CTH F and Northside Drive fatality February 2021. The majority of crashes involved speed – total of 52 crashes, 12 fatalities, and 72 injuries.

**11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section (Charlene Schmid)**

Two roadways are scheduled for High Risk Rural Road Program: CTH F (Hwy 18 – CTH P); CTH G (Hwy 89 to Hwy 19), both scheduled for 2024. Hwy 16 & Main Street by Oakhill Rd – proposed round-about scheduled for fiscal year 2025.

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

No Report

**13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Kevin Kinderman)**

Trooper Pung sat in for Sgt. Kinderman. He stated that a new Trooper is possibly coming to the Jefferson Troop in July. He commented that the State Patrol would be willing to work with local law enforcement agencies regarding enforcement of the ATV/UTV ordinance as well as educating the public and ATV/UTV users.

**14. Village/City Police Department-Reports**

No Report

**15. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report**

Commissioner Kern stated that the CTH N construction begins Monday, April 19. The project is divided into three segments: Hwy 106 to Whitewater; Hwy 106 to Jefferson; Jefferson to CTH B. The pulverizing and paving will begin on the Hwy 106 to Whitewater segment first.

The CTH B speed zone will be an agenda item for the next meeting – there will be a recommendation at that time.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Thursday, July 15, 2021 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Milbrath and seconded by Kutz to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Carried unanimously.