

WCTA Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2018

The third quarterly meeting of 2018 of the Williams County Township Association was held at the East End Annex on High St., Bryan, Ohio on August 16th, 2018.

The business meeting was started with Bob Short leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary- Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with twenty-four (24) members present. Guests present were John Waterstone, Williams County Deputy Engineer; Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff; Kathy Shaver District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office; Terry Rummel, Williams County Commissioner; Rachel Sostoi, Williams County Prosecutor's Office and Jim Hoops, Ohio State Representative.

Bob Short stated that the minutes had been posted to the Williams County Engineer's website. Rod Baker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Tod Schlachter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Short called for the Treasurer's report. Barnes reported there was a balance of \$ 1,719.25 in the checking account. The expenditures were \$2,120.00 for membership remitted to Ohio Township Association and a deposit correction of \$6.00. There were receipts of \$180.00 which was membership dues that were collected. Chris Maneval then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Rod Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jim Hoops, State Representative gave a report. He stated that they were currently on recess, but may go back into session in September, and that it would be a lame duck session.

Kathy Shaver District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office stated that she was present to learn what was happening in Williams County.

John Waterstone, Deputy Williams County Engineer, then reported that 3 paving projects were complete and had been done ahead of schedule. Also, the chip and seal is complete. He reported the Engineer's office has purchased an emulsion distributor and would be doing chip and seal, and not bidding the work out. Projects this year include work on Co. Rd. 21.75, work on Co. Rd. D, and a project on Co. Rd. 10 that is yet to be started.

Rachel Sostoi had a report for the prosecutor's office. She stated that there was an increase in cases related to drugs. The goal is to intervene before incarceration. She also reported that John Morgan has been sentenced to 12 years for felony robberies.

Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff, reported next. He stated that Williams County has assisted with the double homicide that had occurred earlier today in Hillsdale County. He also reported on the new equipment that was being obtained for the department, the

Hummer and the Squad that was donated by M & M Ambulance. He also discussed the drone, the robot and the bracelet locator.

Committee reports were next. It was reported that Wedco is working with inquiries for Shearer Plumbing, and the current owner is retiring. Concerning revolving loans, there has not been much activity, and that a year end report would be given at the November meeting. There was a brief discussion on the changes at CCNO with the new director.

Bob Short then reported on the meeting that was held for county township officials in Columbus. He reported that the speakers were on mental health, omnibus legislation, HB 500 and workers compensation.

It was noted that the County Township Association would be having a booth at the Williams County Fair. After discussion, Dan Gillen made a motion to have Burt Brown represent the county township at the Junior Fair Auction and to spend approximately \$300. Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was then a brief discussion on the November Township Banquet. There was approval to again hold the banquet at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton on November 15th 2018. The cost will be \$15 per ticket. It was unanimous to hold the banquet in Edgerton. There was discussion of possibly having the director of the Ohio Turnpike Commission as the speaker.

There was then discussion concerning the Aquifer and the drilling and selling of the water. The discussion included the EPA, ODNR and independent hydrologist studies. After discussion, Tod Schlachter made a motion to pass a resolution supporting the City of Bryan's resolution in opposition to drilling into the aquifer. Rod Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed with a show of hands.

Bob Short then thanked everyone for coming.

Bob Stark then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Claron Krill seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes