

WCTA Meeting Minutes  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The first quarterly meeting of 2016 of the Williams County Township Association was held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 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 fifteen (15) members present. Guests present were Katie Zartman, Williams County Prosecutor; and Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 19th, 2015 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for November 19th, 2015. Linda Beck made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Burt Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Barnes then presented the treasurers report. Chris Maneval made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Steve Planson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Katie Zartman was present for the prosecutor's office. She reported that the office is now moved and is in the east annex, next to the Sheriff's office. Katie and her staff are full time and are not associated with an attorney's office. Rachel Sostoi and ?? Yuhaus are her assistants. Andy Skiles remains as investigator. Lisa Wendorf is also on staff. Katie discussed the new drug court. She also reported that the Grand Jury in January was the largest or tied for the largest. There was also discussion on abandoned properties. Katie reported that there has been discussion on a land bank, as some other counties have done to take back properties. No decision has been made in Williams County to do this.

Sheriff Towns had just returned from Columbus. He commented that no levels for snow have been necessary this year. He reported that traffic grants will be available again for 2016. There was an update on the DARE program, which is in its third year. There was a report on the man unit and the recent arrests that had been made. Sheriff Towns, stated that probably 75% of the cases in the county are somehow related to drugs. He also reported on Alice training and recent training that has been done. He noted that his office is willing to do this training for any group that is interested. It is training for active shooter situations. He also reported that the legislature is looking at a bill for medical marijuana rather than having medical and recreational marijuana be on the ballot again. Everyone across the state has a drug problem, and Williams County is very active in persuing offenders.

Old business was called for next. Tom Worthington reported that the solid waste committee has not met. Burt Brown reported on Community Development Block Grants. Also, stated there are Capital Improvement Grants available. Jeff Burkholder gave reports and positive comments from the OTA Winter Conference, that was held in Columbus on January 27<sup>th</sup> through 30th.

The next meeting will be held on May 19th, 2016, at 7:00 at the Bridgewater Township office.

There being no further business from the floor, Tod Schlachter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Kunkle seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes