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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 Community Room
 November 9, 2018 @ 9:30 AM

Members: Sgt. Todd Horn, Robert Andler, Chris Hardy, James Foley, Ken Hutler, Trace Frost, Chuck Miller, Joe Davis, Sr., Ryan Mayer, Margaret Rudolph, JoAnn Wingers, Susan Fisher, Michael Brunette, Kathy Johnson, Jerry Blystone

Guests: Sue Hall (Big O's), Leroy Miles (Big O's), John Tippery (County V Resident), Mary Jo Beld (County V Resident), Juhan Beld (County V Resident), Marie Darling Ellis (Emergency Management), Aaron Jahncke (City of Portage), Lyn Jerde (Portage Daily Register)

The meeting of the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Sgt. Todd Horn. An attendance sheet was distributed.

Motion by Wingers to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Hutler. Motion carried.

Motion by Andler to approve the August 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Seconded by Foley. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Safe Driving Project – Lodi Police Department & Lodi High School**
Sgt. Horn spoke with Lodi Chief Klicko about creating a school safety video in the future.
- 2. City of Columbus – Improving intersections at Park and Avalon – Park and Tower**
Sgt. Horn sent a recommendation letter (see attached) from the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission to the City of Columbus regarding adding more signage and possibly adding a crossing guard to the area. As of November 8, 2018, Sgt. Horn stated that he drove through the area and there have been no changes made.
- 3. Intersection of CM and CX for potential signing options, particularly travelling westbound on CM to turn southbound on CTH CX**
Chris Hardy conducted a traffic study (results attached) and gave an overview of the outcome of the speeds in all directions, 15 accidents over the last 10 years, and one fatality that was located south of the intersection, not at the intersection. It was decided by the commission, that no changes were needed.
- 4. Traffic Safety Commission Budget. The name of the account was decided to be called Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission. The Columbia**

County Deputy Sheriffs' Association currently has this item on their agenda to possibly donate to the account. Sgt. Horn stated that he Deputy Sheriff's Association has donated \$250.00 to the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission. Chuck Miller also donated \$250.00. Sgt. Horn thanked Mr. Miller for this generous donation. Sgt. Horn asked the commission to look for ideas on how to use the money and bring them to the next meeting.

5. **Governor's Conference on Highway Safety in Lake Geneva**
Sgt. Horn stated that the Columbia County Sheriff's Office was awarded a \$2500 traffic safety equipment grant.
6. **Town of Scott extra patrol request on Ross Road between STH 44 and CTH H was completed.** Sgt. Horn stated that after speed enforcement, the traffic speed had slowed and that the Town Board and residents were very appreciative and thanked us for the work.
7. **Bus passing complaint form was improved on website by Sgt. Liz Schutz. The complaint form now has an opportunity to add the reporting party's email address and being able to indicate yes or no if there was a video of the violation.** Sgt. Horn stated that by asking for video of the offense is very helpful for law enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Stop sign at CTH DG and Fields Road. Concerns about placement and if signage is needed. (Supervisor Keith Miller)**
Sgt. Horn displayed a video of the area of concern on CTH DG and Fields Road. There was discussion about the area regarding stop signs and speed limits. Sgt. Horn suggested and made a motion to table it until the next meeting when Mr. Keith Miller could be in attendance to explain his concern. Chuck Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. The item will be placed on the February 2019 agenda.
2. **Recent Flooding in Columbia County Review**
Kathy Johnson gave an overview of the recent flooding issues from the August/September 2018 storms. Guest, Leroy Miles (Big O's) also gave an overview and some past history of the issues in this area. Chris Hardy explained some of the issues which included tiling failure on the Richard Gumz Farm as well as some culvert failures in Sauk County which forced the water to go up to Pine Island and then flowed down levee road along the levee. He stated that the Drainage District is reviewing the situation at their next meeting. There was discussion of the number and size of culverts along State Road 33, and how they are not sufficient to carry the amount of water they need to from the north to the south side of Highway 33 near Blystone Towing & Radiator after the August/September storms. There was discussion regarding the former bridge with a large span culvert compared to the two smaller culverts that have replaced it some years ago. Jerry Blystone stated that the water levels remained higher way longer this time than it did in 2008. Jerry requested DOT contacts from Chris Hardy as he stated something has to be done. Chris Hardy stated the DOT maintenance contacts would be Brian Rice or John Steiner. Sgt. Horn made a motion to table this issue to the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting in February 2019. Jerry Blystone seconded the motion. All were in favor.
3. **STH 22 Construction for 2019 to continue to place six-foot paved shoulders for buggy traffic from CTH CM to possibly STH 33.**
Sgt. Horn gave an overview of the letter to the DOT (copy attached) from Marquette County Sheriff's Office Captain Les Crandall regarding this issue. There was a discussion regarding how the six foot paved shoulder was in the budget and then was removed for budget reasons. DOT stated that a paved three foot shoulder is standard. Sgt. Horn drove the area and stopped and talked to someone at the Amish School. They stated that right now State Highway 44 is traveled more but that they would use State Highway 22 if it had the wider shoulders. A video of the area in question was viewed. There are three schools as well as a flower store, wood shop, metal shop, grocery store, and bakery all within three miles of CM and Berry Roads. It is a very heavily traveled area. The Traffic Safety Commission would like to see the wider shoulders on State Highway 22 all the way from Wyocena to the Marquette County

Line. DOT Ryan Mayer stated that they would look in some "Safety Funds" to see if the five foot shoulder could be added back into the project.

4. **Review area and eastbound traffic on CTH V and STH 188 for a School Bus Stop Ahead sign**
Sgt. Horn displayed a video of the area of concern. There was discussion of a lower speed limit and a School Bus Stop Ahead sign. Discussion followed, including concerned citizens from that area, regarding eastbound and westbound traffic speeds and possible signage. Chris Hardy will look at the area and see if signs are needed and will also conduct a speed study for this area.

FATAL CRASH REPORT

Sgt. Todd Horn presented information on the triple fatal crash that occurred on State Highway 127 and CTH O. He also presented a slide show which included a map of the area. The crash was a T-bone crash from failure to stop at a 4 way intersection. The intersection is signed and has rumble strips. The three fatalities were not wearing restraints and OWI and THC were in their system. The area was shut down completely for the crash investigation. Communication was great between police and fire. The driver of the Silverado pickup that hit the vehicle was also cited for OWI.

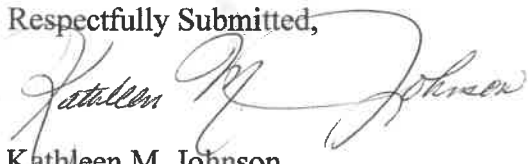
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY REPORT AND TRAFFIC SAFETY INPUT

- Joe Davis from BOTS stated that Columbia County has been targeted for three grants for speed, alcohol, and seat belts. He stated that data shows that there are problems in this area and is working with Lt. Wayne Smith regarding these grants. Columbia County is considered a tourist area and speed is an issue on our local roads that are being used instead of the interstate highways. BOTS is requiring new information be reported as to where the enforcement is being used. The deployments will be four hour blocks and should be watching serious crash areas. He also gave some crash and fatal statistics over the past few years. Columbia County's five year average for fatalities is 10 per year.
- Ryan Mayer from DOT explained the State Highway 16 (Portage to Wisconsin Dells) and the State Highway 51 (State Highway 60 to Tomlinson Road in Poynette) road projects and that they will also have center and edge of road rumble strips.
- Per Sgt. Horn, there have been speed complaints from Wyocena to Leeds on State Highway 22. Extra patrol is taking place at this time.
- Sgt. Horn stated that the Sheriff's Office responded to several crashes with it being the first snow of the year today. Chris Hardy stated that preparation went well for it.
- Chuck Miller thanked the Ryan Mayer and the DOT for the chevron signs and flags installed at Exit 85.
- Robert Andler inquired about when the round-a-bout project will be installed at State Highway 22 & 60. This project is scheduled for 2022.

Motion by Foley to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Seconded by Blystone. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, February 8, 2019 at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center, 711 E. Cook Street, Portage, Wisconsin.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen M. Johnson

Columbia County Emergency Management