

**COLUMBIA COUNTY
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center
John Roche Community Room
May 8, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Pat Beghin, Ryan Mayer, Robert Andler, Pat Cadigan, Scott Klicko, Avis Link, Tim Zander, Corey Foster, Harlan Baumgartner, Chris Hardy, Joanne Wingers, Chuck Miller

Others: Linda Purtell, Ken Purtell, Anthony Russo, Dudley Mehlretter, James Foley

Meeting called to order: 9:37a.m. by Doug Jarzynski.

Motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes was made by Baumgartner. Seconded by Andler. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Update on request for review of intersection of Hwy 51 and Bilkie Road for safety improvements.* Per Cadigan of County Highway, millings were put into place on the corner and they will continue to monitor the corner.
2. *Update on request for speed reduction on CTH DM from Keyser to HWY 51 in the Town of Leeds.* County Highway provided the results of the speed counter to the commission. Based on the speed studies, speed does not appear to be a significant issue in this area. Highway will be placing the speed counters in the 45 mph zone and report back on the results in this area at the next meeting. This item will be placed back on the agenda for the updated information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Request for speed reduction from 55mph to 35 mph on Vine Street in the Town of Newport from STH 16 to Wisconsin Dells city limits.* Video footage of the area was shown to the commission. Mayer of DOT indicated that because the city annexed in one side of the road, the area can be considered an outlying district and can be posted at 35mph. ***Motion was made by Jarzynski to support the 35 mph zone. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.***
2. *Request for review of CTH SS and CTH B in the Town of Otsego for safety improvements.* Information shared with the commission by a property owner as well as County Highway on the problems at this intersection. This item will be placed back on the agenda for the next meeting and the area will be video-recorded and crash data will be collected to share with the commission.
3. *Request for review of Kroncke Road from CTH DM to CTH K in the Town of Leeds for safety improvements.* Video footage of the area was shown to the commission. County Highway reported on the speed counters placed in the area. Speed does not appear to be an issue in the area. Discussion. No action taken by commission.
4. *Request for speed reduction on STH 113 south of the Lodi city limits in the Town of Lodi.* Video footage of the area was shown to the commission. A number of local property owners shared additional information about the problems in the area. Mayer will do a speed study of the area, collect crash data, review the signage, and report

back to the commission at the next meeting. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

5. *Request for speed reduction on STH 113 from 35 mph to 25 mph in the City of Lodi.* Video footage of the area was shown to the commission. State will do a speed study of the area and report back to the commission at the next meeting. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT BY BEGHIN

Beghin was happy to report that Columbia County had no fatal accidents in the last four months.

BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE

Corey Foster of BOTS provided handouts and briefed the commission on information of interest to include trends in fatal crashes. Foster indicated that the number of fatal crashes jumped to 160 year-to-date in 2015 from a total of 120 at this time in 2014. The state is looking to see what may be the cause of the significant jump in traffic deaths.

OTHER BUSINESS

Joanne Winger inquired about additional signage on CTH BZ/ CTH B area. Cadigan stated he would look into the area and see if additional signage is needed.

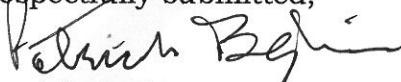
Mayer of DOT indicated that a traffic count will be conducted at USH 51 and CTH P in the near future. Mayer also indicated that DOT reviewed the HWY 51/16 intersection in Portage and from that, it will stay the same in future road work.

Robert Andler discussed a concern at the intersection of CTH D/DG. Cadigan indicated that County Highway will look into it.

Motion was made by Andler to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Beghin

Columbia County Emergency Management