

WCTA Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2020

The third quarterly meeting of 2020 of the Williams County Township Association was held at the Williams County Engineer's location on Co. Rd. G, Bryan, Ohio on August 20th, 2020.

The business meeting was called to order by President, Bob Short. The meeting was then started with Bob Short leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary- Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with fourteen (14) members present. Guests present were Jim Hoops, Ohio State Representative; Terry Rummel, Lew Hilkert, and Brian Davis, Williams County Commissioners; Tom Kohart, Williams County Sheriff; Dawn Baldwin, EMA Director; Apryl McClaine, EMA Director; Brandi Frisbee, 911 Director; Tim Suter, Toledo Edison; Jim Watkins, Williams County Health Commissioner; Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer; John Waterstone, Assistant County Engineer; Steve Humphrey, Williams County Highway Department; Katie Zartman, Williams County Prosecutor; Jim Hicks, Williams County EMS Director and Rich Schatzer, Ohio Department of Transportation.

Bob Short stated that the minutes from the February 20th, 2020 meeting had been posted to the Williams County Engineer's website. Burt Brown 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 \$ 1,744.16 in the checking account. The expenditures were \$2,160.00 for membership remitted to Ohio Township Association and \$14.97 refreshments for the February meeting. There were receipts of \$2,440.00 which was membership dues that were collected. Jeff Burkholder then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Tim Nofziger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dawn Baldwin, Williams County EMA Director spoke of the changes in the department as she will be retiring the end of the year. April McClaine has been promoted to EMA Director and Brandi Frisbee has been promoted to 911 Communications Director.

Brandi Frisbie, 911 Communications Director (office 419-633-5004; email, bfrisbie@wmsco.org) Apryl McClaine, EMA Director (office 419-633-5002; email, amcclaine@wmsco.org).

Brian Davis, Williams County Commissioner gave an update on the MARC's system. He reported that a tower will be erected at the title office. He stated a temporary tower had been tested and the county was happy with the results. He further reported that a levy would be on the ballot in the spring of 2021. This would fund radio equipment for fire departments, 911, EMA and the Sheriff's Department. It is for the safety of Williams County to improve communications.

Sherriff, Tom Kohart then also talked about the MARC's system. He stated he was familiar with the system as it was used in 1995 and 1996 when he was with the Department of Natural Resources. He talked favorably of the system.

Prosecutor, Katie Zartman then reported that her office was busy. They have added a detective position for the county. She did state the request system for the townships was down and she did not know when it would be available, but that she could be reached by phone. She then briefly

reported on the Cares Act and if there were any uses for townships. She does not have much information at this time.

Jim Hicks then spoke for Williams County EMS and first responders. He stated that Williams County did not have a shortage of PPE as there was inventory left from H1N1.

Jim Watkins with the Williams County Health Department followed. He reported that Williams County had at this time, 143 cases and 9 hospitalizations. He stated that it had taken a monetary toll on the department and that currently they were \$154,000 behind. There was a brief discussion on the Cares funds and possibly transferring township funds to the Health Department.

Bob Short thanked Todd Roth for hosting the meeting and for the meal provided. Todd then reported that his department had chipped and sealed about 40 miles of roads with 60 miles of edging included in that amount. He reported that they will continue to address Co. Rd. J. And further reported that N-30 was now open.

Tod then reported on the EPA findings for Kunkle and Alvordton. Kunkle funding has been secured and he expects it will be bid in September/October. Alvordton funding has 1 million dollars secured towards that sewer project. There was also a brief discussion on the water problem in Buena Vista Subdivision. Rich Schatzer with the Ohio Department of Transportation is assisting in a joint effort with the Engineers Department.

Tim Suter with Toledo Edison reported on the LED lights that were being changed in street lights. There is still assistance available and they are currently changing over most in Toledo.

Representative, Jim Hoops gave an update next. They are currently working on H.B. 6. He also reported there will likely be a shortage from July 2020 to June 2021 due to Covid 19 and other factors.

It was noted that the County Township Association would not be having a booth at the Williams County Fair. There was a discussion on the Jr. Fair. After discussion Steve Stamper made a motion to have Bert Brown represent the Williams County Township Association with spending up to \$350.00 at the Junior Fair Livestock Sale. Ed Ruffer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The next Township meeting will be November 19th at the Township Banquet. No decision was made at this time. More information will be given as we get closer to the date.

Bob Short then thanked everyone for coming.

Tom Worthington then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Bert Brown seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Barnes