

WAUPACA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

19 OCTOBER 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen. The meeting was held at the Waupaca County Courthouse, Conference Room #1037.

Members present: Patrol Captain Todd Rasmussen, Emergency Management Director Andy Carlin, Coroner Barry Tomaras, County Board Chairman Dick Koeppen, Drivers Education Representative Becky Rickel, New London Police Captain Chris Gregory, Wisconsin State Patrol Sergeant Jon Pedersen, State DOT Representative Tony Kemnitz, Town of Mukwa representative Lee Shaw, Area DOT Program Manager Mike Panosh and BOTS Law Enforcement Liaison/Consultant Rick Olig.

Captain Rasmussen read the opening statement.

Motion was made by Coroner Barry Tomaras and seconded by Lee Shaw to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2017. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Motion was made by State Patrol Sgt. Jon Pedersen and seconded by Lee Shaw to approve the agenda. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public input- None

Captain Rasmussen- Traffic quarterly report was discussed and placed on file.

Becky Rickel- Had a question regarding citations being issued for cell phone usage in a work zone and also for not having lights on if it is raining. Yes, citations are now issued for those offenses.

Barry Tomaras – Nothing

Dick Koeppen – Asked about the possibility of having a “Welcome to Waupaca County” sign placed along roadways. Tony will have someone contact Dick.

Tony Kemnitz – Reported that road construction is done for the season. Between \$4-5 million has been spent in Waupaca County over the past two years for highway construction.

The resurfacing project from Hwy 54/22 east to the Royalton overpass has been completed.

The Hwy 22 project in Clintonville is just about done. This included replacing utility lines and installing new pavement, curb & gutter on Hwy 22 through Clintonville.

The US Hwy 10 median barrier/cable guard project is scheduled for 2018. This will include double faced thrie beam barrier in the center of the median on Hwy 10, between Erickson Road and CTY A. A high tension cable barrier will be installed on Hwy 10, from CTY A to Reek Road. A traffic signal will be installed at the Hwy 10 westbound ramp at Fulton Street during Aug-Sept. 2018.

A roundabout will be installed at US Hwy 45 and WIS Hwy 96. Hwy 45 will be open the entire time of construction.

A pavement resurfacing project for Hwy 49, between Peterson Road and Cedar Road, will start after the Iola Old Car Show.

A gravel pit at the end of Dailey Road will be closing this fall. The current yield sign will be replaced with a stop sign for southbound traffic onto Collier Road.

Mike Panosh- Mike said that state-wide accident numbers were up this year from a year ago. There have been 473 fatalities year-to-date, vs 463 for this time frame in 2016. Mike mentioned the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety, which will be August 23-24, 2018.

Andy Carlin- Nothing

State Patrol- Sgt. Pedersen reported on the Waupaca County fatal that State Patrol handled. He will be talking with his Lt. about the possibility of adding a 4th State Patrol officer in Waupaca County.

Lee Shaw- Noted that non-use of seat belts and speeding seem to be the main factors in fatalities.

Rick Olig – Reported that Community Mapping will automatically auto populate from TraCs beginning in January 2018.

Captain Chris Gregory – Noted that a Marion individual was recently involved in a fatal in Outagamie County.

Captain Todd Rasmussen – asked about the possibility of changing our quarterly meetings from the 3rd Thursday to the 2nd Thursday in January, April, July and October. There is currently a conflict with the Highway Department meetings. It was decided that we will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, with 2018 meetings being January 11, 2018, April 12, 2018, July 12, 2018 and October

11, 2018. Starting time will continue to be 10:00 a.m. and meet in the courthouse conference room #1037.

Motion by Coroner Barry Tomaras, seconded by State Patrol Sgt. Jon Pedersen to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Vickie Thoe, secretary