

WCTA Meeting Minutes
February 20th, 2014

The first quarterly meeting of 2014 of the Williams County Township Association was held on February 20th, 2014, 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.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with ten (10) members present. Guests present were Jim Watkins, Williams County Health Department; Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer; and Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 22nd, 2013 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for November 22nd, 2013. Jeff Burkholder made a correction that Center Township was on Co. Rd. 12 and not Co. Rd. 10. Todd Schlachter made a motion to accept the minutes, with the correction. Steve Planson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sheriff Towns talked about the changes that had been made at the Sheriff's office. The DARE program has been started up in some schools for the fifth grade. The repeaters have been updated which has improved communication when on duty. There was then discussion of the local drug problems and the increase in heroine usage. He also talked about the move to the new building on the East High Street.

The next topic discussed was the snow levels and the 4 storms that have moved through the area recently. Level three snow emergency was called for part of storm 1 and 2. Level 3 was not called on the third storm, and that has generated the most discussion.

Sheriff Towns had just returned from an all sheriff's meeting in Columbus, so there was then discussion on funding and the State Patrol. The State Patrol is to take care of all crashes in the county and at this time, the sheriff's office responds to about half of those crashes.

Jim Watkins discussed the District Advisory Council meeting that is scheduled in the next couple weeks. At one time in 1996, bylaws received a first and second motion at the annual meeting but no vote was taken. Also, there was discussion of continuing education that is now required and those consistently missing meetings. At sometime it could affect state dollars received to the county.

Todd Roth spoke about the recent snow as well. He felt that it was handled relatively well. He also stated that the county now has 1 district for sewer with one rate for those affected.

Equipment with the engineer's office was discussed next. Todd stated that they would be selling a 6-8 foot wide sheep foot roller and a drum roller. Also one of the dozers may be sold. The department is looking to buy 2-3 new mowers. Also a tantom truck and new chipper was purchased. They are still using the crack patch machine that is

supplied from the material company in return for purchasing material through that company.

Upcoming projects for the year include hopefully doing more miles of chip and seal. Thirty miles was done last year and they are aiming for 40 miles this year. Todd would also hope to do more striping, as it is the cheapest, safety measure that can be done. Concerning bridges, they have 2 scheduled to repair Co. Rd. R west of Pioneer, and 1 on Co. Rd. 16 between H and I. There is a bridge on Co. Rd. K west of Co. Rd. 17 that needs attention. It was worked on last year, and needs more work. There is then one bridge on Co. Rd. D, that they are hoping to do in 2015.

A new roof has been put on the Engineer's office and they will be working on the salt shed in 2015.

Concerning EPA mandates, Durham Estates is to close in 2017 and Hickory Hills in 2020. Also, the plans still need submitted for Kunkle and Alvordton.

Bob Short then asked if any decision concerning the townships mowing some of the county roads had been looked into. Todd Roth said he would be looking at that and asked what townships would be interested.

Standing committee reports were not called for due to length of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 15th, 2014, at the Sheriff's office on East High Street in Bryan.

There being no further business from the floor, Steve Batterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Burt Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes