

Crystal River Caucus
General Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2016

Meeting began at 7:10 pm and lasted until 7.37 as no quorum was present, there were two presentations with limited discussion for the 18 members in attendance.

George Newman updated us on Road Safety Issues:

- Radar Speed signs to inform drivers of their speeds at the South Entrance to town (both directions.) These should be installed shortly and hopefully will slow traffic down.
- CDOT plans to clean up excess signage on Highway 133 near town.
- They will add signs to inform drivers of the Elk Park parking area in advance.
- CDOT has established a design and budget for the Southbound turn lane at the South entrance. The change will require moving the Coke Oven parking to an area behind the ovens. Estimated cost is ~\$400,000.

Funds have not yet been found to do the work. It is hoped that it may be part of CDOT's 2018 re-paving project South of town to McClure pass, if the turn lane is funded.

A brief discussion followed. The highway is outside of Redstone, which is not an incorporated town and it seems that the town therefore cannot change the maximum speed as the highway passes the town.

John Emerick provided an update on the TV, FM and broadband translator on Elk Mountain. It is badly out of date and in an old building which is hard to maintain. This past winter the system failed because of a heating failure on one occasion and a cooling failure on another. It is hard to get to for maintenance (helicopter generally needed.) The Board of County Commissioners plan to have a new building constructed in 2017 for both public safety and general communication support which solves these reliability problems. In addition, it is planned to upgrade to a high speed (20 – 50 Mbps download) broad band service for the Valley.

Mark Hilberman,
Caucus Secretary