

**TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Townships and Road District JOINT REPORT Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Witt Township and Road District

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner may form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Montgomery County. There are 18 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 1,175, as of the 2022 census.
- C. We have 2 (Library) employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 2 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$123,280.00 (Township) \$169,000.00 Road District.
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$ 14,419,633.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor : Roger Miller

Township Highway Commissioner: Gary Yeske

Township Trustee: Rusty Ulrici

Township Trustee: Bernie Hand

Township Trustee : John Charnisky

Township Trustee: Micheal Cheek

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Rosanne Ulrici

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Pam Hand

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) Dale Joyce

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and two residents appointed by the Supervisor. The residents can be the Assessor, Clerk or Collector, if you have one, or other residents of the Township, but these officials are not required to be on this Committee. The Supervisor may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 9, 2023

Second Meeting: Jan 9, 2023

Third Meeting: Aug 13, 2024

Additional Meetings (List All): Aug 7, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:

General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Township Library, Childrens programs through the Library such as, summer reading program, childrens activities, community entertainment for children and familys (Plays, Puppet Shows, Santa Clause etc.)

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services (list all):

Entity:

Services Provided:

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| 1. Witt Lions | The use of Township office during their labor Day Celebration as well as monetary donations. |
| 2. WOW | The use of Township Office to store supplies during Labor Day Celebration. |
| 3. These Three | Community assistance such as: food, clothing, housing, personal needs, employment assistance, through referrals to and from for services offered like Genaral Assistance. |

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways: **Our Township residents are able to get assistance with basic needs as well as support through hardships.**

C. **By helping with our community events,our residents are able to come together and improve social relations as well as reduce feelings of isolation that can occur in a rural community.**

D. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships: **Our Town Veterans Memorial through assistance and donations. Possibly childrens back to school supplies and holiday food baskets for seniors and low income.**

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all). N/A

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity:	Services Offered:
City of Witt	use of equipment when in need (Road District) Our office space- shared building (Town)

- B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.): By having the ability to complete repairs and projects as well as any road emergencies such as snow removal or flooding etc. if a specific piece of equipment is out of service.(Road District)
- C. In part with our Multi township (Fillmore), we are saving the cost of having our own assessor by contracting the County Assessor.

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- x ___ State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- x ___ Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- x ___ Policy on public comment
- x ___ Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- x ___ All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- x ___ Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- x ___ Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- x ___ Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- x ___ FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- x ___ Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- x ___ Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- x ___ List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- N/A ___ Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

- x ___ Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- x ___ All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- x ___ Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- x ___ Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- x ___ Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- x ___ Our budget and financial documents
- x ___ State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- x ___ Our budget and financial documents
- N/A ___ Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Townships Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016); “Local Democracy and in the Chicagoland Area,” by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).

IX. What Have We Done Well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any new intergovernmental agreements or social services offered; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.) **The budget and levy have remained without any significant increases.**

X. **The Road Commisisoner along with 2 part time employees maintain and repair the roads and bridges very well,while being mindfull of spending and keeping within the appropriated budget.**
 We are very proud of the way our community and Township work together, in so many ways. We have a wonderful, albeit small library that has many programs especially for the youth of our community. We share our office space when it is needed with our community organizations. We are active with organizations that help people get back on their feet. When they need assistance,we work together sharing resources. Our Township has many miles of well maintained roads and bridges. Witt Township is a place to be proud of.

XI. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps? N/A

XII. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently? Stay up to date on trainings.

XIII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XIV. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency: We have found The Township of Witt, In Montgomery County Illinois to be efficient and accountable to all standards and requirements as of the end of this report.

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: Ron J Miller
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Witt Township

Date: 8-13-24

Road Commissioner: Bozysch

Trustee: Mel Dahl

Trustee: Bernard Hud

Trustee: Rusty Ulmer

Trustee: John Chernisky

Twncshp Resident(Supervisor appointed) Roseann Ulmer

Twncshp Resident(Supervisor appointed) Pamela Hand

Twncshp Resident(Road Commissioner appointed) De Jay