

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**
Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
John Roche Community Room
February 10, 2017 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Sgt. Todd Horn, Richard Hoege, Ryan Mayer, Robert Andler, Chuck Miller, Joe Davis, Chris Hardy, Penny Kiefer, Ken Hutler, Jerry Blystone, Avis Link, Kathy Johnson, Patrick Beghin, Rick Olig, Mary Cupery, JoAnn Wingers, Mike Brouette

Meeting called to order: 9:33 AM by Todd Horn. Introductions were made by all present.

Motion by Beghin to approve the agenda. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller to approve August 12, 2016 & November 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request to re-address a request for a school bus stop ahead sign on Manthe Road in Township of Leeds. ***Manthe Road is in Dane County / Deforest School District. Hardy contacted the bus company to have them contact the Town of Windsor. No further action taken on this item.***
2. Request to re-address a request to return the 45 mph zone on CTH CM from STH 22 to 15th Lane. ***Per Hardy, all signage has been re-aligned. No further action taken on this item.***
3. Request to re-address the possibility of reconstruction of STH 113 and CTH V. ***Hardy stated that they are beginning the designing phase with 30% of the completed plans to be ready for review May 2017, 60% of the completed plans for review by December 2017, and the final plans ready for review May 2018. Construction to begin March 2019. Farmer on corner of ST 113 and CTH V willing to sell or do whatever needed to help with project. DOT added and replaced cross road warning signs. Discussion followed.***
4. The possibility of improvements to Edgewater Street in the Village of Cambria was discussed. ***Horn & Hardy met with school administration. They would like to install solar flashing speed signs costing in the range of \$2700-\$2800. School to discuss this with the Village of Cambria.. Funding for the signage was discussed including a donation from the Columbia County Deputy's Union and Lt. Wayne Smith to look into possible additional funding. The goal is to have the signs in place by fall of 2017. Hardy to bring any future information to next meeting.***
5. Request to re-address the possibility of installing rumble strips on CTH C. ***Hardy stated that the Highway Department will be installing the rumble strips this spring in April. There was a discussion about the clear vision at that intersection and DOT explained the red beacon light process on stop signs.***
6. Follow-up with Town of Dekorra regarding Wildwood Way recommendations and speed complaints. ***Horn stated that a letter was sent to the Town of Dekorra with recommendations to cut brush, install curve ahead sign, place more speed zone signs, and that a speed zone change was not needed. No other action needed on this item.***

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DOT Representative to present the Anatomy of Traffic Safety for Columbia County. *Davis & Olig (WIS DOT BOTS) presented and reported information/statistics found in the Traffic Safety Report. They reported that Columbia County was granted a Speed Enforcement Grant that will be headed up by Jody Ward, Wisconsin Dells PD. Davis recommended more grant money be funded to Columbia County. It was reported that they are working with the Amish community to place reflectors on the horse hookups instead of just on the back of their buggies. They explained the states database on statistics and would like all agencies to enter info as well. Training would be given to COSO secretarial staff following the meeting. The fact that behavior of drivers is huge in crashes/fatals was explained. They also explained the better use of officer's time in sitting in critical crash areas and maybe get just a few tickets (which may prevent a fatality) vs. sitting and writing many tickets in a non-critical area. The Traffic Safety Report will be updated annually. The impact to District Attorney's responding to fatal accident scenes to see what all takes place was discussed.*
2. The Columbia County Highway Safety Commission title was discussed. *A motion was made by Hutler to revise the title to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission. Wingers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joe Ruf to draw up and send through the County Board.*
3. Andler expressed his concerns with the new construction on Highway 16 ramps, intersection, and traffic signals entering Columbus. Columbus Officials to be invited to the next meeting in May. DOT to look at this area. Item to be added to the next agenda.
4. Miller expressed concern regarding icy patches on the road from pine trees shading on Highway 33 at Wendlick Road. Discussed. No further action taken at this time.

FATAL CRASH REPORT:

Fatality report was distributed. *Horn presented information regarding the two fatal crashes in 2016.*

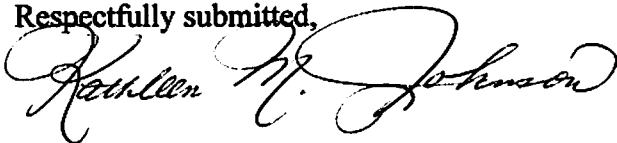
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REPORT AND HIGHWAY SAFETY INPUT: None

Contributing circumstances to all crashes will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Andler to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9:30 AM at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, WI.

Respectfully submitted,



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Columbia County Emergency Management