

CALUMET COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

April 20, 2021

The Calumet County Traffic Safety Commission meeting was called to order on 04/20/21, at 11:35 AM, by Chief Deputy Brett Bowe.

Commission Members Present: Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Brian Glaeser, Joshua Falk, Rick Olig, Pete Stier (in person) and Sgt. Andrew Hyer (via WebEx)

Others Present: Julie Hartl (in person) and Shawn Gretz (via WebEx)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Election of Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Stier moved to nominate Bowe for Chair, seconded by Glaeser. There were no other nominations. Bowe moved nominations be closed and cast a unanimous ballot for Bowe as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Olig moved to nominate Glaeser for Vice Chair, seconded by Stier. There were no other nominations. Bowe moved nominations be closed and cast a unanimous ballot for Glaeser as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Bowe assumed the role of Chair of this committee.

A motion was made by Stier, seconded by Glaeser, to approve the Agenda for the 04/20/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Stier, seconded by Glaeser, to approve the Minutes for the 01/21/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Member Reports:

- A. Review of 2020 Crash Numbers: Olig reviewed the 2020 and 2019 County crash statistics. There were five fatals in 2020 compared to one in 2019. Overall crashes were down about 100 in 2020 compared to 2019. Speed related crashes are still a concern but were down from the previous year. Alcohol and drug crashes were up, along with motorcycle crashes.
- B. Review of 2021 1st Quarter Crash Numbers: Olig reviewed the 2021 1st quarter crash statistics. Fatal and alcohol crashes were down but overall, numbers were about the same as last year. Statewide crash statistics as of 04/19/21, there were 106 fatalities compared to 117 at the same time last year. FARS has asked that departments please be timely in submitting their fatal notifications (teletype) to the FARS unit. All fatals are to be submitted by end of shift when the crash occurred.

C. Review of 5 Fatal Crashes: Olig reviewed the 2020 fatalities and the locations where they occurred. Some of the factors in the crashes were non-use of safety equipment and drugs and alcohol. The five year crash history in the areas where the fatal crashes occurred was also reviewed.

The top five county high crash probability locations based on the previous three years' worth of crash data were reviewed. The probability locations are two in the City of Appleton, on CTH N in the area of USH 10 and north, City of Chilton (HWY 151) and City of New Holstein primarily on Wisconsin Avenue and HWY 57 coming in.

On the DT4000, the Drug & Alcohol section, Olig indicated the state is working on changing how the drug and alcohol results are reported. Olig stated they are working with the state hygiene lab that on all crash reports when test results are done at the lab, the test results will automatically import into the system to alleviate doing amended crash reports.

Click-It or Ticket is May 24, 2021 - June 6, 2021. Olig suggested this information be put on the departments' Facebook page and to get the information out to the highway departments and schools.

Drive Sober will be August 20, 2021 - September 6, 2021 and December 17, 2021 - January 1, 2022.

As to the Legislative Updates and Legislative Summary, Olig noted some of the current pending legislation, which may of interest to law enforcement:

- ATV bill where they are trying to codify ATV, UTV, snowmobiles, boats, off highway motorcycles so they are all basically the same as far as alcohol violations and they could revoke your driving privileges
- Telephonic search warrants – need to keep audio in file, as well
- Alcohol – cocktails to go, curbside delivery or pickup and delivery to home
- Use of force
- Don't have to be a U.S. citizen to be hired by law enforcement

The annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is August 17, 2021 - August 19, 2021. It will be virtual and most of the sessions will be in the morning.

The Zero in Wisconsin website has been updated. Go to www.ZeroInWisconsin.gov.

Work Zone Awareness Week is April 26, 2021 – April 30, 2021.

Falk stated for 2021 Calumet County has no improvement projects on the state highway system. For 2022, pulverize and relay of HWY 114 and 55 from USH 10 interchange to Sherwood. Statewide traffic volume numbers are down about 9% from 2019. Regionally we are down about 7% - 10%.

Communications: None

Items for Action or Discussion:

- A. Intersection of Midway Rd. and Coop Rd. (Speed Limit): Glaeser indicated he received a number of emails regarding traffic on Midway. Looking for enforcement of speed limit, especially during peak times, which is when Woodland School starts and lets out, and the possibility of putting up a portable sign board to notify drivers of their speed.
- B. CTH D south of Man-Cal Rd. Speed Reduction: Glaeser stated he received a notice from Brown County that they have reduced the speed limit on CTH D from Man-Cal Rd. to the north and they have asked to extend the reduction approximately 400 feet south of Man-Cal Rd. into Calumet County. Stier made a motion for a recommendation to take to committee to have our ordinance changed to reduce the speed limit on CTH D approximately 400 feet south of CTH KK/Man-Cal Rd. to 45 MPH, seconded by Bowe. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Traffic Concerns on CTH B at CTH BB: Glaeser indicated he has received some complaints of Jake Braking that is occurring on CTH BB as trucks are approaching CTH B. Glaeser inquired if the sheriff's department has received complaints and to let him know if this is an issue.
- D. CTH EE Speed Limit Coming into Calumet County Park: Glaeser stated the request is to extend the 35 MPH sign east 1,000 feet on CTH EE. A discussion followed. Stier made a motion for a recommendation to take to committee to have a 45 MPH reduce speed ahead sign approaching Lake Shore Drive, a 45 MPH sign at Lake Shore Drive, and the 35 MPH sign east of Fishtale Inn, seconded by Glaeser. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Update on Possible HSIP for Possible Roundabout on USH 10 at CTH D: Glaeser informed the committee he received a call from a traffic safety engineer asking for his opinion and recommendation for a possible roundabout on USH 10 at CTH D so as to apply for HSIP funds to obtain a grant for a potential roundabout. This possibly could occur around 2025-2026.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

A motion was made by Olig, seconded by Stier, to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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