

WCTA Meeting Minutes
May 17th, 2018

The second quarterly meeting of 2018 of the Williams County Township Association was held on May 17th, 2018, at the Ohio Department of Transportation on U.S. 15 in Montpelier, Oh. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with ten (10) members present. Guests present were Williams County Commissioner Terry Rummel, Williams County Sheriff Steve Towns, and Williams County EMA Director Dawn Baldwin.

Bob Short stated the minutes were on the County Engineer's web site. Chris Maneval made a motion to approve the minutes. Rod Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was then given. Rod Baker made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Tod Schlacter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bob Short then thanked Rich Schatzer for hosting the meeting.

ODOT District 2 Chairman, Pat McColley then spoke. He stated that the State Highway Department would like to be good partners with the communities. He discussed meetings that had taken place with commissioners. Williams County is in District 2 which includes 8 counties. He talked about the benefits of the turnpike funding and the projects it had helped to fund. The major project being the widening of US 75. As to funding, there was discussion on the gas tax and that the state had not increased the tax since 2007. And that the Federal Gas Tax had not been increased since the 90's.

There was then discussion on the products used to maintain roads. Micro surfacing was discussed. There was also discussion on using chip seal even at the county level. When some polymers are used, they hold up very well. It really depends on the material and polymers used.

Dawn Baldwin spoke stating that the 3 years was up for the Everbridge alert system, and that the County Commissioners had agreed to renew for 3 more years. There is no increase in the amount being charged. She thought the bills would be sent to those entities involved sometime in late June.

Sheriff Steve Towns, then spoke. There was discussion on drugs and mental health. Also, discussed was drone pilot certification. The drone will be available to service all areas of the county. Steve also reported that he had been able to hire 2 deputies, and that had relieved 12 hour shifts.

Todd Roth sent his regrets.

Terry Rummel reported for the commissioners. He stated the Land Bank was still moving forward, and that Vicki Grime was in charge of that. Also, progress had been made on Love's Truck Stop at the Ohio Turnpike and St. Rt. 49 exit, and that they should be starting to move dirt soon.

Tod Schlacter gave a committee report that said Shearer Plumbing was using WEDCO funds. Also reported that there were still funds available from the revolving loan program.

The next meeting will be held on August 16th, 2018. No decision was made as to where the meeting would be held. The County Annex conference room was named as the backup location.

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

Respectfully submitted.
Nancy J. Barnes