

WCTA Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011

The August 18, 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 eight (8) members present. Guests present were Lynn Thompson, Bryan Times; Al Word, Williams County Commissioner; Tim Jonovich, Williams County Emergency Management Director, and Tom Traxler, Soil and Water Conservation.

President Burkholder asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 19, 2011 meeting. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for May 19, 2011. Bob Short made a motion to accept the minutes. Tom Worthington 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. There were no receipts or disbursements for the last three months. Hillis Rockey moved to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Bob Short. All agreed.

Al Word reported on communication with Palmer Energy. He stated that he has not received any additional information. That Palmer Energy is saying the figures from the last spreadsheet are correct. At this point, it is too late to get on the November 2011 ballot. It was suggested to revisit in December or January for voting on the May ballot. The resolution would need to be filed with the election board, 90 days before the election. The trustees would need to pass a resolution to put on the ballot. Then 2 meetings would need to be held after the vote. Al Word agreed to work with a committee concerning Palmer Energy, if any trustees were interested.

Tim Jonovich, Williams County Emergency Management Director, from the county 911 office then addressed questions about sirens and storm warnings. The protocol with the warning system has been "streamlined". Concerning sirens it was stated that townships do purchase and maintain sirens. There are some grants available and Stryker did purchase a siren with grant funds. FCC changes coming for 2013 were discussed. Also Dawn Baldwin, address coordinator and deputy director for 911 was introduced.

Concerning old business, there was a reminder that reflective signage must be changed by January 2012.

Bob Short then reported on the Summer Conference 1 day session that was held at Findlay College on August 5, 2011. There were sessions on improving efficiencies, collective bargaining and Senate Bill 5, cemetery maintenance, doing more with less, public records and insurance. There have also been some legislative changes. There must be a government rate for advertising by September, 29, 2011. Also there will be changes in competitive bidding, and adjustments to the threshold for projects paying prevailing wage. The estate tax will be gone by January of 2013. Another decrease will be the phasing out of local government funds.

Jeff Burkholder then discussed new business. The banquet will again be held at the Ramada Inn, the same as last year. The cost will be \$14.00 per plate. The association will charge \$15.00. The entertainment will again be a high school singing group. There was discussion concerning the speaker set up from last year, and that there was no flag. Jeff will get with the Ramada Inn to address the problems from last year. Also the tickets will be printed the same as last year.

The Williams County Fair booth was discussed. The set up will be September 9th, at 7:00 at the booth.

Bob Short then made a motion to pay for the expenses of tonight's picnic out of the WCTA funds. Don Kunkle seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom Traxler then talked about the Soil and Water Conservation program. He gave some history, stating it was formed in 1947 and is 3 offices working together. One goal is to better manage with the resources they have. There was discussion on the 1972 Clean Water Act, CRP program, ditches and grass waterways. Last year there were 10 miles of grass waterways installed in the county. Finally he reported there will be a cover crop field day on August 25th, 2011.

The next meeting for the WCTA will be November 17th, at the Ramada Inn on St. Rt. 15, at 6:30 P.M..

Hillis Rockey then made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Don Kunkle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes