

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, April 19, 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
Trace Frost, State of Wisconsin
Ken Pileggi, City of Jefferson Police Department
Dale Lutz, City of Jefferson Police Department
Adrian Bump, City of Fort Atkinson Police Department
Andy Selle, City of Fort Atkinson
Bob Kaminski, City of Watertown Police Department
Erin Fondt, City of Watertown Police Department
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 January 25, 2017, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Milbrath and seconded by Kutz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Residents present from CTH "N" spoke on behalf of having the speed reduced along CTH "N".
- Residents: Cross: N6505 CTH "N"; Shepherd N6503 CTH "N" spoke regarding property markers still not placed by Jim Morrow, Surveyor. (Email to be sent by Kern)

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Discuss CTH "X" / Saucer Road sight line issue within Right-of-way.

In the discussion regarding the sight line issue along CTH "X" and Saucer Road, Commissioner Kern shared a letter that was sent to both him and Sheriff Milbrath from Aari Roberts. It was stated that the resident had the area cleaned up previously when spoken to, but over time, the right-of-way has filed in again. Kern stated that right-of-way posts should be placed, and notice

given to the owner as the next step. Sheriff Milbrath stated that he would contact the Zoning Department. There will be a report of progress given at the next meeting. No Motion.

NEW BUSINESS

9a. Speed reduction on US 18 (Cambridge to CTH A)

Ryan Mayer spoke on behalf of the speed reduction concern on US 18. A resident is looking to change the speed to 45 MPH on the East side of Cambridge to CTH "A". Ryan stated that there was a study done in 2006. There will be road construction done on US 18 this summer, beginning in July or August. He suggested that once the construction is complete, another study will be done. Depending on the results of the study, a change may be warranted, or a signage change. No Motion.

9b. Speed reduction on CTH G (STH 89 – STH 19)

Commissioner Kern stated that he looked back at the accident history of this area. He noted that there were not as many accidents in 5 years as he had expected. He would like to have a speed analysis done on this area and check the general speeds, and see if recommendations need to come after that. He stated that the north and south ends show the most accidents. He stated that by the next meeting the analysis should be complete. No Motion.

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

Sheriff Milbrath shared statistics from a spot map regarding 2016 Rural & Urban Car Crashes in Jefferson County. The map showed a total of Fatal Crashes 6; Number Killed 6; Number Injured 3; Injury Crashes 356; Number Injured 489; Property Damage Only 1122; Car vs. Deer 432; Car vs. Deer with Injury 4; Number Injured Car vs. Deer 4; Car vs. Deer with Fatality 0; Number Killed Car vs. Deer 0.

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

Sheriff Department January 1 through February 28, 2017: Fatalities 0; Personal Injury 13; Property Damage Only 114; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 0; Deer Crash 54.

State Patrol January 1 through April 2, 2017: Fatalities 0; Personal Injury 7; Property Damage Only 23; Deer Crash with Fatality 0; Deer Crash with Injury 0; Deer Crash 2.

Sheriff Milbrath also commented on the positive response from the joint efforts of the Sheriff Department and Highway Department in work zones and winter maintenance.

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

Ryan Mayer followed up with the committee on the report from Traffic Operations and Safety (TOPS) Laboratory plotting rural crashes along state roadways. 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. Commissioner Kern stated that he had not been approached by the state regarding CTH "F". No Motion

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

Joe Davis reported on the 16% decline of traffic fatalities for the year. He reminded the police departments to participate during the grant period and report their results, in order to be eligible for the one time monetary award. He talked about the Regional Highway Safety Coordinator Meetings in May. He introduced Rick Olig and Trace Frost from WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety. They talked briefly regarding Community Maps, and stated they were looking for input and ideas for law enforcement luncheon door prizes.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

Sgt. Jenswold addressed the Committee regarding State Patrol accidents, with physical injuries, that happened during the last quarter. Using the overhead projector, he reported on six accidents, identifying road conditions, injuries, and the factor causing the crash. 1) I-94 WB by CTH “Q”; 2) I-94 by Crawfish; 3) Hwy 26 by Hartwig; 4) Hwy 16 by Boughton Street; 5) CTH “B”; 6) I-94 East of Newville Road. He stated that for the accidents listed, driver error or too fast for conditions was the contributing factor to the accidents.

14. Village/City Police Department-Reports

The City of Jefferson Police Department reported on minor injuries to date. They are trying to resolve traffic issues regarding the auto auction.

The City of Watertown Police Department stated that they were interested in the Community Maps Program, and would like to be trained on it.

The City of Fort Atkinson Police Department made introductions.

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

Motion by Mr. Kern and seconded by Sheriff Milbrath to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Carried unanimously.