

WCTA Meeting Minutes
May 15th, 2014

The second quarterly meeting of 2014 of the Williams County Township Association was held on May 15th, 2014, at the Williams County Sheriff's new facility on East High St, Bryan, OH. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Towns talked about recent activity that had been made at the Sheriff's office. The DARE program is now in all the county schools. The new location for the office was discussed along with the move. There was then again discussion of the local drug problems and the increase in heroine usage. Due to the proximity to Indiana and Michigan, it is an active area for heroin and meth.

The next guest was Ray Brushard, Program Manager, Office of Training for LTAP. LTPA stands for Local Technical Assistance Program. They are available and work with all local governments in Ohio, including engineers and townships. He passed out samples of the quarterly newsletter his office publishes and invited those not receiving the newsletter to sign up. He also talked about advisory speeds for curves and gave resources from a lending library that are available. He also handed out crash maps from 2008 to 2012 for all townships.

He also talked about the Road Scholar program. Also, there was some discussion on round a bouts in the state. They result in less serious accidents as there are few 90 degree "T bone" accidents.

Derek Merrin the Northwest Ohio Regional Liaison for Dave Yost, Auditor of State was the next guest to address those present. He talked about performance audits for cities and schools. They are working to cut audit costs for those with smaller budgets. He also reported that 60 people had been convicted for illegal activities while in office. He talked about the reporting system that is available to citizens that suspect wrong doing. Finally, he talked about a list being developed that will allow all entities to list equipment and what they would be willing to loan with costs and conditions.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 20th, 2014 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for February 20th, 2014. Hugh Perry made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Burt Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed. The majority vote was yeas.

Secretary Treasurer, Barnes then gave the treasurers report. Chris Maneval made a motion to accept the report as presented. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with twenty-two (22) members present. Guests present were Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer; Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff; Dawn Baldwin, Williams County EMS Director; Derek Merrin, Northwest Ohio Regional Liaison for Auditor of State, Dave Yost; and Raymond Burshart, Program Manager, Office of Training/LTAP.

Dawn Baldwin, Williams County 911 Director spoke next. She discussed the cost of sirens for storm warnings and reported that it cost approximately \$22,000 for a single outdoor siren. The county is looking at Everbridge Company, that would provide notices to landlines and those who chose to enroll cell phone numbers. It can be used several types of messages. A range of costs for townships would be approximately \$261.21 for Millcreek Township to \$936.06 for Center Township. Schools may also decide to join. This company will provide a 5 year commitment. There will be a meeting on Wednesday May 21st, 2014 in the conference room where our meeting is being held.

Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer, spoke about roads and plans for this coming year. They are planning on chipping and sealing 30+ miles of roads in the next couple weeks. They are also planning on doing about 2 miles of asphalt at approximately \$90,000 per mile. They have the bids completed for stone and emulsion and have requested bids for application only. He also again offered the hand held GPS units to be lent out to have culverts and other road structures placed on a map. It is valuable information for emergency vehicles. He also discussed mowing roads with the townships. He estimates it costs him \$120,000 to \$140,000 per year to mow the county which breaks down to about \$10,000 per township, should any township be interested. Bridges to be replaced are on Co. Rd. 16, which will be a complete replacement. And 2 on Co. Rd. R. This will be funded with OPWC monies that were not previously used.

Standing committee reports were; Revolving Loans, no activity; and 911 no activity.

There was no old business.

New business concerned the booth at the Williams County Fair. Dan Gillen, made a motion to participate again at the fair. Burt Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried with a majority of yeas.

The next meeting will be held on August 21st, 2014, at the shelter house in Alvordton, Ohio. It will be a potluck with the starting time to be 6:00 P.M.

There being no further business from the floor, Hugh Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Moffett seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
Nancy J. Barnes