

WCTA Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2011

The May 19, 2011 meeting of the Williams County Township Association was called to order by President Jeff Burkholder, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Treasurer Nancy Barnes read the roll call with fifteen (15) members present. Guests present were Nancy Jackson, Bryan Times; Al Word and Leu Hilkert, Williams County Commissioners; Bill Bradish, Palmer Energy and JR Lumbrezer, Northwest Ohio Township Director.

President Burkholder asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 17, 2011 meeting. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for February 17, 2011. Hugh Perry made a motion to accept the minutes. Tod Schlachter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Burkholder called for the Treasurer's report. Barnes reported there was a balance of \$1,430.55 in the checking account. Receipts included \$1,710.00 in dues and \$11.00 for Scholarship Donations. The expenditure was \$540.00 to reimburse membership money advanced by Friend. Burkholder asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Steve Planson moved to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Claron Krill. All agreed.

Participation at the Williams County Fair was discussed next. After discussion, Rusty Goebel made a motion to again have a booth at the fair. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

President Burkholder then introduced Bill Bradish, account manager with Palmer Energy. This is an opportunity for the townships and villages to join in an electrical aggregation plan. The plan would need to be placed on the ballot and approved by the voters. It would guarantee a 6% savings for residents and 4% savings for small business owners. The length of the contract would be for 9 years. There would be a \$30.00 per participating customer rebate, which would be split between the Williams County Commissioners and the Townships. The rebate would be a one time deal and is an incentive to participate and place before the voters. The benefit for Palmer Energy is the administrative fees, already built in to the agreement. There is significant municipal power in Williams County, so it may not be beneficial to all townships. The deadline to place on the ballot this year will be August, 10, 2011. There would be opportunities to opt out of the aggregation. One opportunity would be after the plan is approved by voters and then an opportunity every 3 years. Participants could opt out at any time, however, there would be a charge. Bradish estimated savings to each participant at \$25.00 per year.

President Burkholder then introduced JR Lumbrezer. He is the Northwest Ohio Township Director. He talked about current legislation affecting townships. The State Auditor has approved townships in emergency financial situations to be allowed to merge with other townships. He also suggested visiting skinnyohio.org. There was also discussion on Senate Bill 5. Other proposals would speed up the personal property reduction. At the present time, it is scheduled for estate tax to be eliminated in 2013.

Information on the current transportation bill was also reported. There has been some relief granted for entities with populations under 5,000.

President Burkholder shared a 100% Participation Award for membership in the Ohio Township Association for Williams County. Also, he stated that August 5th, 2011 was the date for the one day sessions that are being held at the University of Findlay. Various classes and topics will be available to attend.

President Burkholder presented information that is available from Bruce Ernst and C & C Chip and Seal. St Joe Township is having a meeting on May 26th, 2011 concerning chip and seal and invited anyone interested to attend.

President Burkholder then encouraged all members to write the State Legislators about the budget and proposed legislation and proposed changes. President Burkholder then stated that the banquet would be November 17th, 2011 and would again be held at Holiday City. Larry Johns, past President of the Ohio Township Association, would be the speaker at the fall banquet.

The Scholarship Fund for the Ohio Township Association was discussed next. Barnes reported that there was \$187.25 currently in the scholarship fund. Hugh Perry then made a motion to send \$100.00 to the fund. Tom Worthington seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

President Burkholder reminded members that the WCTA has information about future meetings and past minutes on the Williams County Engineer's website.

The next meeting for the WCTA will be August 18th, at 6:30 at the Alvordton Community Building. There was agreement to invite spouses, township employees and their families to have the meeting be a part of a cook out. Members are to bring a passing dish.

WCTA normally spends \$250.00 to purchase animals at the Williams County Junior Fair Auction. Tom Worthington made a motion to participate again this year with Hugh Perry agreeing to be the bidder. Garry Oberlin seconded the motion. All agreed and Hugh Perry agreed to do the bidding.

Tod Schlachter stated that they had available a machine to clean out ditches. They are willing to have their maintenance worker Ray available to other townships for \$95.00 per hour. Anyone interested should contact him.

Ed Ruffer then made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes

Following our last meeting, I spoke with Debra Prots, Williams County Board of Elections Clerk on June 13, 2011. She was very helpful in providing information on estimated costs for townships to put the electric aggregate issue on the November ballot.

She said that the costs to add an issue to the ballot can increase or decrease as a result of many variables, such as: the actual number of issues on the ballot, the number of voters in the township, and the number of precincts in the township.

Debra did put together an estimate of the costs to put this issue on the November ballot for Center Township. Assuming that this was the only issue on the November ballot, the estimated cost would be \$1,605.78. If a second issue were added to the ballot, the cost could drop to around \$1,200. If a third issue were added to the ballot, the estimated cost could drop to \$1,000-\$1,100. Given the variables associated with each township, the cost to each township is hard to guesstimate.

Debra called me a couple of days later and told me that if an issue is put on the ballot in November of a general election year (an even year), the cost is lower for various reasons and also because there is no charge for poll workers. To put an issue on a Spring primary election ballot and the election is in March, the issue would need to be filed by December 7. If the election is in May, the issue would need to be filed sometime around February 5.

Then, on June 16, Tom Thompson, Williams County Prosecuting Attorney told me that townships that may want to participate in this opt-out electric aggregation this Fall need to pass a resolution 1-2 weeks before the first of July. Townships should contact Tom before July 1st for resolution and legal words necessary for the issue to be put on the ballot. Tom can be contacted via e-mail at www.williamscountyprosecutor.org.

On June 20, Al Word, County Commissioner forwarded me a letter from Palmer Energy (see attached). As noted in the Palmer Energy letter, each township will be splitting the Toledo Edison \$50.00 per meter rebate with the county. Al and I thought it would be best to wait and put this issue on the 2012 Spring ballot as time is running out for the Fall ballot. And, being an even year, the cost would be lower for us. For more information, contact Al Word. Al will also be at the WCTA August 18 potluck meeting at the Alvordton Community Building at 6:30 p.m. Come hungry!

Jeff Burkholder, President
Williams County Township Association

WILLIAMS COUNTY	% in FE Service Area	HOUSEHOLDS	EST. RES. ENROLLMENTS	GRANT TO COUNTY	GRANT TO TOWNSHIPS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL KWH	TWP REVENUE FROM KWH'S	COUNTY REVENUE FROM KWH'S	CCAO REVENUE FROM KWH'S	TOTAL REVENUE
Blakeslee Village	100	50	40	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	300,000	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 27.00
Bridgewater Twp	20	668	107	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	801,600	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.05	\$ 24.05	\$ 72.14
Brady Twp	80	383	245	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	1,838,400	\$ 55.15	\$ 55.15	\$ 55.15	\$ 165.46
Center Twp	40	1193	382	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	2,863,200	\$ 85.90	\$ 85.90	\$ 85.90	\$ 257.69
Edon Village	75	369	221	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	1,660,500	\$ 49.82	\$ 49.82	\$ 49.82	\$ 149.45
Florence Twp	70	415	232	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	1,743,000	\$ 52.29	\$ 52.29	\$ 52.29	\$ 156.87
Jefferson Twp	85	775	527	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	3,952,500	\$ 118.58	\$ 118.58	\$ 118.58	\$ 355.73
Madison Twp	35	409	115	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	858,900	\$ 25.77	\$ 25.77	\$ 25.77	\$ 77.30
Mill Creek Twp**	80	461	295	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	2,212,800	\$ 66.38	\$ 66.38	\$ 66.38	\$ 199.15
Northwest Twp	15	690	83	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	621,000	\$ 18.63	\$ 18.63	\$ 18.63	\$ 55.89
Pulaski Twp	85	1094	744	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	5,579,400	\$ 167.38	\$ 167.38	\$ 167.38	\$ 502.15
St. Joseph Twp	20	324	52	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	388,800	\$ 11.66	\$ 11.66	\$ 11.66	\$ 34.99
Springfield Twp	40	1093	350	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	2,623,200	\$ 78.70	\$ 78.70	\$ 78.70	\$ 236.09
Superior Twp	5	581	23	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	174,300	\$ 5.23	\$ 5.23	\$ 5.23	\$ 15.69
West Unity Village	100	798	638	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	4,788,000	\$ 143.64	\$ 143.64	\$ 143.64	\$ 430.92
TOTALS		9,303	4,054	\$ 102,500	\$ 102,500	30,405,600	\$ 912.168	\$ 912.17	\$ 912.17	\$ 2,736.50

**Includes Alfordton CDP
Updated with 2010 Census Data
Grants - 2011 schedule