

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Representative Mike Burgess, Chair, at 3:30 p.m. on January 24, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Judith Loganbill - Excused
Representative Louis Ruiz - Excused

Committee staff present:

Julian Efird, Legislative Research
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Linda Herrick, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Katrin Osterhaus, Legislative Post Audit

Others attending:

(see attached list.)

Chair Burgess asked if there were any bills to be introduced. There were no bills.

The chair noted that attendance was low last Thursday due to the snow storm. No action was taken during that meeting.

Katrin Osterhaus, Principal Auditor, Legislative Post Audit, was introduced and gave a briefing on audit findings on tax credits, sales tax exemptions, and property tax exemptions. Ms. Osterhaus had provided an audit summary in advance of the meeting and a performance audit report for each of the three topics noted above. The one-page summary (Attachment 1) provided the high level findings for the three audits. The full legislative post audit reports can be obtained from the State Legislative Post Audit Department at www.kansas.gov/postaudit.

Ms. Osterhaus then reviewed the main points in each of the three audit reports, beginning with the tax credits. (Attachment 2)

The next audit was relative to sales tax exemptions. (Attachment 3)

The last audit addressed by Ms. Osterhaus was property tax exemptions. (Attachment 4)

Chair Burgess thanked Ms. Osterhaus for her presentation to the committee.

Chair Burgess then asked for a report from the leaders of the working groups on prioritized budget, performance measurements, and rainy day fund.

The chair asked if there was any other business, and there was none.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2011. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.