

WCTA Meeting Minutes
May 18th, 2017

The second quarterly meeting of 2017 of the Williams County Township Association was held on May 18th, 2017, at the East Annex on E. High Street in Bryan, Oh. The meeting was called to order by Vice president Jeff Burkholder, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with eleven (11) members present. Guests present were Williams County Commissioner Terry Rummel, Williams County Engineer Todd Roth, Williams County Sheriff Steve Towns, Williams County EMA Director Dawn Baldwin, Williams County Prosecutor Katie Zartman, and Jim Watkins Williams County Health Department.

Jeff Burkholder asked if minutes had been read from the County Engineer's web site. The treasurer's report was then given. Claron Krill made a motion to approve the minutes from February 16th, 2017 and the treasurer's report. Anthony Hoeffel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Donna Baldwin spoke stating that if any township would like to use the light towers, they are still available. There has been a change in personnel, but to contact Donna if you would like to use them. Also, there are also still solar signs available as well.

Todd Roth also has a radar sign and it has been used at Co. Rd. 15 and Co. Rd. O at the Menards corner to help with traffic. He also reported that Steve Humphrey was now in charge of traffic control. Steve Towns also asked if the Engineer's office had a device that recorded speed and count to gather statistics. There was a brief discussion on speed limits and what was set by Ohio Revised Code and the requests for no thru trucks. Also Todd reported that projects being worked included in Brady Township, work on 21-N and M-50. The bids were back today. Due to the location to the turnpike, \$890,000 is being funded with grant funds. The next project will be on Co. Rd. D between State Route 576 and County Road 7. Last, Todd reported that the county had purchased a chip box. The county will be doing their own edging and some chip seal at this time.

Katie Zartmen spoke next. She passed out information on Medical Marijuana for the townships. House bill 23 becomes operational by this fall. The county cannot regulate, it must be done at the township level. The county cannot prohibit medical marijuana. There was discussion on security and signage that may be needed should a medical marijuana facility locate in a township. She also discussed that a township can refuse to hire, can discipline and or fire based on an employee's use of medical marijuana. She recommended townships put in place policies before the bill becomes operational. A sample resolution was included if needed by the townships. She suggested Matt Davis with WEDCO be contacted should anyone be contacted about a marijuana facility wanting to locate in a township. If townships do not act, once the bill becomes operational they will be allowed to locate in the township.

Steve Towns, then spoke. He noted that marijuana was often the gateway drug. He also noted that the penalty for underage drinking was more severe than some penalties for marijuana use. He reported that there have been 4 overdose deaths in Williams County

so far this year. There were 9 last year. They are finding a lot more weapons when a drug bust is conducted. There was then discussion on the drug overdoses that happened at CCNO recently. Steve had brought a video, but was not able to show it.

Todd then briefly discussed Opdyke Park and the current construction project. There was a change order that was needed as it was determined more work was needed than was originally quoted, once they started the repair. Also briefly discussed was the sewer project needed for Alvordton and Kunkle. It was noted the estimate is for 8 to 10 million dollars to meet the EPA mandate.

Jim Watkins talked briefly about the newer septic regulations. The county did apply for grant funds and they want to be sure the funds are used. He stated that Brad with the Health Department would be willing to attend meetings to discuss the new regulations.

Terry Rummel noted that Mike Elser is filing the unexpired term of Steve Hayes, who recently passed away as Bridgewater township trustee.

There was no old business, and also no committee reports.

The next meeting will be held on August 17th, 2017, at the shelter house in Alvordton, Ohio. It will be a potluck with the starting time to be 6:00 P.M. Millcreek Township is in charge of the meat.

There being no further business from the floor, Todd Burkholder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.
Nancy J. Barnes