



### MOVING FORWARD WITH SAFETY

#### MEMBERS

Jerry Blystone  
 Roger Brandner  
 Michael Brouette  
 Trace Frost  
 Chris Hardy  
 Richard Hoege  
 Todd Horn  
 Kenneth Hutler  
 Jeremiah Johnson  
 Penny Kiefer  
 Bob Koch  
 Avis Link  
 Chuck Miller  
 Liz Miller  
 Joseph Ruf  
 Charlene Schmid  
 Wayne Smith  
 Josh Sween  
 Josiah Wynn

#### MISSION

Columbia County strives to make our roads the safest they can be.....

**COLUMBIA COUNTY  
 TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
 MEETING MINUTES**  
 Columbia County Law Enforcement Center  
 John Roche Room  
 Friday, August 12, 2022 – 9:30 A.M.

**Commission Members Present:** Wayne Smith, Trace Frost, Avis Link, Josiah Wynn, Chris Hardy, Bob Koch, Todd Horn, Jerry Blystone, Liz Miller, Roger Brandner, Ken Hutler, Mike Brouette, Rich Hoege, Jeremiah Johnson, Charlene Schmid, David Schwoerer

**County Employees Present to Assist:** Susan Fisher, Assistant Corporation Counsel

**Commission Members Absent with notice:** Chuck Miller

**Commission Members Absent without notice:** Penny Kiefer

**The meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chairman Captain Todd Horn. Introductions were made by all present. An attendance sheet was distributed.**

The meeting was certified that it was properly noticed, by Corporation Counsel.

*Membership Update: None*

*Motion by Bob Koch to approve the agenda as presented and that the meeting was properly noticed. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion by Hogue to approve the May 13, 2022 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

*No vouchers presented.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. An update on the newly adopted ATV/UTV ordinance from the Highway Committee.** Ordinance is complete, signs are about 80% installed per Chris Hardy. Hoping by the end of the month all of the signs will be installed.
  - 2. Review any developments in funding and/or decisions with STH 33/CTH F/CTH EE.** Per Charlene at the State, no new information. This was postponed at a prior meeting until more information comes forward from the state.
  - 3. Review video taken of CTH V near Rory Road.** Highway Department is working on setting the flags. Horn stated that increased enforcement is ongoing. Another speed study showed 240 vehicles per day, average speeds in the low to mid 40s MPH, 35 MPH posted. *Motion by Horn that the speed limit is fine. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - 4. Review and action or decisions for the Lodi Street and Water Street intersection.** No developments per Charlene. Wayne Smith states the double yellow seems to be helping. Updated painting to let the 2 parking stalls fade away. It is being explored to get lighted crosswalk signs. *Motion by Wayne Smith to hold off until new information is obtained. Second by Liz Miller. Motion carried.*
  - 5. Lane departure and speed safety countermeasures (Highway Committee).** Chris Hardy states that there are clear zone improvements, rumble and mumble strips, safety edges, sloped edges, wider edge lines-- 4 inch and 6 inch.
  - 6. Speed Control Countermeasures:** Education and enforcement is continuing, as well as engineering signage enhancements, and speed boards are all considerations.
  - 7. Review areas for potential speed reduction: STH 44/Schwantz Road/CTH P from 45 MPH to 35 MPH:** It is unknown if they have applied for the driveway permit. Erin from Pardeeville is in contact with the D.O.T. *Horn moves to close this until we are contacted again by Pardeeville. Seconded by Hardy. Motion Carried.*
- W10485 CTH K (east of the City of Lodi) extend existing to east ½ mile:** Wayne has said that Lodi P.D. has increased enforcement in the city portion of K. Complaints are primarily in the township portion of K. *Motion by Horn that we take this off of the agenda and continue increased enforcement. Seconded by Blystone. Motion carried.*
- 8. CTH J near Lovering Road in Lodi Township (Citizens Richard and Terri Ryan):** Speed trailer and increased enforcement is occurring since the last meeting. *Hoega moves for a speed study. Blystone seconds. Motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Request for “Autistic Child” signage near Birchwood Estates (near the Mackenzie Center) and request for speed reduction on CTH CS. *Motion by Blystone to postpone this until the next meeting in November to include an MOU that if the family moves out of the area to notify us. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carried.***
2. **Speed Limit sign for westbound traffic between Hwy 33 Cass and Armstrong Streets or move the one at Cass Street further west. *Increased enforcement has occurred, Blystone moves to add or move signs however Portage PD prefers. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carries.***
3. **Left turn arrows request to be added to the lights for cross traffic on CTH CX at 51/New Pinery Road. *Hoega moves to postpone this until Charlene gets more information. Seconded by Liz Miller. Motion carries.***
4. **View obstruction for the intersection of CTH EE/CTH E/Military Road, Marcellon Township. Video reviewed. *Horn moves that the Highway Department reviews what changes can be made and report back the next meeting Seconded by Wynn. Motion Carried.***
5. **Signage request for I39 SB at Cascade Mountain Rd. Charlene is going to look into improved signage locations as to not confuse the drivers. Also, Charlene will look into painting the concrete with the Interstate 39 logo and an arrow pointing straight like down by Rockford where the I splits and has concrete painting. *Motion by Liz Miller to have Charlene investigate this and report back the next meeting on both improved signage and concrete painting. Seconded by Horn. Motion carries.***

**FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT**

June 17, 5:55 A.M. by the prison, equipment failure. June 28 4:45 pm, afternoon, f150 and Silverado, semi, by Odessa, 3 vehicles involved. Motorcycle, 2 deaths on motorcycle. Paraphenalia found in one vehicle per state patrol. Awaiting toxicology.

**TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REPORT AND HIGHWAY SAFETY INPUT**

Trace reports 677 crashes, 6 fatalities, since January, 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. this year to last, fatals same, 5 yr. avg. is 11 fatals per year, risky behavior increased in the pandemic, we have been working on predictive analytics. Fatal vision kits AAA, BOTS gave them away per grants, LT. Clark will be in charge of it here and receive one. State wants to keep track of it. Gov conference 29-31 on highway safety. \$50 registration. Resource Maps, legislative links. Updates in community maps. Links for ATV/UTV crashes on community maps.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

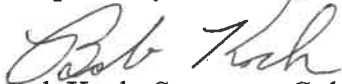
Question came from Charlene on ordinances on failure to yield vs. stop. Discussion ensued with members of law enforcement quoting various scenarios. Motor vehicle barrier system discussed. General consensus of the group that these would be a welcome tool to protect our county communities from an incident like the Waukesha holiday parade. County Board Executive Committee has laid this on the table, no approval or denial, for ARPA funding to

possibly consider at a later date. It has also been placed in the 2023 budget for Emergency Management for consideration by the County Board.

***Motion by Koch to adjourn. Seconded by Blystone. Meeting was adjourned by Captain Horn at 11:31.***

Next Meeting Date: November 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook St., Portage, Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Koch".

Bob Koch, Secretary, Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission

Approved at the November 11, 2022 meeting.