Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Chair Hardy. 

Roll Call was taken. 

Members present: Craig Hardy Highway Commissioner, Ryan Mayer WisDOT Traffic, Robert Bott WisDOT Traffic Safety, Greg Parman County Supervisor, Greg Lee Dodgeville Public Works, Troy Maggied SWWRPC, Annette Biggin SWTC, Craig Kittleson Barneveld Trail Eagles, Kaivon Souri Iowa County Sheriff’s Department, Matt Allen Corporration Counsel. Others present: Craig Kittleson Barneveld Trail eagles Snowmobile Club, Alan Schrank Village of Linden Police Department, Daniel Swinehart Village of Highland Police Department, Alan Erickson Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Nicholas Stroik Arena

Approve the agenda for this meeting. 

Agenda for this 11-17-2015 meeting and minutes of the 8-24-2015 meeting were approved by unanimous consent with no additions or corrections.

Hardy advised the commission of some changes to state statutes with regards to the Implements of Husbandry being primarily definitions for agricultural commercial motor vehicles (cmv’s) and Category B vehicles. Iowa County Board adopted Option E for Implements of Husbandry effective for the 2016 calendar year at its’ November 2015 meeting.

ATV Ordinances: Discussion of recent meetings held in the Village of Linden to discuss ATV ordinances, defining routes, and required/necessary signage requirements. The village adopted a revised ordinance to cover certain routes/roads in lieu of the whole village as previously provided. One of the routes is along STH 39 between Dodgeville and Galena streets; which includes a bridge over Peddler Creek. For this route to be considered a legal route, both the village and the county must adopt it. Al Schrank and Al Erickson were both present to assist with answering questions form the commission. Al Schrank stated the village of Linden has agreed to reimburse the county for any costs related to the signage for the route, which is a state highway. The state would retain the county to install the signage, state would order and determine signage requirements, county would bill the village for the anticipated costs. Motion by Parman, second by Lee; to recommend adoption of the STH 39 route over Peddler Creek to the Transportation Committee as a County ATV route with associated costs billed to the village of Linden motion carried (Bott, Biggin, Mayer abstained).

Hardy advised he was notified by the state permit office; Robert Fasick, that WisDOT would be denying the request for use of STH 80 between STH 18 and the old railroad bed crossing by the village of Cobb. As a result, the village of Cobb modified its’ ordinance to remove STH 80 as a route. In addition, other village streets were adopted to bypass the STGH 80 route to the destinations in the village. As a result, CTH G from the south village limit to Elm street was adopted in lieu of CTH G to STH 18 (a difference of one block). Motion to recommend to the Iowa County Transportation Committee amendment of the order for route adoption of CTH G in the village form the south village limits to the intersection with Elm street in lieu of STH 18 by Lee, second by Parman motion carried (Bott, Biggin, and Mayer abstaining).

Maggied introduced a new liaison to the commission from Southwest Regional Planning Office being Katrina Hecimovic. Maggied reviewed the county ATV route maps which SWWRPC has been working on. Some discussion occurred with regards to an opportunity or potential to map routes for the snowmobile clubs and routes in the county and surrounding areas. Also some discussion on how to notify the
public of open/closed routes for snowmobile trails/routes. Maggied/Hecimovic with SWWRPC will work with the clubs, county, and DNR to create snow mobile route/trail area maps similar to the ATV route efforts.

**Snowmobile route requests.**
A. The village of Linden’s adopted ATV route course was also designated as the access route for snowmobiles.
B. The Barneveld Trail eagles requested the usage of CTH K from Mounds Park Road to Pinnacle Road for snowmobiles due to an inability to obtain landowner approvals for off road routes in that area. The route request was reviewed last month by Hardy and Bennett who have agreed to allow the route via an annual permitting process with the following limitations:
   a. The County reserves the right to close the route at any time.
   b. The snowmobile club shall notify the Sheriff’s Department dispatch whenever the trail/route is open or closed for monitoring usage.
   c. The snowmobile club shall install temporary snow fence across the route/trail at its’ access point to the CTH K right of way whenever the route/trail is closed to usage to limit access at the northerly and southerly access points.
   d. The route/trail for southbound traffic shall cross at two locations – north and south access points.
   e. The route/trail for northbound traffic shall enter/exit the right of way at all locations where private versus public access are allowed, anticipated to be four locations.
   f. The county shall install two snowmobile crossing assigns along CTH K in the vicinity to notify roadway users.
C. The Helena Road runners snowmobile club has requested usage of a portion of CTH H in the town of Arena for snowmobile signage and grooming of trails. An annual permit process will be utilized for this activity as well. Similar limitations will be placed on the usage related to notification of the Sheriff’s Department dispatch whenever the route/trail is declared open or closed for usage.

**Safety Report by Bott.** Bott covered legislative activity over the past year via a handout summary of legislation passed, discussed available grants and grant opportunities related to seatbelt enforcement, schoolzones, texting, and other priorities. The annual Traffic safety Commission regional meetings will be held on January 19 and 20, 2016 in Wisconsin Rapids.

**Spot map review by Souri.** Souri reviewed the county spot map and accidents for the last quarter of the year. Some discussion and review of community map information which can be utilized to target enforcement activities as well based on past history.

**No other business from members.**

**Motion by Russell, Second by Parman, carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 10:37 A.M.

Minutes by Highway Department