

WCTA Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

The first quarterly meeting of 2020 of the Williams County Township Association was held on February 20th, 2020 at the Center Township building on County Road 12, Bryan, OH. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Short called the meeting to order. He then thanked Center Township for hosting the meeting. Bob Short then led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with fifteen (15) members present. Guests present were Terry Rummel, Williams County Commissioner; Leu Hilkert, Williams County Commissioner; Tim Sutter, First Energy Representative; and Deanna Batterson, Candidate elect for Pulaski Township. Also attending were Tom Kochert, Tim Livengood and Shawn Fulk, candidates for Williams County Sheriff.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 21st, 2019 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for November 21, 2019. Chris Maneval made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Tom Worthington seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Barnes then presented the treasurers report. Matt Grube made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Willie Grime seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Jeff Burkholder then reported on the OTA Winter Conference that had been held in Columbus. He reported there were 90 - 100 workshops available with topics relevant to township government. There was a good representation present from Williams County. Bob Short stated the conference dates for 2021 would be January 27 to January 29th.

Tim Sutter with First Energy Representative then talked about the change over from high pressure sodium lights to LED lights. There are currently 3 programs available for townships to participate in. The high pressure sodium lights are being phased out and will no longer be available at some time in the future.

Bob Short then passed around a flier on Durapatch machines. The county engineers department does have a durapatch machine, and do work with the individual townships on use. Bob had also inquired at the Winter Conference about the availability of used machines. It was reported that a used machine would probably cost between \$22,000 and \$25,000 dollars.

The three candidates for Williams County Sheriff spoke next. Tim Livengood is a Bryan High School Graduate with further education from Owens and University of Toledo. He has had 34 years of experience most recently as Police Chief for Pioneer. Shawn Falk is a graduate of Paulding High School and Defiance College. His most recent experience is with Stryker police department. He has also been a Williams County Deputy with the Sheriff's Department. Tom Kochert is a graduate of Hocking Hills. His most recent

experience is as the Conservation Officer for Williams County. During that time he also had training for law enforcement.

There was then a brief update on the sewer system that will be placed in Kunkle. The meeting with the residents is Monday the 24th?

Also there was then a brief discussion on the MARC's radio system. It is uncertain at this time, which fire departments and villages will be changing to this system. There was a temporary tower placed close to Bryan, and it is reported that it performed well. It was noted, the more entities that change over will lower the cost as more radios will need to be purchased. Also, if there are questions or concerns, they can be directed to Donna Baldwin or Brandi Frisbie.

As Steve Towns will be resigning effective no later than March 17, 2020, the process for replacing him was briefly discussed. The commissioners will appoint until the Republican Central Committee names a new sheriff, as Sheriff Towns is a republican.

No committee reports were given.

The next meeting will be held on May 21st, 2020, at 7:00 at the Superior Township in Montpelier.

There being no further business from the floor, Willie Grime made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Elser seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Barnes