

WCTA Meeting Minutes
May 16th, 2019

The second quarterly meeting of 2019 of the Williams County Township Association was held on May 16th, 2019, at the East Annex on E. High St., in Bryan, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was then a moment of silence to respect the passing of, St. Joseph Township Trustee, Hugh Perry's wife, Jane.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with ten (10) members present. Guests present were, District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office, Kathy Shaver, Williams County Recorder Patti Rockey, Williams County EMA Director Dawn Baldwin, Williams County Sheriff's Office Lt. Jeff Romes, and Williams County Engineer Todd Roth.

Bob Short stated the minutes were on the County Engineer's web site. Tom Worthington made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting with a correction that it was Jeff Burkholder that talked about Winter Conference not Todd Burkholder. Dave Apple seconded the motion with the correction. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was then given. Connie Simmons made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Short then introduced Kelly Gray, recently appointed Williams County Treasurer. She was sworn in on April 15th. She stated she was from West Unity, with 2 children and married to Kevin Gray. She stated she had been attending conferences and continuing education. She is following Vicki Grimm who is now the County Auditor.

Kathy Shaver reported on work being done by Latta's office. She stated the Precision Bill which is part of the farm bill has been signed. There was discussion then on the broadband bill concerning internet access for rural areas. Latta was also involved in legislation that was recently introduced concerning robo calls.

Patti Rockey stated that her office had been concentrating on a new software system. It is in use, and still being adjusted to.

Dawn Baldwin reported that the litigation plan was still being worked on. Concerning the Alert 86 contract, the bill had been given to the County Commissioners and the bills would be coming to the townships soon.

Deputy Jeff Romes talked about patrols of commercial traffic in construction areas. Also discussed was the road limits in the area of Menards. Soft roads with heavy traffic is not a good combination.

Todd Roth reported on road construction projects being done in the county. ODOT is working on several projects, St. Rt. 191, St. Rt. 107, and U.S. 6 heading east. The big project being worked on by the county is the bridge on F-75. Further the Engineer's office is doing a large culvert in Springfield Township and 2 smaller culverts in Millcreek Township. They are also helping Florence Township with 3.5 miles of chip and seal. They are using chip and seal on about 45 miles of roads this summer using limestone.

There was then discussion on the increase in the price of road salt. The county is trying to buy all it can from the last contract as the price is going to \$81 per ton. There was also discussion on Co. Rd. O and Co. Rd. 16 close to Menards. Todd stated a traffic study was being done and that a round a bout at that intersection would stop the heavy truck traffic.

Bob Short reported that he had stopped at the OTA office and that the gas tax increase would bring funds locally. He also reported that Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs, had testified concerning reinstatement of local government funds. He reported that she will replace Matt DeTemple at the end of the year and will be the speaker for the banquet in November.

Tim Nofziger then ask about litter laws. There is a problem with litter on the roads especially from the turnpike plazas. Littering is illegal in the State of Ohio.

Bob Short then announced that the township booth would be under the grandstand this year at the Williams County Fair. Also the banquet in November will be at St. Mary's Church in Edgerton.

The next meeting will be held on August 15th, 2019. Todd Roth offered to host the meeting at the County Engineer's office and to supply burgers and brats. Passing dishes are to be brought by members. Dinner at 6:30 with the meeting at 7.

There being no further business from the floor, Rod Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim Nofziger seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
Nancy J. Barnes