

WCTA Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2014

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2014 of the Williams County Township Association was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. It was the annual meeting and banquet. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short.

After a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of the Rosary Alter Society, entertainment was provided by Locomotion from Montpelier High School, directed by Garrett Leininger. The performance was selections from the choir's concert program and Christmas carols.

Bob Short introduced local officials and vendors that were in attendance.

Keynote guest speaker was Rick Hodges, Ohio Director of Health. Rick discussed the various positions he has held and the economic issues of the past few years. He stressed that this was the "new normal" and that government entities were going to need to continue to work together. He also discussed the recent ebola incident that occurred in Ohio and the lack of readiness and protective equipment.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with twenty seven (27) members present. Guests present were; Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer; Dawn Baldwin, Williams County EMS; Patty Rockey, Williams County Recorder ; Bruce Siders, Bryan City Fire Chief; Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff; Kathy Shaver, Congressman Latta's Office; Brian Davis and Lew Hilkert, Williams County Commissioners; Kim Herman, Williams County Clerk of Courts; Kirk Yosick, Williams County Prosecutor; and Kate Zartman and Mike Johasz, Assistant Prosecutors; Brad and Michelle Price from the Williams County Health Department; and Tim Lynch, OTA 1st Vice President. Vendors present were Vicki Ernst, Ginny and David Ganster from Bruce Ernst Paving; Bill Roth and Don Fritch from Archbold Equipment Company; and Gary Keys from First Energy.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 14th, 2014 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for August 15, 2014. Rusty Goebel made a motion to accept the minutes. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The treasurer's report was then read by Nancy Barnes. Chris Maneval, made a motion to approve the report as read. Don Kunkle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Standing committee reports were called for next. Bert Brown reported for Maumee Valley that there has been very little activity. Grant information will not be available till sometime this spring. Bob Short reported for the Williams County Revolving Loan Fund Committee that funds there has not been much activity. Hugh Perry for the 911 committee had nothing to report.

Burt Brown reported that the \$250 spent at the Williams County Fair. A thank you note was received from the seller of the animal.

Bob Short reported that Jim Davis, Center Township Fiscal Officer, had donated the flag for the drawing at the Williams County Fair. Deb Wilson, from Jeddo MI, daughter of Scott Cooley, former Jefferson Township Trustee, was the winner of the flag.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Chris Maneval made a motion to nominate Bob Short as president. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jeff Burkholder then made a motion to nominate Tom Gerig as vice president. Claron Krill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chris Maneval then made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnes as secretary/treasurer. Tom Gearig seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rusty Goebel then made a motion to nominate Jeff Burkholder as executive committee chairman. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Motion passed. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

Jeff Burkholder talked about the Ohio Township Association winter meeting to be held in Columbus on January 28th through the 31st. The deadline for registration is January 16, 2015. Trustees and fiscal officers were encouraged to attend. Jeff also noted that the application for the Ohio Township Association Scholarship was posted on the Williams County Engineer's website. There are 4 \$500 scholarships to be awarded. Jeff also reminded those present that minutes and upcoming meetings are on the County Engineer's website. Jeff also stated that Center Township would host the February 19th, 2014 meeting at the Center Township building on Co. Rd. 12.

Bob Short then announced a 100% participation certificate from the Ohio Township Association had been received.

Connie Simmons then reported that the Bryan Times was now putting snow policies in the legal notices. There was discussion of all the townships posting in one notice and rotating the townships to post on a yearly basis. After discussion, it was tabled until the August 2015 meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 19th, 2015, at the Center Township building on County Road 12, Bryan, OH.

Door prizes for townships were drawn next. There was a \$200 certificate for Maneval Service. Bruce Ernst Asphalt donated 2 \$500 gift certificates. Kalida Truck donated 4 \$25 certificates.

Door prized for attendees were then drawn.

President Short thanked the executive board for their work over the last year, and then thanked everyone for coming.

There being no further business from the floor, Rusty Goebel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Planson seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes