

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 20th, 2023

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Thursday, July 20th, 2023, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL CALL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Delzer, Chilsen, Martin, Udovich, Wells, Wiessinger

Members absent: Cooper, Kern, Kinderman, Milbrath, Ward

Also Present: Kelsey Perry, Highway Department
Jacob Borth, Highway Department
Nick Lorenzen, State Patrol Representative
Dave Gress, DOT
Jay Wiedenfeld, Public Comment
Robin Untz, Public Comment

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES:

The minutes from the April, 20th, 2023, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Udovich and seconded by Martin to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Johnsons Creek Fire Department inquired about adding emergency vehicle preemption (EVP) to traffic signals.
 - EVP's should be uniform county wide
 - Grant funding is available
 - Receivers do not need to be added to all emergency vehicles at one time, can add as the need arises
- b. Concerns regarding the ramp on Highway F
 - In the winter it is hard to gain traction
 - Other materials we can put on the roadways to help with slick spots

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wiedenfeld and Untz both spoke about the concerns regarding Highway Q and Cemetery Road. (See Pages 3 & 4)

- Guardrail is not placed correctly
- Cars are still causing damage to the cemetery
- Suggest vacating connection of Highway Q to Cemetery Road and creating a cul-de-sac

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding subcommittee meetings on public engagement on traffic safety

- 6 schools have responded
- Prefer a 45-minute presentation

- Most want assembly style, anywhere from 30-370 students

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Concerns regarding Highway Q (See Public Comment)
- b. Concerns regarding Highway Y and Highway 18 and Highway D and Highway 18 intersections.
 - People are running the stop sign
 - Possible solutions include lower speed, rumble strips, dual signage, flashing stop sign
 - Research needs to be done to determine underlying issue

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

The Spot Map was reviewed by the Committee. 4 Crashes, 5 Fatalities from April 2023 to July 2023. See pages 5 & 6 for additional details and link to Community Maps. No Motion.

11. WisDOT Southwest Region, Madison - Traffic Section

Chris Wells – in 2012, 54% of all fatal crashed happened on rural roads, while only 19% of the population lived in these rural areas. The fatality rate is 2.4 times higher in rural areas than in urban areas.

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

Randy Wiessinger presented crash data trends, motorcycle crashes, and data on fatal crashes as a result of failing to wear seat belts and/or speeding. Randy mentioned that all reported crashes should have a “flag” as to why the crash happened.

- Governor's Conference on Highway Safety will be August 29th-31st, 2023
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Speed Awareness Day is July 26th, 2023

13. Wisconsin State Patrol

- a. State Patrol discussed I94 complaints on crashes in the Winter months, roads seemed to be slicker this winter than past years.
- b. The State Patrol will be participating in Speed Awareness Day on July 26th, 2023 and will be increasing their patrol in the area.

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

NONE

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for October 19th, 2023, at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

The next Traffic Safety Commission – SUBCOMMITTEE meeting is set for August 10th, 2023 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 2:30 P.M.

It was motioned by Udovich and seconded by Delzer to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Carried unanimously.

State of Wisconsin

To the County Board of the County of Jefferson, Wisconsin:

We, the undersigned, electors of the Town of Aztalan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, hereby petition for the execution of safety measures at the intersection of Cemetery Road and County Road Q, near N6603 County Road Q to increase traffic safety and protect property within the Town of Aztalan:

Whereas, the electors and property owners within and around the described location are affected by the high rate of traffic speed, run offs on to property causing damage by vehicles traveling on and off the approach of the I-94 overpass bridge, County Road Q, in addition to safety concerns in regards to the guard rail at the intersection of Cemetery Road and County Road Q due to the improper use of the guard rail from which it is designed and intended for, and the encroachment of the County Road Q road bed and road right of way on the east side of N6603 CTH Q (Aztalan Milford Cemetery) to compensate for the high rate of speed and the improper design of the curved approach, into a historic and sensitive burial location of the cemetery,

Therefore, the electors of the Town of Aztalan, petition Jefferson County, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission and Jefferson County Highway Department and the Town of Aztalan to execute measures to address safety concerns, property damage and encroachment onto properties, by vacating the intersection of Cemetery Road and County Road Q, engineer the appropriate curve on and off of the County Road Q overpass bridge and properly install guard rail in the manner in which it is intended to be used, in addition to lowering the rate of speed to not less than 45mph from the hamlet of Aztalan to the hamlet of Milford in conjunction with the recommendations to lower the rate of speed at the overpass approach as provided by the WI DOT in 2018 when the I-94 overpass drawings were finalized, for the safety of traffic and preservation of property.

Affidavit

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Jefferson County

Jay Wiedenfeld of W6864 County Road B, Lake Mills, WI, 53551, being duly sworn, says that I personally circulated the petition and personally obtained each of the signatures; that I know that the signers are electors of the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated; that I know that the signers signed the paper with full knowledge of its content; that I know the signers' respective residences given; that I know that each signer signed on the date stated opposite his or her name; that I reside within the jurisdiction or district in which the petition is circulated; and that I am aware that falsifying the affidavit is punishable under ss. 12.13 (3) (a) and 946.32 (1) (a), Wis. stats.

_____[Signature of affiant]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day ____ of _____, 20__.

State of Wisconsin

County of _____

This document was signed before me by _____ on the _____ day of _____, 20__

_____(signature) Notary Public, my commission expires on _____ day of _____, 20__

SEAL



Cemetery

Cemetery Road

Highway Q

Area of mounds

1.	<p> County: JEFFERSON Municipality: LAKE MILLS (City) On: 094 At: A Date: 04/06/2023 Severity: Fatality Total Fatalities: 1 Total Injuries: 1 Flag(s): Impaired Occp Protection </p>	3. <p> County: JEFFERSON Municipality: HEBRON (Town) On: 106 At: MEHRING RD Date: 04/12/2023 Severity: Fatality Total Fatalities: 1 Total Injuries: 1 Flag(s): Motorcycle Speed </p>
2.	<p> County: JEFFERSON Municipality: FARMINGTON (Town) On: 094 At: SWITZKE RD Date: 05/05/2023 Severity: Fatality Total Fatalities: 1 Total Injuries: 1 Flag(s): Occp Protection Speed </p>	4. <p> County: JEFFERSON Municipality: PALMYRA (Town) On: 106 N 1ST ST At: CALKINS RD Date: 04/01/2023 Severity: Fatality Total Fatalities: 2 Total Injuries: 0 Flag(s): Impaired Occp Protection Speed </p>

Select the form below to filter the crash map based on high level crash attributes. Click Apply to apply your filters or Reset to go back to the default settings.

There were **4** total crashes reported resulting in **5** fatalities and **3** injuries. Of this total, **4** crashes are mapped. [\[More\]](#)

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Counties ?

JEFFERSON

Center Map

Date Range ?

Begin Year/Month: 2023 APR
 End Year/Month: 2023 JUL

Crash Severity ?

- ☒ (K) Fatality
☐ (A) Suspected Serious Injury
☐ (B) Suspected Minor Injury
☐ (C) Possible Injury
☐ (O) No Apparent Injury

Clear Selection

Crash Flags ? [Definitions]

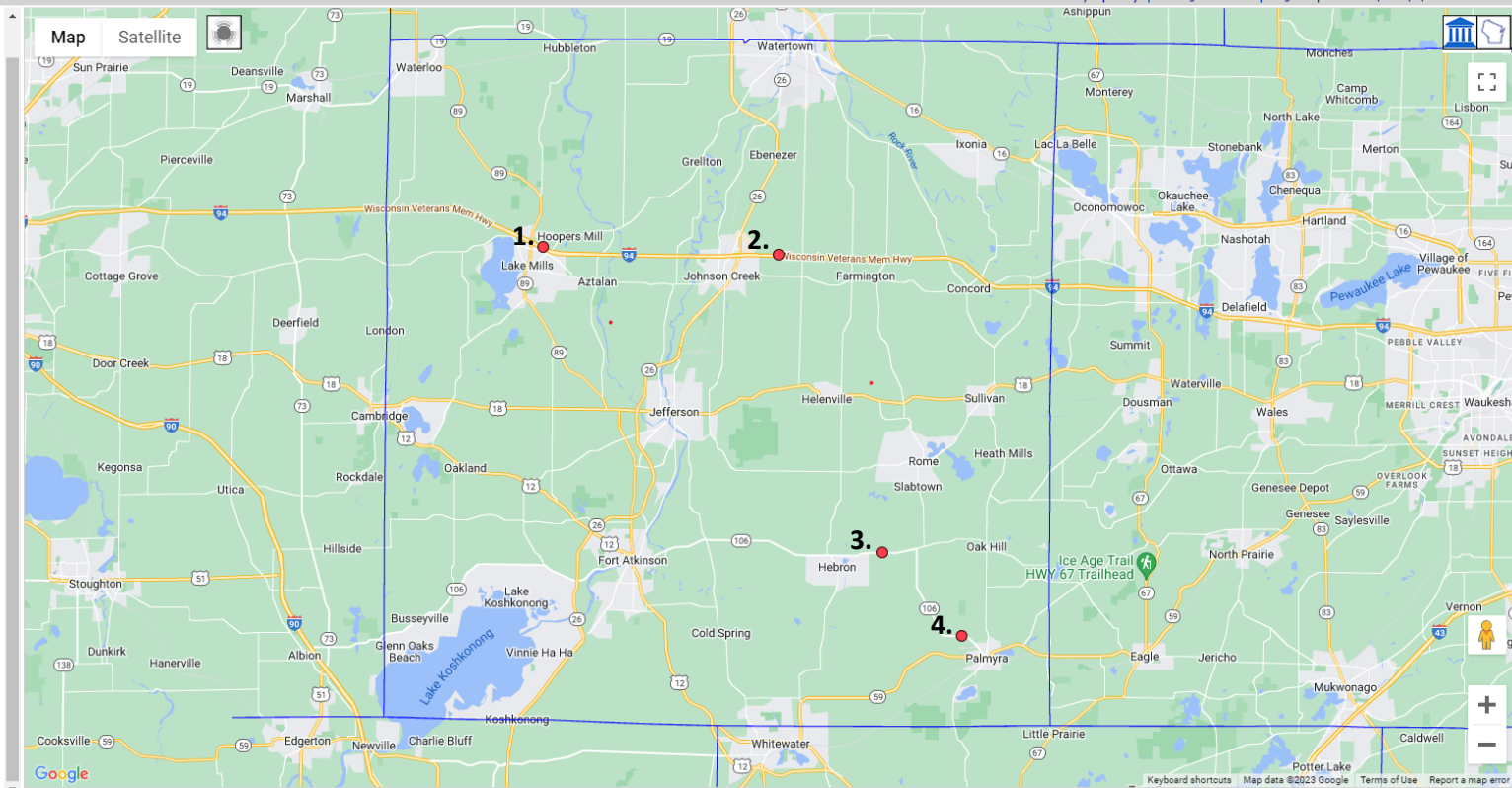
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distracted | <input type="checkbox"/> Speed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle | <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ Driver |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ocsp Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone |

Combine crash flags using: ☐ AND ☒ OR

Deer Flag ?

Include Deer Crashes

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Jefferson County Fatal Crashes from April 2023 to July 2023

- 4 Crashes, 5 Fatalities

<https://transportal.cee.wisc.edu/partners/community-maps/crash/search/BasicSearch.do>