

WCTA Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2019

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2019 of the Williams County Township Association was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. It was the annual meeting and banquet.

The meeting was called to order by president, Bob Short, who welcomed everyone to the banquet.

Following the invocation by President Short, those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of the Rosary Alter Society of the church.

Entertainment was provided by students from the Hilltop Cadet Music Department, conducted by Teresa Doran. The performance included contemporary and Christmas selections, and was enjoyed by all.

Keynote speaker of the evening was Heidi Fought, incoming Executive Director of the Ohio Township Association. She will be replacing Matt DeTemple, who is retiring December 31st. Heidi gave legislative updates, along with grant opportunities for township cemeteries, and information on new rules for elected officials bonds. She encouraged all to attend the Ohio Township Conference in Columbus, February 5th thru the 8th, 2020.

President Short then introduced elected officials and special guests present at the meeting. Those recognized were: Kathy Shaver - District Representative with Congressman Latta's office, State Representative Jim Hoops, Tim Lynch - First Vice President of the Ohio Township Association, Robert Trowbridge - Ohio Township Association Board of Directors, Karen Gallagher - Williams County Majistrate, Kellie Gray - Williams County Treasurer, Kim Herman - Williams County Clerk of Courts, Katie Zartman - Williams County Prosecutor, Patti Rockey - Williams County Recorder, Steve Towns - Williams County Sheriff, Todd Roth - Williams County Engineer, Dawn Baldwin - Williams County Emergency Management Director.

Also recognized were Bill Roth and Don Fritch of Redline Equipment, Don Steffel and Scott McElfresh of Selking International Trucks, Mike Zwyer and John Helberg of Gerkin Paving, Dave & Ginny Ganster of Ernst Paving, Tim Suter of First Energy, and Tom Kochart, candidate for sherriff.

Bob then recognized members that were completing their service to the township association. Those not returning next year are Connie Simmons -Pulaski Township Fiscal Officer, Kathy Kimple - St. Joseph Township Fiscal Officer, and Ben Disbro - Northwest Township Trustee. He thanked all for their service and welcomed new members Deanne Batterson, Jodi Radabaugh, and Steven Stamper.

After a brief intermission, the business meeting commenced. Secretary-Treasurer, Nancy Barnes, completed the attendance with twenty-four (24) members present.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 15th, 2019, meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Dan Gillen moved to accept the minutes as presented, Claron Krill seconded the motion; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read by Nancy Barnes. Linda Beck moved to approve the report as presented, Dan Gillen seconded the motion; motion carried.

There were no committee reports given as committee representatives were unavailable.

Bob Short noted the County Township Association held quarterly meetings and all were welcome to attend.

Ted Roth gave a report from the engineer's department; he stated that the county had completed chip and seal on approximately 45 miles of road this year and that they had also helped Florence Township. He also reported that salt was delivered for the ODOT contract and was available. He reminded those present that his department was available to help townships with larger projects; they provide labor and try to do about 3 projects for townships per year. If anyone knows of something that they would like help with in the future, please talk to him.

It was then reported that the County Township Association spent \$300 at the Williams County Fair Jr Livestock Auction and that the support was appreciated; the sale went well. Bert Brown was the association's representative.

The fair booth for the 2020 Williams County Fair was discussed; Bob stated that the township booth had moved to under the grandstand. Linda Beck moved to again have a booth at the fair, Tom Worthington seconded the motion; motion carried. Bob Short reported that a wall had been removed in the booth and he had replaced the wall; Tim Nofziger moved to reimburse Bob for the materials used, Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion; motion carried.

Bob Short reported that Ken Beck was the winner of the flag given away at the Williams County Fair. Ken thanked the association for the flag, which was donated by Jim Davis. As a former township clerk, Ken said he appreciates all of the work done by the townships.

Millcreek Township volunteered to publish the snow removal policy in the Bryan Times for all townships.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Willis Grime moved to nominate Bob Short as President, Tim Nofziger seconded the motion. Dan Gillen moved to close nominations, Tim Nofziger seconded the motion; motion carried. Dan Gillen moved to nominate Tom Worthington as Vice President, Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Don Kunkle moved to close nominations, Claron Krill seconded the motion; motion carried. Connie Simmons moved to nominate Nancy Barnes as Secretary-Treasurer, Linda Beck seconded the motion. Don Kunkle moved to close nominations, Mike Elser seconded the motion; motion carried. Willie Grime moved to nominate Jeff Burkholder as Executive Committeeman, Tom Worthington seconded the motion. Dan Gillen moved to close nominations, Del Kune seconded the motion; motion carried. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

Bob Short stated that Williams County has 100% membership with the State Association and complimented the townships for that accomplishment. Bob also reminded those in attendance that the Ohio Township Winter Conference would be held February 5th thru the 8th, in Columbus; he encouraged all to attend.

Bob Short remembered Mark Robison and Mel Clark, former trustees that have passed away this year; he thanked them for their service.

Door prizes for townships were drawn; a \$250 certificate from Selking International Trucks, good for labor, was won by Superior Township. Ernst Asphalt donated two \$500 gift certificates; one went to Jefferson Township and one to Center Township. Door prizes for attendees had been drawn and were to be picked up from the tables.

Jeff Burkholder stated that Center Township would host the February 20, 2020, meeting at the Center Township Building on Co. Rd. 12, at 7:00 pm.

President Short thanked the Executive Board for their hard work over the past year, and then thanked everyone for attending.

Being no further business from the floor, Tom Worthington moved to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion; motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy J Barnes