

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Columbia County Law Enforcement Center  
John Roche Community Room  
November 8, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m.

Members: Doug Jarzynski, Pat Beghin, Penny Kiefer, Pat Cadigan, \_\_\_\_\_ (illegible) Dean Clinic PA, Robert Andler, Avis Link, Ryan Mayer, Matthew Ashser, Rob Bott, Chuck Miller

Meeting called to order: 9:35 a.m. by Doug Jarzynski.

Motion to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes was made by Mayer. Seconded by Kiefer. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. *Update on request for review of curve at CTH O/Peterson Road in the Town of Newport for safety improvements.* Pat Cadigan of Columbia County Highway indicated that the trees and brush at that location were cut to improve the visibility and they would monitor it to help improve the location. No other action was taken.
2. *Update on request for speed reduction and extra signage on HWY 51 at CTH CX in the City of Portage.* Ryan Mayer of DOT indicated that they will be pushing the speed zone back further but that the change in the signage would not occur most likely until January 2014 sometime. No other update on the information was provided.
3. *Update on request for review of CTH V at Carter's Landing.* The committee was briefed that the area has been posted no-parking now and Columbia County Highway will continue to work with the Town of Dekorra to make sure that the problems do not redevelop on the town roads in that area.
4. *Update on request for speed reduction to 35 mph and review of signage on HWY 33 in the area of the Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Headquarters in the City of Portage.* Per Ryan Mayer of DOT, they reviewed the area for the signage and did not see any problems warranting change of the signage at that location and they will not be lowering the speed limit at that location at this time. No further information was available for the committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Request for review of intersection of CTH F/Clark Road in the Town of Fort Winnebago for safety improvements.* The committee viewed video of this area. A crash report indicated that in the last 10 years, there have been three crashes there; however, two of the crashes occurred this year and both with the same family. In reviewing the crash reports, it appears that both of the suspects at fault on these crashes ran or did not yield at the stop sign on Clark Road causing the crashes. No further action was taken by this committee.

*Request for speed reduction to 45mph on HWY 127 at the Lewiston School in the Town of Lewiston.* Video was shown of this location. The committee discussed the potential problem in this area. The committee was informed that some additional signage had

been placed there as well as the speed board being placed there at the start of school for a period of time. **Motion by Miller for the area to be reduced to a 45mph zone and for a no-passing zone in the immediate school location. Seconded by Kiefer. Motion carried.** If the signage is approved by DOT, it would be at their discretion for the length of the no-passing zone.

3. *Request for review of business entrance at W6211 HWY 33 in the Town of Marcellon for possible addition of turn-lane and other safety improvements.* The committee viewed footage of that location. Ryan Mayer indicated that DOT will look into the area and see if truck entrance signs would be appropriate for that area. Mayer further indicated that if the businesses in that area wanted to place a turn-lane there, that DOT would look into that as well, but it would be at the expense of the businesses requesting it and that DOT would not pay for a turn-lane at that location. No other action was taken regarding this item.
4. *Request for review of intersection of HWY 51/STH 16/Hillcrest Road/Suburban Heights Road in the Town of Pacific for signage and safety improvements.* We viewed a video of this area. Mayer indicated that DOT had reviewed the area and did not see any problem with the signage or the road as it is at this time. No action was taken by this committee.
5. Request for review of residential driveway at W3988 HWY 33 in the Town of Scott for possible safety improvements. The Committee reviewed video of the location and took no action.
6. *Request for review of intersection of HWY 51/16/CTH P in the Town of Pacific for safety improvements.* Mayer of DOT indicated that DOT would be looking into this intersection and will have a project on it at some point in the future. Mayer indicated they were not sure what they will be doing in an attempt to reduce the crashes at that location, but that they would be doing a project on it in the future and he will report back to the committee as they make decisions as to what type of project they will be doing. No further action was taken on this item.
7. *Request for review of intersection of HWY 73/CTH AW/North County Line Road in the Town of Randolph for placement of rumble strips.* Pat Cadigan indicated that they will be putting in rumble strips on CTH AW for the stop sign at STH 73. He also indicated that he will talk with the town for the town road to see if that would justify having rumble strips on. Mayer of DOT indicated that they will look at the crash data and see if the town road section would justify having the rumble strips as well.
8. *Request for placement of No-Passing-Zone on CTH CX in new 45mph zone in the Town of Fort Winnebago.* Cadigan indicated that they will be making this area a no-passing zone in that area, but that the striping in the area will not be done until spring due to the equipment for striping being winterized already. No further action was taken on this item by the committee.

**FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT by Patrick Beghin**

Beghin briefed the committee on the fatal accidents that had occurred since our last meeting and the details on the reports that we had. Noting in the last week, four fatalities had occurred and a number of the reports were not completed yet.

**BUREAU OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (BOTS) UPDATE:**

Bob Botts was introduced as our new BOTS representative/liason for the committee. Botts shared some new information and updates with the committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

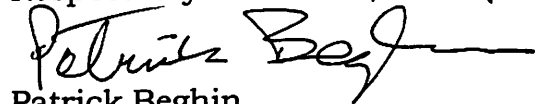
Mayer from DOT indicated that a number of other projects are being looked at by DOT. One is that DOT will be placing a signal light at the STH 60/16 area in Columbus as well as turn-lanes. This project will be occurring in the future. Mayer also indicated that DOT is looking to put in a signal light at the STH 16/STH 127/I39 area, but that this project is a number of years out into the future probably in the 2017 timeframe.

The committee was also briefed by Lieutenant Jarzynski that the Sheriff's Office received a \$25,000 OWI enforcement grant for 2014 and would be putting that to good-use.

*Motion was made by Kiefer to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*

**Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center.**

Respectfully submitted,



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