

**JEFFERSON COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

The Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission met on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 1:00 P.M. for a meeting at the Jefferson County Highway Office.

ROLL OF THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Members present: Kern, Neidner, Delzer, Foster, Milbrath, Cooper, Mayer, Hinzmann, Kutz

Members absent: Jenswold

Also Present: Brian Udovich, Highway Department
Ann Jenswold, Highway Department
Ken Pileggi, City of Jefferson Police Department
Dale Lutz, City of Jefferson Police Department

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MINUTES: The minutes from the January 27, 2016, Jefferson County Traffic Safety Commission meeting, having been distributed in advance, it was moved by Mr. Milbrath and seconded by Mr. Kutz to approve the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- City of Watertown: Regarding speed zone on CTH "E" as it comes into Watertown

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

8a. Review and possible action on existing speeds and speed zones on CTH B corridor through Jefferson County

Highway Commissioner Kern stated that two of the studies are complete. The West side of Johnson Creek school speed reduction is proposed to have a step down from a 55 mph zone to 1550' of 45 mph, then step down to 2850' of 35 mph until the 25 mph zone is reached in the City Limits. The East side of the City of Lake Mills study showed that the prevailing speeds match well with the current zones posted. The recommendation would be to keep the zones as posted and re-evaluate if needed in the future.

It was moved by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Kutz to keep the City of Lake Mills as is and re-evaluate if needed in the future, and to forward the Johnson Creek School Speed Reduction as proposed to the Highway Committee. Motion Carried.

8b. Review and possible action on the issue of highway safety and potential use of UTV/ATV on county highways

The Committee had discussion regarding the use of UTV/ATV on Jefferson County Highways. This discussion evolved from a request a few months back from the Hebron Knights ATV Club to use county highways as connector routes. The request was an agenda item in December for the Jefferson County Highway Committee. The Highway Committee had discussed the issue and wanted to have it referred to the Traffic Safety Committee for their professional and knowledgeable input. There are no official maps in the County showing UTV/ATV trails. Sheriff Milbrath and Commissioner Kern will get together and meet with the Clubs to gain more information before the Committee will make a decision on this item.

It was moved by Mr. Kutz and seconded by Mr. Kern to delay making any recommendation on the UTV/ATV use on county highways until further information can be gained by the Clubs to see what they are looking for as far as locations are concerned. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

9 a. Review pavement marking (passing zone) concern at US 18 and Farmington Road

The Committee discussed a citizen concern regarding a passing zone on US 18 and Farmington Road. The citizen has concern with making a right turn from south bound Farmington Road to west bound US 18 when motorists traveling west bound are passing in the passing zone. He believes it should not be a passing zone because of the intersection at Farmington Road at that location. Ryan Mayer will look into the concern and make sure that the pavement is marked properly. No Motion.

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

Sheriff Milbrath shared the traffic accident spot map for 2016. Sheriff Department: January 1 – March 31, 2016: Fatality = 1; Personal Injury = 29; Property Damage Only = 93; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 0; Deer Crash = 76. State Patrol: January 1 – March 31, 2016: Fatality = 0; Personal Injury = 9; Property Damage Only = 25; Deer Crash with Fatality = 0; Deer Crash with Injury = 0; Deer Crash = 0.

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

Ryan Mayer reported on the traffic issues in Helenville discussed at the last meetings. He stated that he was contacted by the Post Office in Helenville regarding non postal customers parking in the post office parking area. He referred the item to the Town of Jefferson. The signs at the Interstate rest areas will be placed within the next couple of weeks. The “No Right Turn” signs will be placed on the light posts.

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

Corey Foster reported on state fatalities in 2015. He reported on legislative updates, both enacted and unsuccessful. He handed out information on the upcoming Governor’s Conference, 2016 National Mobilizations & Crackdowns, and Your Traffic Safety Commission Needs You.

13. Wisconsin State Patrol (Greg Jenswold)

No Report

14. Jefferson County Highway Department - Report

Commissioner Kern handed out a map showing the Department's 2016 projects that are scheduled. He stated that the Department website is newly developed and will be fully functioning soon.

The next Traffic Safety Commission meeting is set for Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Jefferson County Highway Department, at 1:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Kern and seconded by Mr. Milbrath to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Carried unanimously.